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COUNTY SHELTER NO LONGER TAKING CATS

Because of overcrowding, **Crittenden County Animal** Shelter is no longer accepting cats. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom told magistrates at last month's fiscal court meet-



Newcom

county is not required by statute to accept

"We were running over with cats out there,

so I instructed (Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd) to start turning away cats because we had nowhere to put them," he said.

Todd said the shelter has held as many as 50 adult cats and kittens at a time in his time as animal control officer. Altogether, 319 cats were taken in by the shelter in 2017.

Newcom said the crowding was creating health concerns for the animals held at the facility, and he hopes eventually to begin retaking cats.

For the December animal shelter report, see Page 8.

PRESS EARNS FIRSTS IN NEWSPAPER CONTEST

The Crittenden Press has earned three first-place awards and two others in the 2018 Excellence in Kentucky Newspapers Contest from the Kentucky Press Association (KPA).

One of the top winners is Publisher Chris Evans' look back on Feb. 1, 2018, at the local Amish community 40 years after its establishment. Other winning entries will not be revealed before the Jan. 25 awards ceremony. However, it is known that Editor Daryl K. Tabor also earned first- and third-place recognition. Staff submissions, which include work from mulitple contributors, will bring home a first- and second-place award at the KPA 150th anniversary banquet later this month.

CHS deal finalized



THE CRITTENDEN PRESS Late last month. Crittenden Health Systems became one of three hospitals owned or managed by Rural Health Group-Consolidated of Kansas City, Mo. On Tuesday, the name of the former publicly-owned hospital was officially changed to Crittenden Community Hospital, a new limited liability corporation.

Facility now Crittenden Community Hospital

By CHRIS EVANS PRESS PUBLISHER

© COPYRIGHT 2019 You shouldn't notice it just by looking, but Crittenden Health Systems formally changed hands this week.

The small hospital group that has bought it says keeping the community happy is its goal.

Crittenden Hospital has become one of three hospitals owned or managed by Rural Health Group Consolidated (RHG-C) of Kansas City, Mo.

On Tuesday, the name was officially changed to Crittenden Community Hospital, No. **1** Top local news story of 2018

a newly formed limited liability corporation.

Terms of the deal were struck in the fall with RHG-C getting the hospital for \$6 million. Rural Health Group, an affiliate of RHG-C, had been managing the local facility since October 2017.

Financing was completed the last week of 2018 with a

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2018 Past year offers glimpse of future

By DARYL K. TABOR PRESS EDITOR

Some of the top local stories from 2018 will have a lasting effect on the community, including the sale of Crittenden Health Systems to a private, out-of-state buyer in the hope of keeping alive a critical part of the county's well-being.

1 The sale of Crittenden Hospital to Rural Health Group-Consolidated (RHG-C) of Kansas City, Mo., dominated headlines in the last half of 2018, with the deal being finalized in the last full week of the year. (See story at top of this page.)

The facility is one of the



PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet in special session 8:30 a.m. Monday at the courthouse for the new fiscal court to rehire employees as set by statute.

- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Rocket Arena for its monthly working session.

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largest employers with about 160 full- and part-time workers, the largest origin of both the city and county's payroll tax revenue and the source of most health care services in Crittenden County.

2^{The long-awaited comple-} tion of a new U.S. 641 from Marion to Fredonia was rated by the staff of The Crittenden Press as a close second in terms of news and impact to the community.

A ceremonial groundbreaking was held almost seven years ago on Feb. 17, 2012, but delays and a major change in scope that downgraded the road from a fourlane to a Super 2 dragged out the project beyond initial expectations. The proposed

cumbents defeated at the polls and two others step away. Only Dan Wood, a Shady Grove Democrat, will return to the six-member Crittenden Fiscal Court. For the next four years, county government will be led by (above, from left) Greg Rushing, Chad Thomas, Wood, Willard Guill, Todd Perryman and Dave Belt, all of whom will join Judge-Executive Perry Newcom on the fiscal court. second leg of the new corridor from Fredonia to U.S. 62 in Lyon County would virtuconnect Crittenden Though a route for that por-

ally County to an interstate. tion of the road has yet to be selected, local leaders are hoping eventual completion could improve the economic fortunes of the county.

