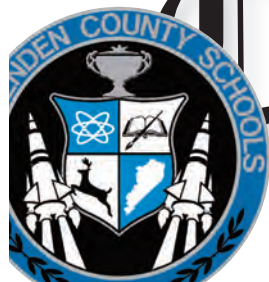


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NEWS

SYKES CHOSEN MAYOR PRO TEM BY COUNCIL

Phyllis Sykes was elected last week by fellow Marion City Council members as mayor pro tem for the next two years. She will serve as a vice mayor, acting as head of the council in the absence of Mayor Jared Byford. Though not obligated to do so, the council often appoints the top vote-getter in the prior November's election as mayor pro-tem. That was Sykes in the 2018 election.



Sykes

SCHOOLS USE 1ST NTI DAY OF 2018-19 YEAR

This week, Crittenden County students missed their second day of school during the academic year due to wintry weather. Classes were cancelled Tuesday following the weekend's winter storm that dumped as much as 3 inches on the county in some spots. Monday had already been scheduled as a non-school day. Tuesday was used as a Rocket Way Snow Day, meaning only Nov. 15 will have to be made up at the end of the school calendar, which was originally set to end May 22. The district has been approved for up to 10 non-traditional instruction days, where students are allowed to learn from home with pre-arranged lessons. "We are approved for 10, but unless we miss 20-30 days, we won't use 10," Superintendent Vince Clark said at a recent board of education working session, adding that he does not like students to still be in class in June.

CORRECTION

A story in last week's issue on the meeting to discuss the name change of the old portion of U.S. 641 incorrectly attributed a quote to Robin Matheiu. The statement, which suggested those living along the highway should not be the only ones affected by the name change, was made by Jeanie Shire. Both women were at the meeting.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees** will meet at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) at the library.
- **Crittenden-Livingston Water District Board of Directors** will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the district office in Salem.

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Substitute teacher fired, charged

STAFF REPORT

A substitute teacher who had worked for the Crittenden County School District for almost a year has been charged in connection with what the district has characterized as "inappropriate statements" he made to students at the elementary school. Jaken Orten, 22, of Dawson Springs was arrested last

Thursday and charged with felony second-degree terroristic threatening after the school district filed charges against him earlier in the week. He was released on a \$10,000 bond and scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday, Jan. 30 in Crittenden District Court. According to the school district, Orten had been certified as a substitute teacher



Orten

here in March 2018. He had worked 30 days as a substitute teacher this school year. He was substituting for Mandy Perez's fourth-grade class on Friday, Jan. 11 when he allegedly threatened two students. The official complaint filed

by Crittenden County Deputy and School Resource Officer John Schofner says the substitute teacher brandished a knife and told two female students to "Sit down, or I will kill you." Afterward, the complaint said, he told the children he was just kidding. The complaint said the

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Beagles & basics



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Jason Champion (above) of Marion is one of a handful of sportsmen who still enjoy being afield hunting rabbits behind his beagles (below).

Rabbit hunt needs few trappings that mark today's outdoorsmen

STAFF REPORT

An old-fashioned rabbit hunt needs few of the trappings that mark today's outdoorsman. You will not find ATVs, UTVs, sophisticated stands, high-powered weapons with optics or any type of call, feeder or gimmick devices that are pervasive among big game gunners. A scattergun, briar-retardant britches and few hounds serve the small-game hunter quite well. Jason Champion of Marion is one of a handful of sportsmen who still enjoys being afield behind his beagles. Rabbit and quail hunting has certainly dropped off in numbers in recent years, with the latter al-



most falling off the charts. "You can hunt rabbits into February long after deer season is over," said Champion on a recent sunny, cool afternoon that produced a few

bunnies for the bag. Champion hunts pretty hard when he can. His job at a local rock quarry demands much of his time and

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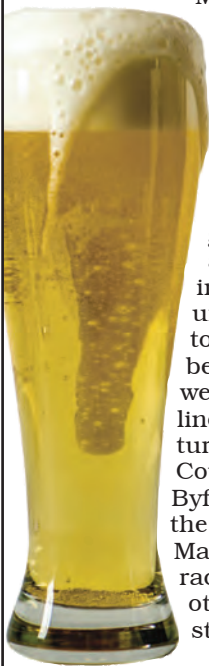
Alcohol petition started for city

Petition wording

Are you in favor of the sale of alcoholic beverages in the City of Marion, Ky.?

STAFF REPORT

Signatures needed on a petition to place the question of Marion alcohol sales on the ballot for the second time in three years will have to be acquired in a gulp. There'll be little time for sipping. Supporters of legalizing the sale of alcoholic beverages inside the city have until 4 p.m. Tuesday to sign a petition that began circulating this week. That is the deadline for collected signatures to be turned in to County Clerk Carolyn Byford in order to get the referendum on the May ballot along with races for governor and other statewide constitutional offices. Byford said signatures of 227 registered voters within the City of Marion, or one quarter of the



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14 unimmunized students kept home

STAFF REPORT

More than a dozen local students who failed to receive state-mandated immunizations against contagious diseases were not allowed to return to the classroom starting this week. According to Diana Lusby, health and safety director for Crittenden County Schools, 14 of the district's 1,300 students were non-compliant as of Tuesday with the statute requiring a certificate of immunization for a child to be enrolled in school. A deadline of last Friday was placed for

"If a student is (not allowed back at school), it will be necessary for the parent to re-enroll their student once requirements have been met. During the non-enrollment period, truancy action may be initiated."

- Diana Lusby
Crittenden County Schools health and safety director



proof of a variety of required vaccinations, and the families of those 14 students failed to meet the mandate, forcing district officials to remove those children from class rolls

until compliance. The document serves as proof students in both public and private schools have been immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough,

polio, measles, rubella and hepatitis A, as well as meningococcal for students 16 and older. Around the state, reports of diseases like whooping cough and hepatitis A are on the rise. It is up to local school districts to enforce the statute, which was made clear to all families prior to the beginning of the academic year in August. Some school districts across the state would not admit non-compliant students at the beginning of the

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Dementia task force aims to help Ky.

After a quick week of administrative duties, the 2019 Kentucky General Assembly has taken the customary “short session” break to enable bill drafters and filings to occur. It also allows the leadership of both chambers to get organized for what will most definitely be a very busy 26 days!

The most substantial event of the beginning of this session was the announcement of the new bi-partisan Public Pension Work Group. As you are aware, the Kentucky Supreme Court invalidated the pension reform measures that were passed in the 2018 session, due to the quick process in which the measure was passed.

This work group will be starting with a clean slate. All ideas from all groups will be considered.

The goal of the new work group is to give time and effort to educating the public and new legislators of the facts surrounding our pension challenges. Interest groups and professional pension managers will be given the opportunity to share their side of the pension debate. They will be encouraged to share their ideas and solu-

tions, with a hope that a shared, bi-partisan solution is discovered.

There are some interest groups that do not believe there is a pension crisis. I, personally, do and believe that our state cannot reach our brightest future, unless we have in place a long-term plan to pay off our pension debt and a plan to offer a pension plan to our hard-working state employees that the taxpayers can truly afford.

I am hopeful and look forward to reporting back to you on the outcomes produced by this work group.

On a personal legislative note, I will be the primary sponsor of a resolution that will create a task force to study the Alzheimer and dementia challenges our state is experiencing. Kentucky has an increasing aging population, and the scourge of dementia is making aging even tougher on many of our senior citizens.

As someone who just lost a father to dementia, I can relate to the daily challenges that this diagnosis brings to a family's life. My hope is to get all the great minds from around the state that deal with this subject together and see if some guide-



LRC PUBLIC INFORMATION
District 4 Sen. Robby Mills (right), R-Henderson, goes over legislation recently with Sen. Jimmy Higdon, R-Lebanon, in the Kentucky Senate. Mills represents Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Union, Webster and Henderson counties in the 38-member body.

lines can be developed to help families care for their loved ones at home for as long as possible, as this is the most affordable and loving way to care for this diagnosis.

I am also hopeful to raise awareness of the initial signs of

dementia and help reduce the stigma related to this disease.

If passed by the legislature, this task force will work through the interim and report back with a study and suggested guidelines for the dementia community in

Keeping up

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

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As always, I am honored to serve as your state Senator. I can be reached at Robby.Mills@lrc.ky.gov. Please share any questions or concerns.

(Sen Robby Mills, R-Henderson, represented Seante District 4 – Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Webster, Union and Henderson counties – in the Kentucky General Assembly. He was elected to the position in 2018 and served the two prior years in the Kentucky House.)

Board of education 2019 meeting schedule

Crittenden County Board of Education approved its meeting schedule Tuesday for the remainder of 2019 and the first month of 2020. Special board meetings or working sessions may be called at other times with at least 24 hours public notice.