Until then, the 5.2-miles of U.S. 641 in Crittenden County that opened in early December - the first new highway construction here

since the 1950s – are built to modern safety and commerce standards, offering 12-foot lanes and 10-foot shoulders.

Work to finalize the project, such as removing the diversion road to bypass construction to tie in the new and old roads, will be completed in the spring.

3The November election **3**nearly swept Crittenden Fiscal Court of its entire make-up, sending only Democrat Dan Wood, who was unopposed, back to the county's six-member decision-making body. Incum-Donnetta bents Travis, Fowler and Curt Dannv Buntin, all Democrats, were defeated by their Republican challengers on a day that saw the party lose only two contested races in the county. Buntin had served on the fiscal court for 24 years.

Also exiting was Democrat Mark Holloman, who did not

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City's oldest church now empty

By DARYL K. TABOR PRESS EDITOR

The doors to the city's oldest church will not greet worshippers this weekend for the first service of a new year. In fact, it may never again host a congregation.

Marion Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) held its final worship service Sunday at its sanctuary on West Bellville Street. The building was erected in 1874 and has been

FROM STAFF, WIRE REPORTS

Crittenden County's rep-

resentation on the Kentucky

Supreme Court and one of

the most revered public fig-

ures in western Kentucky

will be stepping down next

month, and his absence will

be felt across the common-

announced last Thursday

that he will be resigning his

elected position on the high

Justice Bill Cunningham

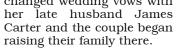
wealth's legal system.

home to the local Christian Church dating back more than 100 years. But time has changed the fortunes of the church family.

"We have seen this coming for quite a while," said Pat Carter, the church's eldest member and a regular worshipper. "The group that had been going had gotten less and less."

When Carter, 89, began worshiping in the building as young girl, it was home to a Baptist church. But years later, as a member of Christian that

home, she exchanged wedding vows with



With little of that occurring in recent years, the congregation was down to maybe a half-dozen regular worshippers, all of whom were beyond the years of nurturing a new generation of parishioners in the church.

'Sometimes it's just hard," Carter said. "If you don't have younger families, you don't have much of a chance

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Cunningham leaving Ky. Supreme Court court Feb. 1. The 74-year-old justice cited "burnout" after

more than 40 years of public service.

"Sometimes duty requires us to go on. Sometimes duty requires us to where, is knowing when to leave.

His second term as 1st Supreme Court District justice on the seven-person court was set to expire in 2023. A replacement will be named in the coming weeks by Gov. Matt Bevin, and the non-partisan race will appear on the 2019 ballot to fill the unexpired term.

Alan Stout, a federal judge with the U.S. Bankruptcy

Court-Western District of Kentucky, earned invaluable court skills from Cunningham while facing him in the courtroom

"As a young lawyer, in the early 1980s, I learned how to try jury trial cases against Bill Cunningham," Stout recalls. "I had the public defender contract representing inmates at the Kentucky

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Cunningham go home," Cunningham said in

a news release. "The most important part of being any-

DARYL K. TABOR/THE PRESS Five new magistrates were sworn in last month following a November election that saw three in-



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U.S. Department of Agriculture program backing the deal through an Arkansas bank.

Although the sale comes with the blessing of local government and many leaders in Crittenden County, there were a handful of naysayers when the plan became public in August. Most area observers showed their understanding in the move to sell the struggling community-owned hospital to a private group with more resources.

Local leaders had for years tried to find a suitable buyer for the hospital, at one time even toying with the idea of merging with Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

Consumption of the sale, says former hospital board chairman Charlie Hunt, will benefit the community. There were multiple times over the past few years when, due to financial strains, he was afraid the hospital would be forced to close. Hunt, whose term on the hospital board ended Monday, along with six other volunteer directors, had served as chairman for eight years and was on the board for the past 12. He's had a front row seat for some of the most difficult times in rural health care. It has been a period when community hospitals have closed at a disquieting rate

"I am confident we will now have a viable hospital well into the future," Hunt said

Although there will no longer be a local board

BURNOUT

guiding and overseeing hospital operations, the new owners will be establishing an advisory council to help steer it. It will be made up of three former hospital board members. two individuals from the local medical staff, one from the Crittenden Fiscal Court, two hospital employees and one at-large member chosen by the fiscal court.