Working sessions

Board working sessions are open to the public and are scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Rocket Arena conference room. Board action typically does not take place during working sessions, as they usually occur within two weeks of regular board meetings.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday, Feb. 5	5:30 p.m.	Rocket Arena
Tuesday, March 5	5:30 p.m.	Rocket Arena
Tuesday, Aug. 6	5:30 p.m.	Rocket Arena
Tuesday, Sept. 10	5:30 p.m.	Rocket Arena
Tuesday, Nov. 12	5:30 p.m.	Rocket Arena
Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020	5:30 p.m.	Rocket Arena

Regular meetings

All meetings are open to the public and are scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. at pre-assigned locations. Meetings at Rocket Arena are held in the conference room.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday, Feb. 19	5:30 p.m.	Rocket Arena
Tuesday, March. 19	5:30 p.m.	Rocket Arena
Thursday, April. 25	5:30 p.m.	Rocket Arena
Tuesday, May. 14	5:30 p.m.	Rocket Arena
Tuesday, June. 11	5:30 p.m.	Rocket Arena
Tuesday, July. 23	5:30 p.m.	Rocket Arena
Thursday, Aug. 29	5:30 p.m.	Rocket Arena
Tuesday, Sept. 17	5:30 p.m.	CCES library
Thursday, Oct. 24	5:30 p.m.	CCMS library
Thursday, Nov. 21	5:30 p.m.	CCHS library
Tuesday, Dec. 10	5:30 p.m.	Rocket Arena
Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020	5:30 p.m.	Rocket Arena

Board make-up

On Tuesday, the board elected officers for the coming year, including:

- Board member Chris Cook will remain chairman. He has served as chair for the last 11 years.
- Board member Ryan McDaniel was re-elected vice chairman.
- Diane Winters, financial officer for the school district, will continue as treasurer.
- Superintendent Vince Clark remains secretary.
- Roy Massey IV remains legal counsel.
- Other board members include Eric LaRue, Bill Asbridge and Tim Grau II.

VACCINE

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academic year. In Anderson County, almost 100 students not compliant with the statute were not allowed back after summer break until immunized.

Local families were given until Friday to comply or be faced with their child not being allowed back in the classroom when school resumed this week. Schools were back in session Wednesday after a non-school day on Monday and snow day on Tuesday. School officials can still take truancy action against parents.

Lusby said clerks at each school have made multiple attempts to contact the parents of the affected students. In addition, they received a letter from Lusby in early November asking them to be compliant by Thanksgiving. On Dec. 18, Superintendent Vince Clark then sent a letter to the remaining parents.

"Parents are notified several times throughout the year including when they register about the immunization law," Clark said. "We monitor it throughout the semester with specific feedback, then we end up in January with some folks that haven't completed immunizations for a host of reasons.

Early last week, there were 77 students who had failed to offer the certificate of immunization – 33 at the elementary school, 18 at CCMS and 26 at the high school – or documentation of an ex-

emption based on medical or religious reasons. Exceptions were made for those making progress, but one middle-schooler and 13 elementary students failed to comply by Friday.

Those children can return to the classroom after a proof of a certificate or exemption is presented.

"If a student is (not allowed back at school), it will be necessary for the parent to re-enroll their student once requirements have been met," Lusby said. "During the non-enrollment period, truancy action may be initiated."

Families failing to immunize children against contagious diseases are not uncommon each year. The district's health and safety director said the situation this year was complicated with the new law that required all Kentucky students in 2018-19 to show proof of having received two doses of the Hepatitis A vaccine, as well as two doses of the meningococcal vaccine for students 16 and older.

"Since there is a 6-month waiting period between Hep A shots, students who have received the first vaccine since July are not on this list because they are waiting for the six-month requirement," Lusby explained.

Parents should be sure to follow-up in receiving the second vaccine when eligible. Parents of students who have recently turned 16 or will turn 16 in the future should make an appointment for the meningococcal vaccine.

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 66.41 ACRES - \$135,000 - A secluded hunting tract with incredible potential. The property has a mix of habitat and a rock bottom creek running through it. An oasis for hunting wildlife.

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Area Deaths

Chandler

Jennings

Carma Lee Chandler, 83, formerly of Princeton died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019 at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Paducah.

She was born in Union City, Tenn., on May 27, 1935. She was a member of Second Baptist Church of Princeton. She was active in church ministries as an outreach leader and in civic affairs in Princeton. She most recently served as a leader for a grief support group.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Rev. Ray Jackson, who was formerly the pastor of Marion Baptist Church; her second husband, Leonard Chandler of Princeton; a brother, Dr. Don E. Cloys of Richmond; and a son, Kent Jackson of Greenbrier, Tenn.

Survivors include her son, Brent Jackson (Lisa); grandchildren, Dylan Jackson (Lindsey) and Taylor Jackson; a brother, Bill Cloys (Paula) of Ball Ground, Ga.; sisters, Diane Cloys Landry of Perry, Fla., and Alice Cloys Cone of Piperton, Tenn.

Graveside services were Saturday, Jan. 19 at Pleasant View Memorial Gardens in Fulton. Morrow Funeral Chapel of LaCenter was in charge of arrangements.

James Kevin Jennings, 62, of Batchtown, Ill., died Jan. 9, 2019 at his residence.

He was the owner of West Point Marine.

Jennings is survived by his father, James Emmett Jennings of Marion and a brother, David Jennings of Pearland, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Bernice Jennings.

Services were Jan. 18 at Myers Funeral Home, Marion. Burial was at Maplevue Cemetery.

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Benton

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

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

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

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

Services were Friday, Jan. 18 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Sugar Grove Cemetery. Military rites were held at the cemetery.

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Dirt biker is hit with hefty fines for subdivsion rides

STAFF REPORT

A 21-year old Marion man received a hefty fine last week in Crittenden District Court for riding a dirt bike on neighborhood streets.

Anthony Harris was ordered to pay fines and court fees of more than \$1,000 last week after admitting to driving his motorcycle on public streets in the Greenwood Heights subdivision. He pleaded guilty

to misdemeanor charges of having no or expired registration plates, careless driving and having no insurance on the motorcycle. District Judge Daniel Heady suspended a 30-day jail term on the insurance charge.

Harris was charged twice, on separate dates in September and October, following complaints by residents in the neighborhood.

Breakfast features social Burdon

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County native Jonathan Burdon and an associate of his in the social media industry will be featured speakers at Friday's Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation Leadership Breakfast. Breakfast will begin

being served at 7 a.m.

Burdon is CEO of a Nashville-headquartered social media firm which he founded. He will share insight into how to create a social media platform and discuss some online behavior parameters for community leaders.

More than 50 reservations have been made.



Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce has recognized a new member during its current membership campaign. Professional Touch Salon joined the Chamber under the one-year free program. Pictured are (front from left) Jessica James and Angie Curnel, (back) Chamber President Randa Berry and Chamber directors Natalie Parish and Elizabeth Floyd.



Jail honors 5+ service

Crittenden County Detention Center is celebrating this month staff members who have been with the jail for five years or more by presenting them with challenge coins. Recognized were (front from left) Darlene McLaughlin 10 years, Susan Gilland 17 years, Charlene Walker eight years, (back) Shannon Thomas eight years, Brandi Simpkins-Binkley nine years, Wayne Howerton 19 years (including a brief retirement), Jeannie Fox 5 years and Athena Hayes five years. Crittenden County Jailer Robbie Kirk said the center appreciates their hard work, loyalty and years of service.

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December jail report

Crittenden County Detention Center revenue last month was above \$200,000, marking the 10th time in 2018 it surpassed that mark, according to last month's jail report presented to Crittenden Fiscal Court by Jailer Robbie Kirk. The jail, including the 39-bed restricted custody center, has 172 regular beds.

Inmate count as of Jan. 17

State inmates	127
Federal inmates.....	54
Other counties.....	5
Crittenden County	15
Total inmates	201
Weekenders/work release.....	2
Out to court.....	4
Actual total inmate bed count.....	207

December housing income

State housing	\$123,949.70
Housing days	3,995
Daily housing rate.....	\$31.34
Federal housing.....	\$78,692.45
Federal transport payments	\$4,488.45
Housing days.....	1,762
Daily housing rate	\$42.00
Other county housing	\$5,312.00
Housing days.....	166
Daily housing rate	\$32.00
Weekend/work release	\$512.00
Housing days	16
Daily housing rate	\$32.00
Total housing	\$208,466.15

November Crittenden inmate expense

Cost to house local violators	\$14,624.00
Housing days.....	457
Daily housing rate	\$32.00
Average daily population	14.74

Old U.S. 641 now ‘Mott City Road’

STAFF REPORT

The old portion of U.S. 641 from Marion to Fredonia replaced by the new Super 2 corridor in December is now officially Mott City Road. Crittenden County magistrates approved the change at last week's fiscal court meeting with little discussion. However, some magistrates preferred Fredonia Road, a name rejected by a small group of residents along the road who ap-

peared earlier in the month at a public forum on the name change. "I still think Fredonia Road would be best," said Magistrate Willard Guill, who was at the earlier public meeting. "That's what I think," agreed Magistrate Dan Wood. "That's where it leads." Regardless, the vote to create Mott City Road was unanimous.



Wood

Those affected by the change will soon be notified by the county. Residents and businesses will get to keep the same "house" number, and can begin the process of changing their address for mailing purposes, as the postal service has also been notified of the change. The name change is for mail and emergency re-

sponse only. "This is strictly a local effect," said Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. Official highway maps will refer to the segment as Ky. 91 South from its starting point just south of Marion to Mott City and Ky. 70 from Mott City to its end point just north of Fredonia in Caldwell County. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will continue to maintain the 5.6 miles of highway.

Neighbor's trash nuisance for city woman

STAFF REPORT

Nuisance properties continue to be a problem in Marion. Just ask Judy Faught. "It's been a nightmare," she said of a neighbor's property on Hickory Hills Avenue. At last week's Marion City Council meeting, Faught appeared before the body asking for help to pressure a neighbor into cleaning up their property. She said the neighbor, a renter, piles trash in the back yard, out of site from the street, but plainly visible from her home. And it's not the first neighbor at the rental property to create the problem.

"What can be done?" she asked the council. "It's getting really, really old. It happens over and over no matter the renter." City Code Enforcement Officer Terri Hart said a letter has been sent to Faught's neighbors ordering them to clean up the property. She also noted that previous attempts have failed and that the state, through the local health department, is going to step in to help force a cleanup. Councilman Darrin Tabor, himself a landlord, said the property owners are not to blame in such instances, explaining that landowners have their

own set of rules to follow to deal with problem renters. "Their hands are tied even more so than ours are," he said. Faught said her problems with vermin and an unsightly view did not occur until the current owners bought the property and began renting the home. Hart said revised statutes have made it more difficult to bring nuisance violators into the court system, and even when it does work, it may not have a lasting effect. "Some have paid fines up to \$600," she said. "They pay it and trash (the

property) again." In the past, the city has discussed going into the garbage collection business as a way to generate more revenue. Brian Thomas, city utilities director, said creating the municipal utility could also serve to help alleviate problems associated with properties that become trash dumps. "If you'll remember, I proposed 5-6 years ago to doing citywide garbage collection," he reminded the council. "You can force everybody on that or turn their water off. That's the solution."



Hart

City could bill insurance fire service fee

STAFF REPORT

Don Arflack would like to see the city begin billing insurance companies for some fire runs made by Marion Fire Department. Arflack, a volunteer firefighter and Marion City Councilman, said the city could help pay for costs associated with the department by billing insurance companies \$500 for fire responses where a damage claim has been filed by the property owner. He said fire service

fees are built into homeowner's policies. "It's just money out there (available) that the insurance company is keeping," he said at a recent city council meeting. But not all fire calls involve property damage. That's why Arflack advocates billing insurance companies only if a damage claim has been filed by the policyholder. A charge against a policy where no



Arflack

claim has been filed could affect insurance rates. However, if a claim has already been filed, the fire department service fee would not affect the rates any further. "A fire department claim would not make a difference in insurance if they already turn in a claim," Arflack said. He explained the county's volunteer fire departments already bill insurance companies for a

run. "There's no reason why the city shouldn't bill and get that money," Arflack added. City Administrator Adam Ledford said he check into the proposal and report back to the council before the city would begin billing insurance companies for fire runs. "I will need to look further into it, but it would likely require an ordinance in order for us to draft bills," he said.

Legislation filed to reverse non-profit sales tax

THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT

A bill filed in the Kentucky House of Representatives would reverse the sales tax on non-profit and charitable organizations. In 2018, a bill was passed implementing a 6 percent sales tax on sev-

eral additional services, including admission to events like those presented by Community Arts Foundation and other non-profits. House Bill 28 would overturn that, according to state Rep. John Sims Jr. "This bill will clean up the taxes

the bill last year imposed," he said. "It will help to keep money in the pockets of the non-profits." Sims believes the bill will pass. "I'm 100 percent certain it will pass," he said. "It helps the non-profits and that's what we want to do."



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Schools recognition

Crittenden County Board of Education recognized office staff Tuesday from all three schools as the Rocket Way Employees of the Month for January. Pictured are (from left) Bailey Guess, CCES attendance clerk; Cathy Oliver, CCES attendance clerk; and Kathy Harris, CCHS secretary.

ALCOHOL

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number having voted in last November's general election, will be needed to validate the petition. The petition asks signatories: "Are you in favor of the sale of alcoholic beverages in the City of Marion, Kentucky?" A petition could be found Tuesday afternoon at Five Star Food Mart in Marion. It's unclear where else the petition may be found. A notice of intent to file the petition for alcohol sales in Marion was recorded by Byford Tuesday morning. It was submitted by Russell Edwards, owner of Winghaven Lodge in rural Crittenden County on the Webster County line. The notice is dated Saturday afternoon, but Byford's courthouse office was closed for a three-day, holiday weekend until Tuesday. Edwards, who also organized the Tradewater Music Festival and is the husband of Marion

Tourism Director Michele Edwards, was in South America on business Tuesday. He was unavailable for comment. It is unclear from the petition's wording if Edwards seeks to legalize only liquor by the drink like the March 2016 option election in the city or if package sales are also in the plan. Phyllis Sykes, a Marion City Council member who was aware of plans for the petition, said she understood the intent was for both package and by-the-drink sales in the city. She supports legalizing alcohol sales as a means for city government to generate needed revenue. As the paid director of Marion Tourism Commission, Michele Edwards also backs the idea to both attract visitors and raise money to support Marion Crittenden-County Park. In fact, she plans to suggest to tourism commissioners that any revenue from a 3 percent city tax on prepared foods that could be assessed on drinks go to-

ward the park. Edwards said she does not speak for the entire commission, as they have not yet had a discussion on whether to support alcohol sales should it go to the ballot box. But she hopes the board will publicly issue its support. "From a tourism standpoint, it will definitely help bring people to town. I don't see how anyone could vote against that," she said of commissioners appointed by Marion City Council to promote tourism and recreation. "What they decide in the voting booth, though, is their choice." Edwards also could not speak for her husband. At least two other elected members of city government in addition to Sykes said they were aware of a plan to push for legal alcohol sales. "I am aware there is a petition in process," Mayor Jared Byford said Tuesday afternoon, though he had not seen it at the time. Byford stopped short of

publicly supporting the measure, but Councilman Darrin Tabor believes legalizing the sale of something already being purchased out of town by local residents is a way to help ease the city's financial woes. "It might be what allows Marion to hang on," he said. "Whether it generates \$300,000 or \$100,000, it doesn't really matter. One hundred thousand dollars is 10 times what we have now to pave streets with." By statute, city revenue from liquor licensing and regulatory taxes must be spent on public safety. But Tabor, who has spoken at council meetings in favor of legalizing liquor sales in the city, said any amount brought in from legalizing alcohol sales is tax money paid by property owners that can be shifted from policing to areas like street repairs. He said cities and



Tabor



Tedrick

counties all around Marion have legalized alcohol, most recently Providence, and are or will be reaping financial gains that can help local governments close funding gaps. One person who intends to fight the sale of alcoholic beverages is Lucy Tedrick, pastor of Marion Church of God and the public face of the temperance movement in previous option elections. "I'll do everything within my power to fight it," she said Tuesday afternoon. Alcohol sales have been illegal in Crittenden County for more than 80 years. On Sept. 25, 1936, voters in the county overwhelmingly opted to go dry (1,705-398) three years after Prohibition was repealed. In 2000, a countywide vote to legalize the sale of liquor by the drink was soundly defeated 2,314-1,622. Years later, another petition to legalize

alcohol in the county failed to gain the required number of valid signatures. But the tide against alcohol sales, at least inside the incorporated limits of Marion, appeared to turn three years ago. In March of 2016, allowing liquor by the drink at city restaurants narrowly failed 298-245. Two of the five city precincts voted in favor of the measure. If successful in sending the question to the ballot three years later, the minimum amount of time between alcohol referendums in a territory, voters will face an easier decision. The 2016 ballot question was 56 words, while the current petition asks it in only 16. That special election in 2016 also cost county taxpayers \$10,122. Since then, Kentucky statutes have changed, allowing local option elections to be placed on a primary or general election ballot. That would cost county taxpayers no money beyond the usual election costs of roughly \$22,000.



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Hagans can be ‘bully’ with his defensive

Much like Shai Gilgeous-Alexander did last season, Ashton Hagans has gone from the John Calipari recruit who didn't create a huge national buzz to the best player at Kentucky.

Unlike Gilgeous-Alexander, Hagans has done it more with defense and done it far quicker in the season than Gilgeous-Alexander did. Now the question is whether Hagans can sustain the level of play the way Gilgeous-Alexander did now that Southeastern Conference opponents know more about what to expect from him.

National college basketball analysts don't seem to have any worries about Hagans.

"He not only disrupts on the ball, but he disrupts off the ball," ESPN's Seth Greenberg, a former college head coach, said. "He's long, athletic and has great anticipation. He has also really improved in his ability to finish in transition. He just makes it easier for everybody else. He is the guy who energizes the whole Kentucky team and I don't see that stopping."