Trent Skaggs, president of RHG-C. said the advisory board will likely meet quarterly. Individual representatives will be named within a couple of months, he said.

"It is super important to us," Skaggs said of the ad-visory board. "We like to have our pulse on the community, what it's thinking."

Municipal bonds issued by Crittenden County to finance hospital improvements in recent years were paid off Friday and Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom signed over the deed to the hospital late last week.

RHG-C owns another hospital in Wellington, Kan., and manages one in Ohio. It had owned another small hospital in Missouri, but sold it a few months ago.

"We have a passion for rural health," said Skaggs. "Our goal is to put together a network of small, rural hospitals that can share resources."

He anticipates a great deal of collaboration and networking between the hospitals RHG-C controls.

The financial terms of the deal went like this; bank accounts have been established and funded for the following:

- \$100,000 was paid to the fiscal court for pur-

Hospital by the numbers

Figures associated with CHS that were presented at a recent public forum on the proposed sale:

- 48 beds
- 167 full- and part-time employees (August 2018)
- 897 annual admissions (2015) - 22,137 total outpatient services (2015)
- 3,833 total inpatient days (2015)
- 4,754 ER patients treated (2015)

- 60 percent-plus of patients were covered by state, federal programs (2015)

\$2.04 million in purchases by CHS was made from local businesses (2015)

\$2.36 million in estimated purchases was made by CHS employees from local businesses (2015)

\$52,733 in occupational taxes was collected by the City of Marion from CHS employees (2015)

\$35,155 in occupational taxes was collected by Crittenden Fiscal Court from CHS employees (2015)

- 12.1 percent of all wages countywide are attributed to CHS (2015)

- \$7.03 million in wages and salaries was paid by CHS, almost equalling the entire county budget (2015)

chase of the hospital grounds and buildings. That money went into the county's general fund.

\$300,000 was set aside for community health care needs such as purchasing new ambulances. It is in a separate bank account that will be jointly controlled by the hospital and county government.

- \$300,000 was set aside to cover unscheduled CHS liabilities that may arise. It is in a separate account controlled by the hospital.

\$500,000 is pledged by the RHG-C over the next five years to help finance operations of the privately-managed Crittenden EMS.

- \$1 million in cash was added to working capital at the hospital to protect its viability.

- \$3.8 million went to cover all CHS's capital liabilities, including \$3.4 million in debt for a fiveyear-old surgical suite

Cunningham's career

- Eddyville City Attor-

Kentucky State Peni-

- 56th Judicial District

tentiary public defender,

(Caldwell, Livingston,

Lyon and Trigg counties)

Commonwealth's Attor-

Claims hearing officer,

Court Trial Commis-

sioner, 1989-1992.

- Kentucky Board of

- Lyon County District

1974-76.

ney, 1976-88.

1981-85.

and approximately

\$400,000 for equipment. Being absolved of financial liability for that particular debt doesn't go

unnoticed by the man in charge of the county's fiscal well being.

'We're out from under that \$3.4 million for the surgical wing. If the hospital would have failed, the county taxpayers would have still been responsible for that debt," Newcom said.

Newcom said an immediate benefit in 2019 will be new revenue for the county, library, schools and other taxing districts. Because the hospital was owned by the county, it had previously been tax exempt. Now that it is privately held, the hospital will have to pay property, tangibles and inventory taxes. Those will be due this year since the sale was actually completed in 2018

Additionally, the sellers negotiated a deal that will

Cunningham told The Sun.

But he has no plans to move from the area.

"I have had a torrid love affair with the people of west Kentucky all my life," he told the newspaper. "They're special, and I'd like to be able to serve them in some capacity. I just don't know what that is right now."