ESPN analyst Jimmy Dykes, a former UK assistant coach, has an unusual word to use for a point guard.

"He is a bully," Dykes said. "If you have the ball, he is taking it. He's like a school yard bully. He will take your lunch money, too. He changes what you want to do offensively and there are very few guys in college basketball who can do that.

"He's really improved offensively, too. He has speed in traffic and that is not easy to do with the ball. He makes hard shots look easy."

He certainly has been. Hagans had a seven-game stretch starting with UK's win over North Carolina where he had 83 points, 26 rebounds, 29 steals and 31 assists. Kentucky went 6-1 in that stretch. He had three or more steals in seven straight games going into UK's game with Mississippi State — the most for a Power 5 freshman since Chris Paul had a stretch of 10 straight games with three or more steals in the 2003-04 season. He had dished out three or more assists in 11 straight games going into the Mississippi State game.

Some have compared Hagans' defensive ability to John Wall, DeAndre Liggins or even Tyler Ulis. Calipari thinks he's a bit more like former UK stand-out DeAaron Fox because of Hagans' length and speed but

says Hagans is stronger — or a "bully" as Dykes noted.

However, Calipari has also talked to Hagans about being like Brandon Knight, the point guard on the 2011 UK Final Four team.

"Coach said he was good on the defensive end and the offensive end, but that he got it going on the defensive end," Hagans said. "That's just something I am trying to do more and more as the season goes along."

Sporting News columnist Mike DeCourcy said the first time he saw Hagans play he was impressed with the way the UK freshman understood how to use defensive angles to get steals and force turnovers.

"I've said for a while now that Hagans is the most gifted defender I've covered in more than three decades in terms of ball awareness," DeCourcy said. "He understands how to get to the basketball at a level that's just beyond anyone I've seen. That's not to say he does not have room to grow in terms of manning up on a ball-handler and coping with screens and reading an offensive player's intent. All that comes with experience."

Hagans credits "active hands" along with teammates communicating with him for his steals.

"They are letting me go for steals and gamble when I can. I just keep my eyes open to see where the pass is coming from," Hagans said. "In high school you can foul all you want and the coach is going to leave you in the game. But in college that two-foul rule (two fouls in the first half leads to a spot on the bench) is real. You get two fouls, you are not getting back in the game the first half.

"You don't want to foul. I have learned from that and when to be aggressive and how the officials are going to call fouls or not."

His coach has also learned to give Hagans a bit more freedom than he does most players to gamble on defense even though the Cats do not have a dominant shot blocker to erase a mistake if Hagans does get beat.

"Teams are all different and you let them play to their strengths. His strength is his ability to disrupt an offense, so let him go do it, and that's basically what we are letting him do," Calipari said.

Next recruiting 'find'

Four years ago it was former Kentucky quarterback Freddie Maggard telling everyone that a two-star recruit out of New Jersey had the potential to be the best player in Kentucky's recruiting class. That player turned out to be linebacker Josh Allen, a consensus All-American and national defen-



VICKY GRAFF

Ashton Hagans had three more steals against Auburn and his seven straight games with three or more steals is the most for a Power 5 freshman since Chris Paul had a stretch of 10 straight games with three or more steals 15 years ago.

sive player of the year this season.

Now Kentucky recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow has a bold prediction on who he thinks could be the "find" in this year's recruiting class. He's going with defensive end Shawn'Kel Knight-Goff of Louisville.

"He is a very athletic kid. He can play safety, he can play linebacker, he can play receiver, and he can play running back. He's so athletic," Marrow said. "I think this kid would have been a high four star (recruit) but his circumstances, he worked in the summer and never went to really any camps, but he came to our camp and ran real well for a guy that big. I think he's going to be a guy that surprises a lot of people. I really do."

He is a three-star prospect who had 66 tackles, nine sacks, three forced fumbles and one fumble recovery as a senior while also leading Doss with 16 catches for 180 yards.

E.J. Montgomery

Kentucky coaches keep insisting that they are not forgetting about freshman E.J. Montgomery or disappointed with his performance despite his lack of playing time.

Calipari says he continues to tell Montgomery to be prepared for his opportunity and expects him to earn SEC Freshman of the Week honors like teammates Keldon Johnson and Ashton Hagans already have.

"He's just an instinctive basketball player. He makes things happen that I don't even think he knows that he's doing," Kentucky assistant coach Tony Barbee said.

Barbee recalled a play recently where Montgomery was providing help side defense, a pass was thrown by him and

yet he still recovered to block the shot — something Barbee said only a few current UK players could do.

"Very few guys we've had have had that instinct and ability to react and then physically go do that," Barbee said. "So the more minutes he gets at this level, the more comfortable he's going to be.

"The more he understands how hard he's got to play to be able to sustain that kind of effort, he'll make us better. He definitely will."

Calipari said he already is. "Sometimes E.J. doesn't get to play more just because we have to win the game. Other games it's because the guy in front of him is playing so well," Calipari said. "But he'll get his chance. I tell him that every day."

Montgomery, a one-time Auburn commit, probably was hoping to get more than the 10 minutes he played in last week's 82-80 win at Auburn. However, Reid Travis had 17 points, seven rebounds and one block and PJ Washington had 13 points, seven rebounds, two assists and one block.

"PJ and Reid were great. They did what they were supposed to do," freshman Keldon Johnson said after the Auburn win. "They just led us down the stretch and kept us together even when things got a little shaky."

Volunteers coach

Remember when Rick Barnes took the job at Tennessee in part because of the encouragement from John Calipari. At the time Calipari praised Barnes' coaching ability even if those at Texas totally disagreed.

Now Barnes has shared the 2017-18 SEC championship and has the league's best team

so far this season that is again leading the league.

"No. 1, I've said all along what a great coach he is. He and I have been friends for 30 years, maybe even longer. Please don't say longer because that means that I'm really old, but what he does ... they've always played the right way," Calipari said.

"But here's what you've got when you have a veteran team like that, a team that he's coached over a period of time: There are points in the game that they're empowered, that he's letting them understand and work through things. They don't beat themselves. So if you're going to beat Tennessee, you must beat them. They're not going to beat themselves. They're not going to give you a game. And that's what he's built there."

Calipari told Barnes before he took the job that Tennessee could be a "great job," something I'm not sure many others believed. But Barnes has turned it into a job so good that the Vols are being prominently mentioned as a Final Four team this year.

"I said, 'It's a great job. It's not a good job, it's a great job. You're near (Washington) D.C., you're going to be able to recruit, you're going to love the facilities, you're going to love the commitment to basketball,'" Calipari said.

However, even Calipari underestimated one aspect of Barnes being at Tennessee.

"I didn't think he'd be beating us this regularly. I probably would have told him not to take the job," Calipari said.

Quote of the Week 1

"You know, we don't send Christmas cards, but I respect him and if I see him out on the road we'll talk," John Calipari on whether Auburn coach Bruce Pearl is a friend or foe.

Quote of the Week 2

"He is living what you have to call a dream. All the years he has put into what he does and to go through a season like this and get recognized as a team and individual for what you have accomplished, it's just great. The icing on the cake for all that is that he's also healthy. No injuries at all," April Snell on her son, UK running back Benny Snell.

Quote of the Week 3

"We're just competing, going at it. He's getting a lot better on the defensive end. That's one of my close friends on the team. He's just trying to get his game better. He's in the gym a lot. He's trying to take his game to the next level, like everyone else," UK freshman Ashton Hagans on going against teammate Immanuel Quickley daily in practice.

Upgrades to Marion sewer system still on schedule

STAFF REPORT

Work toward a July 2021 deadline to have Marion's new wastewater treatment upgrades completed continues.

Alan Robinson, president of Eclipse Engineering and manager of the project, said scheduled meetings for next month with the Kentucky Division of Water will need to occur before construction on the first phase of the project, upgrading 6 miles of collection lines across the city, can begin. Last month, Marion City Council awarded a \$2.63 million bid for that portion of the overall \$10-\$12 million project to Adkins Excavating Co. of Corbin, Ky.

"Next, we'll go through the same process with the wastewater plant," said Robinson.

The city will advertise for bids in the coming weeks, with bid opening expected in May. There will then be a 26-month window to complete the sewer plant to be located inside Industrial Park

North just outside of Marion. The city has signed an agreed order with the state's Division of Enforcement to have the facility up and running by July 21, 2021, in order to avoid hefty fines.

"We're going to place an 18-month time on that contract (for building the plant)," Robinson told Marion City Council last week. "If that's too aggressive, we still have 6-8 months of play on that."

In July 2016, the city signed the deal with the Division of Enforcement, pledging to remediate environmental regulation violations tied to almost 100 instances of raw sewage being dumped into Rush Creek between January 2010 and January 2015. This occurred when the treatment system became overwhelmed with sewage and storm runoff. If the new plant is not treating wastewater by the summer of 2021, the city could face \$10,000 fines for each violation.