Selecting a replacement

Leigh Anne Hiatt, a public information officer with the Administrative Office of the Courts, told The Crittenden Press that a judicial nominating commission (JNC) will assist Bevin in the appointment process.

Hospital timeline A brief history of Crittenden County Hospital/Critten-

den Health Systems:

- December 1942: Articles of incorporation filed to form Crittenden County Hospital.

July 21, 1944: Crittenden County Hospital opens on North Walker Street across from Fohs Hall.

- Nov. 5, 1968: County voters approve construction of new hospital 2,357-633.

1970: Hospital property purchased for \$18,122.

May 16, 1972: Hospital opens at its current location on West Gum Street.

Aug. 15, 1972: Taxing district established to levy 14 cents per \$100 of valuation on real and tangible property to pay off \$650,000 in bonds issued to fund construction and furnishing the new hospital.

- 1986: Final bond payment made from hospital tax revenue, and tax was removed.

- Summer 1994: Crittenden County Hospital name changed to Crittenden Health Systems (CHS).

- Aug. 1, 2009: CHS board ends almost 20-year association with Quorum Health Resources to manage the hospital.

June 2013: The first procedure is performed in a more than \$4 million surgical wing added to CHS. Taxpayers have not been responsible for any of that cost.

- Oct. 3, 2017: CHS board hires Rural Hospital Group to manage hospital system.

Late summer 2018: Rural Hospital Group-Consolidated (RHG-C) expresses an interest in purchasing CHS operations and property.

- Oct. 18, 2018: Following fiscal court approval to sell the land and buildings to RHG-C, CHS Board of Directors agree to deal to sell hospital operations.

December 2018: RHG-C takes ownership of hospital operations and grounds.

Jan. 1, 2019: Facility's name officially changed to Crittenden Community Hospital.

require the new owners to maintain certain services for at least three years. Those are home health, family practice medicine, internal medicine, surgery, ear, nose and throat specialist, clinical and anatomical pathology, pharmacy services, cardiac neurology, pulmonary function diagnostic testing, acute inpatient beds, private rooms with a licensed capacity for 44 beds, roundthe-clock full-time emergency room, obstetrical and nursery services

The justice described

"The people of west

Kentucky for 40 years

have put food on my table,

they've sent my kids to col-

lege, they've put a roof over

my head. I may not have

always been good, but

praise for Cunningham as

both jurist and individual.

people I know," he said.

Stout has nothing but

"Bill is one of the finest

Fifth Judicial Circuit

Judge Rene Williams also

has high praise for the re-

they never got cheated."

his decision to leave the

court as sad but neces-

as needed in emergencies, pediatric services, cardiology services, cardio pulmonary (respiratory) services, laboratory and imaging services, including ultrasound, fluoroscopy, radiology, CT, nuclear medicine, MRI, mammography, bone denstereotactic sitometry, breast biopsy and angiography, rehabilitation services including physical and occupational, inpatient and outpatient surgery, endoscopy and nursing/swing skilled beds.

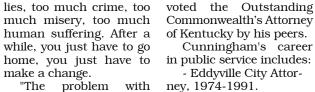
has been a strong supporter and advocate any time we have called upon him for any concerns or needs we have had.

"He truly represents what being a 'gentleman lawyer and judge' really means. He has always treated people with fairness and respect in every position he has held; as a practicing attorney, prosecutor, circuit judge and supreme court justice. I appreciate his years of public service, and it has been an honor to call him a colleague and friend.

"I wish only the best for he and Paula and his en-

Continued from Page 1 State Penitentiary, and he make a change. was the Commonwealth Attorney for the 56th Circuit. It was a tremendous

experience.' Cunningham, who lives in Kuttawa with wife Paula, has served 12 years on the Supreme Court, having been elected to represent 24 far western Kentucky counties in November of 2006, then was re-elected to another eight-year term in 2014. He and Chief Justice John D. Minton, Jr., are the two



"The problem with today is people don't know how to let go. They don't know what that is. I hope that I do.'