Currently, the city

treats a daily average of 450,000 gallons of wastewater with a 660,000-gallon-average capacity. The new plant would have an average daily capacity of 900,000 gallons. It could also handle up to 6 million gallons during storm events, about double the current facility.

Some council members were concerned with Adkins Excavating's low bid for the collection upgrades, which was a \$500,000 lower than two other bids received. But Robinson said he is familiar with the company and has confidence in their work.

"A half-million is not unheard of on a project like this," he said of the difference. "There are no surprises on my end (and) no reservations on that."

He explained that Adkins owns its own trenching equipment needed to replace sewer lines, while the other two bidders would have to hire a subcontractor to dig, thereby increasing costs.

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Spelling bees big school events in 1900s

It's always interesting to read about the old school days and the activities that everyone looked forward to. One of these events were the spelling bees or spelling contests that the schools, usually held on a Friday. The usual procedure was that teams would be picked by two students, if they thought you were a good speller you would be the first one picked, (what a proud feeling to be picked among the first), and then so on down the line. But just like life, what you expect to happen sometimes wouldn't happen. For one Friday you might do great, not miss a word, and be on top of the world, everybody's hero. The next week, you would be the first picked for the team, but as luck would have it, you would miss the very first word. Down you would go, downcast with shame and hard looks from your team. But there was always next week for another chance. The best speller during the year would be picked to compete in the county spelling bee.

How It Came to Bee

The National Spelling Bee was launched by the Louisville Courier Journal in 1925. With competitions, cash prizes, and a trip to the nation's capital on the line, the Bee hoped to stimulate "general interest among pupils in a dull subject."

Every fall, tens of thousands of schools enrolled in the program. During the fall and winter, schools would conduct spelling bee programs at the classroom, grade and or school level and send their spelling champions to the next level of competition as designated by their local spelling bee sponsors.

Here are some of Crittenden County local students who made it to the state level at Louisville.

Feb. 24, 1928

Student at Brown School Wins Spelling Bee

Miss Wilma Conger, a student of Miss Edna Vivian Vaughan at the Brown school, was winner of the first prize in the Crittenden County spelling contest held at the graded school auditorium in Marion last Saturday morning.

Miss Conger received a prize of \$10 and will be given a free trip to Louisville to participate in the Courier Journal state spelling bee which will be held in April.

Crittenden County's champion speller for 1928 is 12 years old and will enter the freshman class of Marion High School next fall.

Miss Margaret Wing, a student of Miss Emma Terry at Freedom, was winner of second place and received a cash prize of \$5.

Fred Brown, of the Marion school, received the third prize, \$4 in cash; Rankin Terry, of Forest Grove, the fourth prize of \$3; Hodge Oliver of Caldwell Springs, the fifth prize of \$2; Miss Eva May Simpkins, of Owen, the sixth prize of \$1.

Other spelling contestants were C l e m e n t Ainsworth, of New Salem; William Beshears, of Chapel Hill, and Velma Brantley, of Prospect.

The words taken from Jones spelling book, were pronounced by Rhems, of Sturgis. The judges were Dr. James F. Price and W. K. Powell of Marion, and Miss Long, of Sturgis.

Jan. 20, 1933

Crittenden County Champion Chosen From Twenty-one Entrants.

Willard Hunt, of Piney Fork school, the champion speller of Crittenden County and 1932-33, will be the county's representative at the annual Courier Journal Bee which will be held in Louisville April 19.

His ability to spell the word, "unconscious" after Wayne Watson, of Blooming Rose had missed it, gave him the county championship in the match held at the Marion Graded School Auditorium last Saturday.

Willard Hunt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt and a pupil of Mrs. E. V. Alexander. He is 14 years of age and in the seventh grade.

Twenty-one entrants competed in the Saturday contest. The winner will have all expenses



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

paid to the state match by the Louisville Courier-Journal.

The final of this ninth annual spelling bee will be broadcast over station WHAS between 4 and 5 p.m., and every boy and girl in Crittenden County is invited to listen in.

The winner will be given a trip to Washington for the National Spelling Bee and other good spellers will share \$5 cash and dictionaries.

The winner of the state meet will be sent to Washington in the spring to represent Kentucky in the ninth annual National Spelling Bee with a week of sightseeing thrown in.

April 28, 1933

Boys Take Large Part Of Honors

The results of the ninth year Courier-Journal State Spelling Bee, tells that Samuel Hayes, 12 years old, from Clarkson, Grayson County, took advantage of the mistake made by the contestant from Madison County, on the word "monestary," to win the match and a trip to Washington. (Willard wasn't listed among the winners)

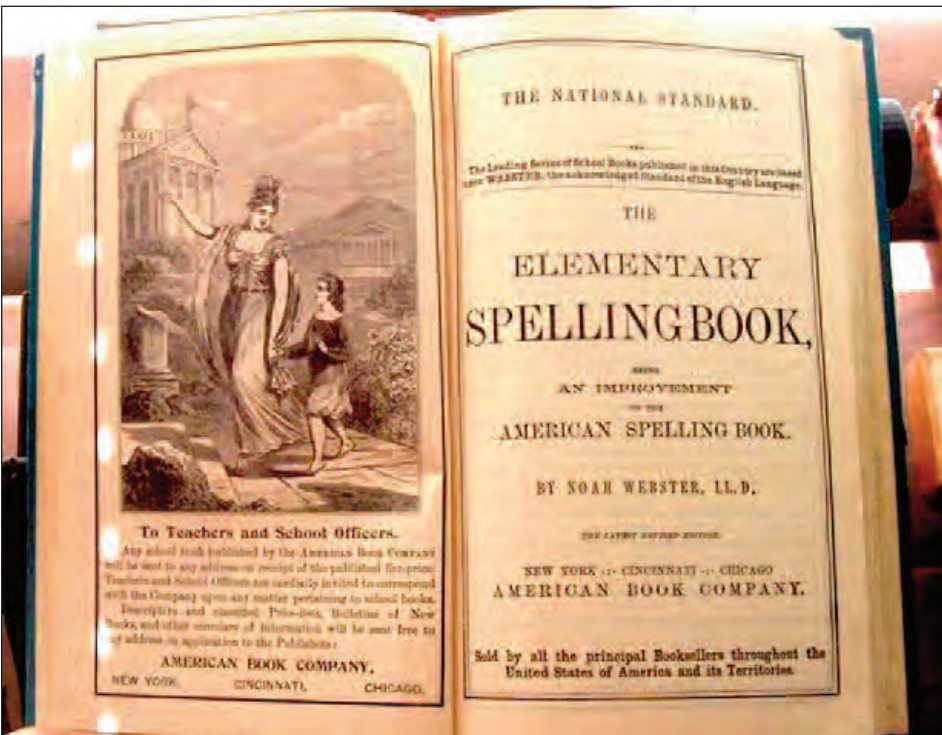
Jan. 18, 1935

Thelma Boyd Of White Hall School Is Champion Speller

Thelma Boyd, of White Hall School, emerged victorious in the Crittenden County Spelling Bee Jan. 12, at the Grade School Auditorium here. "Modified" is the word which won for Thelma Boyd the 1935 spelling champion.

Thelma is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Boyd, and is a pupil of Miss Virginia Lee Elkins, at White Hall School, a one-room school house near View which is in a remote section of the county, the instructor being forced to resort to truck and saddle horse in order to reach the building.

Thelma is 13 years old, and is in the seventh grade. Thelma has never been away from Crittenden County, and is looking forward to her trip to Louisville, where she will represent her county in the Courier-Journal statewide spelling bee.



Pictured is a common spelling book that used to teach spelling in the schools.

Miss Elkins, who is one of the county's youngest teachers will accompany her pupil to Louisville.

(Clara Mohler, representation from Akron Ohio, won the National Spelling Bee at Washington, DC on the word "intelligible.")

Jan. 31, 1936

Spellers Meet Saturday For County Honors

The county spelling meet will be held here in the graded school auditorium at Marion. Twenty-one entrants have been registered for the meet, several of whom have competed in previous contests.

The contestants and the school represented are: Thomas Collins, Chapel Hill; Bruce Vaughn, Brown; Mary Jennings, Lone Star; all of whom have competed in previous contests; Bobby Enoch, Glendale; Lula May Hopkins, Odessa; Lucy Pritchett, Olive Branch; Denzil Hunt, Copperas Springs; Reed Kemper, Midway; Elizabeth Hunt, Pleasant Hill; James William Belt, Hebron; James McNeeley, Crider; Opal Daugherty, Dycusburg; Hazel Winters, Mexico; Anna Riggsby, Hoods Creek; Pauline Crash, New Salem; Stella Gillis, Union; Edna Croft, Pleasant Grove; William Clark, Deer Creek; Frances Hardesty, Barnett; Geneva Boyd, White Hall and George McEwen, Marion Graded School.

Geneva Boyd, White Hall entry, is a sister of Thelma Boyd, winner of the 1935 contest.

Feb. 7, 1936

George McEwen, age 11, representing Marion Graded School, defeated 37 Crittenden County spellers in the county wide spelling bee.

Young McEwen is in the third grade and a pupil of Miss Rebecca Moore, correctly spelled "development" after Mary Jennings, 14, of Lone Star and a pupil of Miss Hazel Dameron, had failed to do so and he won the contest by spelling the word "persuade." McEwen is a son of W. W. McEwen of Marion. This is the first time in 12 years that a Marion student has won the county contest.

Bruce Vaughn, a student of Brown School, was the 36th speller to go down missing "burglar," and was immediately preceded by Ann Riggsby of Hoods Creek, who failed on "judgment."

April 24, 1936

Local Speller Wins Award In State Contest

George McEwen, Crittenden County spelling champion, was rated 31st in the state spelling contest conducted at Louisville, last Thursday and Friday, and as a result was awarded a substantial prize by the Courier Journal, sponsors, of the state meeting.

Just over 100 contest-

ants were entered and in the written contest wherein a certain average and grade was necessary in order to become eligible for the oral division. A total of 44, of which McEwen was one, were successful in the eligibility list of the written contest and as a result entered the oral match.

The written test was composed of 50 words while the oral contest was the old type of match wherein the last one remaining was declared the state winner. McEwen was the only school pupil entered in the meet that was of a lower than sixth grade ranking.

At the conclusion of the written test, the winners were announced at a luncheon given to the contestants by the sponsors.

Young McEwen misspelled the word "ghastly." He was accompanied to Louisville by his instructor, Miss Rebecca Moore.

Although these hard working students didn't make it on the the nationals at Washington, D. C. I would think they still had a wonderful, although nerve-racking experience, at the Louisville State Spelling Bee.

(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).

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Worship service: 11 a.m.

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UK releases dean's list

Two Crittenden County residents were among a record number of UK students named to the dean's list for the fall semester.

They include Dylan Hollis, a mechanical engineering major, and Baylee Priest, a pre-journalism major.

To make a dean's list in one of the UK colleges, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher and must have earned 12 credits or more in that semester, excluding credits earned in pass-fail classes. Some UK colleges require a 3.5 GPA to make the Dean's List.

Simpkins wins scholarship

Dayton Simpkins of Crittenden County has been awarded a Green River Archeological Society scholarship stipend.

The \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Simpkins, a member of the Green River Society and an avid collector and artifact enthusiast. One of his personal finds was pictured in the Central States journal, volume 59. He is student at Murray State University.

He has a double major in physics and mathematics. His first semester GPA was 3.87. His high school GPA was 4.23. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America and earned the highest achievement award as an Eagle Scout. He is a registered volunteer Scout Master.

Simpkins is the son of Brandi Simpkins Binkley.

Tinsley on dean's list

University of the Cumberland has announced the students named to the dean's list for the fall 2018 semester. Among those named to the dean's list are Misty Tinsley of Marion and Skyler Downs of Ledbetter.

Fritts second in speech

Leah Fritts, a sophomore member of the Crittenden County Speech Team, earned a second place finish in Paducah



Fritts

Tilghman's Tornado Alley Speech Invitational on January 19 by competing in Prose Interpretation.

Church notes

- Dr. Fred Sanders, formerly from Marion, will speak at the 10 a.m. service on Sunday at **Pleasant Hill Church** in Crittenden County. Sanders teaches at Biola University in Los Angeles, Calif. The church is located on Pleasant Hill Road 1 mile south of Ky. 120. Friends and relatives of Dr. and Mrs. Sanders and others are invited.

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

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

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

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

- Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.



Shea Martin, a senior at Crittenden County High School, was presented on Saturday the All A Classic Scholarship. The scholarship is given each year during the All A Classic basketball tournament. Presenting the scholarship is Mike Duncan, All A Classic director for Region 2.

Animal shelter report

The number of dogs and cats taken in by Crittenden County Animal Shelter last month was down considerably, according to the monthly report submitted to Crittenden Fiscal Court last week by Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd. The number of dogs taken fell from 30 in November to 22 last month, while the total of cats fell two-thirds from 27 to only nine. Late last month, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the shelter had stopped taking in cats because of overcrowding.

INFLOW	STRAY	SURRENDER	TOTAL
Crittenden dogs/pups	4	8	12
Crittenden cats/kittens			3
Livingston dogs/pups	4	0	4
Livingston cats/kittens			5
Lyon dogs/pups	4	0	4
Lyon cats/kittens			1
OUTFLOW	TOTAL		
Dogs, pups to rescue			12
Dogs reclaimed by owners			0
Dogs, pups adopted			5
Cats, to local farmers for barns			8
Cats adopted			0
Cats re-homed for small donation			1
DONATIONS	POUNDS		
Dog food donated			1,108
Cat food donated*			277
Cat litter donated			242

The shelter brought in \$975 in December through donations and fees for adoption and reclamation. That includes 99 pounds of cat food donated by the Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter, a no-kill shelter in Crittenden County that keeps dogs and cats.

American art topic at Fohs

Community Arts Foundation's 2019 calendar of activities kicks off today (Thursday) with "Art: Made in America," a discussion by Kathleen



Guess

Guess. Part of A Fireside Chat series from CAF, the program begins at 7 p.m. at the Women's Club of Marion.

"We are excited to kick off our 2019 season with this always informative and entertaining event," said Kim Vince, CAF board member. "This is going to be CAF's biggest year yet."

Submit local events

Community calendar is designed for individuals, non-profit organizations and government entities to publicize meetings and events. dCall (270) 965-3191 or email press-news@the-press.com or stop by our office at 125 E. Bellville St. in Marion.

Volunteers sought at Marion senior center

Volunteers are needed at the Crittenden County Senior Center. Volunteers are utilized in a number of capacities, including light cleaning such as sweeping, mopping, dusting and taking out the trash. Kitchen assistance is also welcome; however, a TB skin test is required.

Since meals are now prepared off-site and delivered to the Walker Street facility each day, regular visitors are encouraged to make reservations for meals up to a week in advance.

"Many people sign up on Friday for days they wish to eat the following week," said Senior Center employee Kim West.

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Extension

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

- **Sew Simple** is designed for completing sewing projects you've started and set aside. It will be held 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Tuesday, at the Caldwell County Extension Office. Master clothing volunteers will help with difficult techniques and offer easier

Flu prevelent, no cases here

Flu activity in Kentucky remains widespread, though activity has slowed from the previous week.

The number of influenza cases confirmed in Kentucky rose by 740 cases between Jan. 6 and 12, a drop from 953 new cases reported the week prior. So far this flu season, 3,148 lab-confirmed cases of the flu have been reported in the commonwealth, according to the latest weekly surveillance report from the state's Department for Public Health. There are still no lab-confirmed cases in Crittenden, Caldwell, Lyon, Union and Webster counties and only one in Livingston County.

Flu activity in Kentucky is considered "widespread," the highest level of designation.

Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those 60 and older or \$5 for those under 60. Reservations are requested by 9 a.m.

Upcoming activities and menu include:

- Thursday: Menu is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll and banana pudding.

- Friday: Menu is green pepper casserole, new buttered potatoes, tropical fruit, wheat roll. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

- Monday: Menu is vegetable soup, hamburger on whole wheat bun with lettuce, tomato and onion, crackers and oatmeal raisin cookie. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45.

- Tuesday: Menu is BBQ

chicken, baked potato, green bean casserole, wheat bun, baked apples with raisins and margarine and sour cream.

- Jan. 30: Menu is baked potato soup, chicken drumstick, seasoned peas, cornbread and pear crisp. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

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

The center is a service of Pennyrile Allied Community Services.

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

ways. There is no charge. Please register by Friday by calling the Crittenden County Extension Office at (270) 965-5236.

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

- **Love Notes class** will be held from 1-3 p.m., Feb. 5 and again from 6-8

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

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BASKETBALL

This Week's Games

FRIDAY

Lady Rockets host Union County
Rockets at Fort Campbell

SATURDAY

Lady Rockets host Caldwell Co.

TUESDAY

Rockets at Marshall County
Lady Rockets hos Hardin Co., Ill.

Second Region Poll

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

BOYS

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

GIRLS

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

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

Raccoon Hunt	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Rabbit/Quail	Nov. 12 - Feb. 10
Squirrel	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Raccoon Trap	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Bobcat Trap	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Fox Hunt/Trap	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Canada Goose	Nov. 22 - Feb. 15
Snow Goose	Nov. 22 - Feb. 15
White Front Goose	Nov. 22 - Feb. 15
Bobcat Hunt	Nov. 24 - Feb. 28
Duck	Dec. 3 - Jan. 27
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Goose Conservation	Feb. 16 - March 31
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Youth Turkey	April 6-7
Spring Turkey	Apr. 6 - May 5

Foster archery prez

Tony Foster has been selected as president of the Kentucky Archery Association, an affiliate of the National Field Archery Association. A former professional archer, Foster, 53, of Crittenden County will oversee the Kentucky group's indoor and outdoor competitive events this year. The state championship will be held next month at Pleasant Valley Archery in Webster County.

BASKETBALL

Elementary results

Here are individual scoring figures from Crittenden County Elementary School's recent basketball games:

GIRLS

3-4 Grade: Lyon 23, Crittenden 19
Scoring: Haylie Hunt 7, Jodynn Hodge, 8 Morgan Stewart, 2, Lyza Merriman 2.
3-4 Grade: Dawson 45, Crittenden 1
Morgan Stewart 1.
5-6 Grade: Lyon 31, Crittenden 15
Anna Boone 4, Elliot Evans 2, Andrea Federico 2, Madison Walker 3, Bristyn Rushing 2, Ella Geary, 2.
5-6 Grade: Crittenden 42, Dawson 3
Anna Boone 8, Elliot Evans 9, Chloe Hunt 2, Carly Porter, 4, Elle McDaniel 2, Georgia Holeman 9, Madison Walker 2, Bristyn Rushing, 6.
6th Grade: Crittenden 14, Caldwell 9
Anna Boone 4, Elliot Evans 4, Chloe Hunt 4, Madison Walker 2.
5th Crittenden 37, Caldwell 8
Anna Boone 12, Elliot Evans 14, Chloe Hunt 3, Andrea Federico 2, Carly Poter 2, Elle McDaniel 4.

BOYS

5-6 Grade: Lyon 34, Crittenden 22
Bryson Walker 5, Asa McCord 4, Caeden Brothers 1, Brady Belt 11, Kaiden Travis 1.
5-6 Grade: Lyon 40, Crittenden 33
Brady Belt 29, Chase Conyer 2, Levi Suddoth 2.
5-6 Grade: Crittenden 33, Trigg 29
Brady Belt 9, Chase Conyer, 10, Kaiden Travis 1, Levi Suddoth 9, Caeden Brothers 4.
4th Grade: Crittenden 38, Lyon 6
Avery Thompson 15, Isaac James 8, Brady Dayberry 3, Colt Bailey 6, Jaxton Duncan 2, Davis Perryman 4
4th Grade: Crittenden 63, Lyon 0
Avery Thompson 20, Isaac James 13, Brady Dayberry 14, Colt Bailey 2, Jaxton Duncan 8, Davis Perryman 4, Logan Martin 2



Crittenden came up a bit short in its bid for a seventh All A Classic Second Region title on Saturday. UHA won the crown. Above, coach Shannon Hodge watches as Natalie Boone and Jaelyn Duncan try to wrest control of the ball from a Lady Blazer. At right, CCHS's Taylor Guess fights for a loose ball.



UHA presses way to title

Lady Rockets fall to Blazer in All A championship

STAFF REPORT

A seventh All A Classic regional championship slipped away from Crittenden County's girls' basketball team on Saturday.

The Lady Rockets hosted the small-school Second Region Tournament, but couldn't solve University Heights' zone press and lost 60-43.

University Heights won the tournament for the fourth time since 2012, deploying full-court pressure the entire game to befuddle the Rocket girls. Trigg County had used a different style of press a few days earlier to do similar damage. Crittenden committed a number of turnovers against the pressure and didn't shoot or rebound well. UHA dominated the boards on its offensive end, getting countless points off putbacks on second and third attempts.

A 12-2 run by the Lady Blazers in the first period allowed them to forge ahead early. UHA led by a dozen at the half then pushed that margin to 16 in the third period before Crittenden

University Heights 60, Crittenden 43
University Heights 11 30 38 60
Crittenden County 7 18 26 43
UHA – Pantiere 4, Jackett 6, Forte 3, Adams 19, Hendricks 28, Moore, Rager. FG 20. 3-pointers 0. FT 20-34.
CRITTENDEN – Guess 6, Hayes, Woodward 5, Summers 15, Duncan 8, Boone 9, Long. FG 14. 3-pointers 1 (Boone). FT 14-23.

Crittenden 52, Livingston 34
Livingston 5 19 27 34
Crittenden 13 21 35 52
LIVINGSTON - Lasher, Wring 9, Davidson 20, Downey 4, Tolley, Salazar, Joiner, M.Downey, Croft, Quertermous, Jennings, Norton 1, FG 12. FT 10-17.
CRITTENDEN – Guess 15, Hayes, Summers 7, Woodward 13, Duncan 7, Boone 9, Long 1, Perryman, Keller, Binkley, Hatfield, Wheeler. FG 18. 3-pointers 1 (Boone). FT 15-23.

mounted a run of its own. The Lady Rockets got nine points from eighth-grader Natalie Boone in second half which helped the girls pull to within six points at one point in the final half. However, UHA's pressure continued to take its toll and Crittenden faded

ALL A RESULTS

OPENING ROUND

Dawson Springs 29, Lyon Co. 27
Livingston 33, Ft. Campbell 11

THURSDAY'S SEMIFINALS

University Heights 55, Dawson 32
Crittenden 52, Livingston 34

Saturday's Championship

University Heights 60, Crittenden 43

down the stretch.

Senior Shelby Summers scored 15 points to lead the Lady Rockets on offense.

The championship game was moved up to an earlier start time on Saturday than was previously scheduled. A threatening snow storm prompted the move.

The girls beat Livingston Central in the tournament semifinal round last Thursday as eighth-grade point guard Taylor Guess led the way offensively with 15 points. Sophomore center Nahla Woodward added 13.

CCHS played at Mayfield Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.



2nd Region CHAMPIONS

2019	University Heights
2018	Lyon County
2017	Crittenden County
2016	Livingston Central
2015	University Heights
2014	University Heights
2013	Webster County
2012	University Heights
2011	Crittenden County
2010	Caldwell County
2009	Caldwell County
2008	Crittenden County
2007	Lyon County
2006	Lyon County
2005	Webster County
2004	Webster County
2003	Dawson Springs
2002	Dawson Springs
2001	Crittenden County
2000	Dawson Springs
1999	Crittenden County
1998	Crittenden County
1997	Providence
1996	West Hopkins
1995	Webster County
1994	Webster County
1993	Webster County
1992	No Tournament
1991	West Hopkins

Rockets get first Fifth District win over Trigg

STAFF REPORT

Sophomore point guard Gabe Mott scored a career-high 29 points and junior Erik O'Leary added a career-best 14 as the Rockets earned their first Fifth District regular-season win in more than two years, beating Trigg County 64-55 at Rocket Arena.

The game had been postponed due to weather on its originally scheduled date a week earlier.

"We shot the ball well and Gabe Mott came up huge," said Rocket coach Denis Hodge. "Erik O'Leary played extremely well. He attacked the basket and mixed his game up. Braxton Winders also had a really nice game."

Both CCHS and Trigg are 1-4 in district play. Crittenden plays Livingston Central at home Feb. 1 to complete the regular-season round-robin. A win by the Rockets will give them at least a share of the No. 3 seed in the district tournament.

The Rockets were scheduled to play Community Christian Monday, but it was snowed out. Union County came

to Marion Tuesday and hammered Crittenden by 30 as Mott scored 25 for the Rockets.

Crittenden 64, Trigg 55
Trigg County 7 21 36 55
Crittenden Co. 12 24 39 64
TRIGG: K. Grubbs 11, Bridges 4, Cunningham 7, Adams 19, G. Grubbs 4, Cortner 9, Terrell 1, Vaughn, Syester. 3 pointers 5 (Cortner 3, Adams, Cunningham) FT 18-26. Fouls: 18
CRITTENDEN: Morgeson 3, E.O'Leary 14, Mott 29, Dickerson 5, S.O'Leary, Winders, Carlson, Turley 10, H. Boone 3. 3 pointers 7 (Morgeson, O'Leary 2, Mott 3, H. Boone) FT 7-14. Fouls: 20

Union 89, Crittenden 59
Union County 25 50 74 89
Crittenden Co. 10 30 41 59
UNION – Wilkes 6, Kanipe 7, Duncan 3, Duncan 6, Martin 1, Duckworth, Dunford 16, Gaither 37, Hargrove 2, Davis 3, Johnson 4, King 4. FG 33. 3-pointers 7 (Gather 2, Dunford, Corbet, Wilkes 2). FT 16-22.
CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 12, E.O'Leary 7, Mott 25, Guess, Dickerso 2, S.O'Leary 2, Winders, Dobyns, M.Carolson 1, J.Carolson, Turley 10, H.Boon. FG 18. 3-pointers 6 (Mott 3, Morgeson 2, E.O'Leary). FT 7-23.



Crittenden County's Braxton Winders fights for a loose ball against Trigg County's Kenny Adams during last week's Fifth District victory at Marion.

Big changes coming to football playoff system

Big changes are coming to post-season football next fall which could send the Rockets to far-away reaches in the state if they get as far as the fourth round of the playoffs.

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) said last week that the post-season format will change, keeping the first and second rounds within individual districts, instead of across district lines as has been the case for many years. Additionally, the third- and fourth-round pairings would be set by a Ratings Power Index (RPI), a computer formula based largely on strength of schedule. The third round would keep teams in their geographic area, but the fourth round – the state semifinals – could mean distant east-west travel.

What this means for Crit-

tenden County is that the Rockets would play the same teams in the first two rounds of the playoffs that they'd met on their regular-season district schedule. The teams in Crittenden's district in 2019 are Fulton County, Caverna and Russellville. In the first playoff game, No. 1 would play No. 2 from the district rankings and No. 3 and No. 4 would play. The winners would meet the following week.

After the first two rounds, the RPI formula would begin, which theoretically could pit Crittenden against any playoff team on the western side of the state – last fall those teams would have been Campbellsville, Beechwood and Frankfort. In the fourth round, a playoff team from the west might have to go to Pikeville or another far-flung venue.

According to the KHSAA, the RPI would be a function of the strength of schedule, with parameters weighted 35 per-

cent on a team's strength of schedule, 35 percent on its opponents' strength of schedule, and 30 percent on its opponents' opponents' strength of schedule.

Rocket football coach Sean Thompson said change can be exciting, but he's not sure this type of change is being well received, especially plans for the first two rounds.

"It's not good for football," Thompson said.

He, like most other coaches, were surprised about the changes as there was no forewarning from the KHSAA. Thompson said there are conversations going on among statewide coaches who want to lobby the KHSAA to rethink its plan for the first two rounds.

"It diminishes your regular season district championship," he said.

Plus, Thompson said it would create big problems with regard to how coaches plan for and approach regular-season district matchups,

Nesbitt, Dossett AP's honorable

The post-season accolades continue to pile up for Rocket football players. Last week, the Associated Press announced its All-State Football Team. Crittenden running back Devon Nesbitt and Rocket receiver Ethan Dossett were honorable mentions.

which could be repeated only days later.

"The question is do you show your hand knowing you're going to be playing that same team a couple of weeks later?" Thompson asks.

It also appears there will be a 40-second play clock beginning next season instead of the traditional 25-second interval between plays. The longer play clock would start when the previous play ends, as opposed to waiting for officials to mark the ball and whistle it into play.



Thompson

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2018 one of wettest years ever in Kentucky

STAFF REPORT

The final results are in: 2018 was one of the wettest years on record in Kentucky and throughout much of the Midwest. Stations comprising the Kentucky Mesonet at WKU, including the one in Crittenden County, reported a statewide average of 63.08 inches of precipitation for the year. The total in Crittenden County for last year was 59.84 inches.

According to data available through the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, the record wettest year in Kentucky dating back to 1895 is 2011, with a statewide average of 64.35 inches. There was 72.74 inches of precipitation in Crittenden County in 2011.

State climatologist Stuart Foster, director of the Kentucky Climate Center and the Kentucky Mesonet at WKU, the state's official source of climatological observations, noted that precipitation was well distributed throughout the year.

"The wettest months were February and September, but no month averaged more than 10 inches," he said. "As a result, there was only minor river flooding reported in 2018. In contrast, the record setting year of 2011 included as much as 20 inches of rain in some areas during April and early May, resulting in extensive flooding along the lower reaches of the Ohio River and its tributaries."

February precipitation in Crittenden County was less than a quarter-inch away from 10 inches. Dr. Foster provided the following details about 2018 precipitation:

- 87.59 inches on Black Mountain: The highest annual precipitation total recorded at any site across Kentucky for 2018 was at the Mesonet station on Black Mountain in Harlan County with 87.59 inches, just shy of the all-time record of 88.07 inches at Caneyville in 1979.
- Record year in Lexington: Records were set at many long-term stations maintained by the National Weather Service, including the station at Lexington's Bluegrass Airport, which recorded 71.98 inches, the highest annual total in records that go back as far as 1872.
- September rain eased drought worries: Concerns about encroaching drought in the Jackson Purchase counties of western Kentucky during August 2018 were eased by the rains in September before conditions became serious. Wet conditions through the fall posed challenges for farmers to harvest crops. There was 6.57 inches of rainfall in Crittenden County in September.
- State wetter than average since 2010: The wet conditions of 2018 are nothing new across Kentucky. While the western portions of the state suffered from extreme drought in the spring and summer of 2012 and a dry fall contributed to widespread wildfires in 2016, Kentucky has experienced a prolonged period of unusually wet conditions. The 24-month Standardized Precipitation Index, which tracks the rolling two-year statewide precipitation total, shows that Kentucky has remained wetter than average since April 2010, the longest such period on record dating back to 1895.
- Historical variability: Kentucky's climate is characterized by significant variability. Kentucky has witnessed other periods of unusual wetness in the past, including a recent period during the 1970s. Meanwhile, periodic droughts also impact the state, with the 1930s and the 1950s standing out in the historical record.
- A look to the future: Model projections of Kentucky's climate through the remainder of the century indicate that the state can expect wetter conditions on average, particularly during the cool season. With increasing summertime temperatures, droughts and heatwaves are expected to become more severe.

Crittenden County

2019-20 academic calendar

AUGUST 2019

M	T	W	Th	F
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Dates of importance

Aug. 8: Professional development.
Aug. 12: Teacher planning.
Aug. 13: Opening day, faculty and staff only.
Aug. 14: First day for students.
Sept. 2: Holiday: Labor Day.
Oct. 7-11: Fall break.
Oct. 14: Teacher planning, no students.
Nov. 27-29: Thanksgiving break.
Dec. 23-Jan. 3: Christmas break.
Jan. 6: Teacher planning, no students.
Jan. 20: No school.
Feb. 17: Professional development, no students.
March 13: Professional development, no students.
April 6-10: Spring break.
April 13: Teacher planning, no students.
May 19: Last day for students.
May 20: Teacher planning, no students.
May 21: Closing day, faculty and staff only.
May 22: Flexible professional development.

Color Key

- Professional day, no school
- Holiday, no school
- Non-school day
- First, last days for students

Legend

O.....Opening day for teachers
C.....Closing day for teachers
PD.....Professional development
H.....Holiday
TP.....Teacher planning

JANUARY 2020

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Ben Evans (left) shows Jason Champion a rabbit taken on a recent hunt. Rabbit season in western Kentucky comes to a close Feb. 10.

RABBITS

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says family matters also dictate when he can get into the field. But when there's a few hours to spare on the weekend or especially over the holidays, he likes to be with his dogs and friends.

Rabbit hunting can be a social event. Following along a set of beagles is nothing akin to the rigors of lapping in behind a pointer hunting birds. The pace of rabbit hunting tends to appeal to a broad base of hunters. Champion enjoys inviting friends along and likes teaching the younger generation about hunting small critters and enjoying the sounds of a beagle in pursuit.

His hunts take him from the swamps of the Mississippi River in the east to hills east of Crittenden County and even beyond.

"We try to go to Wisconsin for a hunt every year, too," he said.

Having the right gear to rabbit hunt is important, and dressing for the weather can be a bit tricky. When it's 35 degrees, Champion said it's easy to want to dress warmly, but the aerobic activity pressing through thickets can work the heart rate up in a hurry. When you're 400 yards

from the pickup, it's too late to shed a few layers of clothing.

Champion says he buys his chaps from the Amish. They hold up well, he said.

"I've seen other people with other brands wear out a set in a couple of seasons," he said. "I've had these a long time."

Rabbit and quail seasons continue through Feb. 10.

2019-20 school calendar

Crittenden County Board of Education on Tuesday approved the 2019-20 academic calendar with a similar structure as in recent years. The first day of school for students will be Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2019, and 185 instruction days later, Tuesday, May 19, 2020, is scheduled as the last day of classes. Fall break will be Oct. 7-11, 2019. Christmas break runs two weeks from Dec. 23, 2019, to Jan. 3, 2020, and spring break is slated for April 6-10, 2019.

TEACHER

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knife apparently came from the "back of the teacher's desk."

The incident was not initially reported by students. They told their regular teacher when she returned to class on the following Monday. The teacher notified school administrators and they privately questioned Orten, who was at the school, substituting in another classroom on that day.

Court records say Orten confessed to the school officials that he made the statement and that he was sorry and should not have said it.

At that point, he was escorted out of the building, according to a statement released last week by the school district.

The school district said the substitute teacher will not be permitted to be on or near any school campus, or at any school-related functions.

According to the statement by the school sys-

tem, Superintendent Vince Clark and Deputy Shofner met last week with students in the involved fourth-grade class. They commended those students on their response and reporting of the incident. The district said students met the challenge of "See Something, Say Something," a mantra well defined and often reiterated on campus. Clark said that goes for what they see and hear on and off campus.

"The health and safety of our students and staff continues to be our number one priority," said Clark. "We take each situation seriously and will continue to make timely and informed decisions to secure their well-being."

Clark said the school district cannot discuss any further details with regard to the investigation because it is an open criminal case.

"I'm just sorry that our students had to endure inappropriate comments by a trusted adult," he

said.

Orten does not have a criminal record beyond this incident other than a couple of traffic violations for careless driving, one last fall in Graves County and another in 2014 in Caldwell County.

Substitute teachers have to be certified by the district before they can be assigned to duty. The certification process includes multiple hours of on-line coursework on a variety of issues, including appropriate behavior when they are in contact with students.



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