Cunningham was also a regular contributor to area newspapers, including The Crittenden Press.

"His guest commentaries in the local newspapers were spot on," Stout said of his columns that would often reflect upon historic events or trends in

longest-serving members of the court.

The justice, who is also an area historian and author, elaborated on his decision during an interview with The Paducah Sun and called the decision to leave office one of the "hardest decisions I've ever made," something he considered for 14-16 months.

"Retire is not in my vocabulary," Cunningham said. "That's why you didn't see that (word in the you statement). But, know, you stay too long, and after a while, you've seen too many tortured and battered children, too many dysfunctional fami-

today's culture.

Life of public service

Cunningham, who earned his bachelor's degree from Murray State University in 1962 and his juris doctor from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1969, began his career in public service just five years later as Eddyville City Attorney. He would go on to serve in numerous judicial capacities, including Commonwealth's Attorney and judge for the 56th Judicial Circuit that includes Livingston, Caldwell, Lyon and Trigg counties. As a state prosecutor, he was

- 56th Judicial Circuit Judge, 1992-2007.

- 1st District Kentucky Supreme Court justice, 2007-2019.

"As a prosecutor, judge and supreme court justice, he always dealt with litigants and counsel with the utmost dignity and respect," Stout said.

He is also a U.S. Army veteran, having served in Germany, Korea and Vietnam.

"I'm at the point where I don't think I'm at my best and the people of west Kentucky deserve my best, and I can't give that to them any more in this job, so that's why I'm leaving,"

"The governor will make the appointment once the JNC recommends three candidates," Hiatt said in an email. "If the person appointed to the seat wants to seek election to this position, he or she would need to run for office in the next election, which is in 2019."

Stout, who spoke with Cunningham after his announcement, said his exit from public service will allow him to spend more time with his family.

"He is a devoted husband, father and grandfather," Stout said. "Bill told me that his retirement was a Christmas gift to his wife. That is pure Bill Cuntiring justice.

ningham."

sary.

"Justice Cunningham will certainly be missed in the entire state and legal community and especially in Crittenden and Webster counties," she said. "He

tire family the best as he begins this new chapter of his life. Job well done!"

(Editor's note: The Paducah Sun and Kentucky Today contributed to this story.)

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Salvation views differ from that of paper columnist To the editor

First off, I want to say that I respect Sis. Lucy Tedrick, her dedication and her Christian service to the community. I consider her a friend and sister-in-Christ. I would, however, like to visit the issue of "Once saved, always saved" and the loss of salvation issue she wrote of recently in her newspaper column.

When you hear "once saved, always saved," one might think, "I walked the aisle, I said a prayer, shook the preacher's hand, was sprinkled, splashed or dunked and, Yippee!, I can do whatever I want, and I'm saved." I want to be quick to point out that is cheap grace and not salvation. Receiving the gift of salvation is being made new (the old self is put away) and you follow the Lord with all your heart, mind and soul.

You see, being saved is

LETTERS

a heart, mind and soul issue.

There's a question you have to ask when thinking God takes back what only He can give. What's the line that must be crossed? We like to think of sin and use a sliding scale as if some sins are greater than others, and well, my sin is not as bad as that sin.

So where do you draw the line? All sin is sin, so who decides where the line of salvation is lost? That's something between the heart, the individual and God.

We as Christians should be Christ-like. The real concern for me is how many people of all denominations and faiths walk the aisle, say the prayer and get baptized will be surprised when they meet their maker and hear, "Depart from me, I do not know you."

Our churches are empty, needs are going unmet, Christian love has been tossed aside for judgment, and as goes the church, so goes the world.

Commitment has been replaced by convenience. Families, which are the very core of society, are a mess. Christians are AWOL or not actively supporting the church, serving the needs and growing in grace and knowledge to effectively share the good news.

Jesus Christ died on that cross for each and every person. He scans the horizon for each prodigal child. Ephisians 2:8-10 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

It's called the gift of eternal life. Not the gift of until you mess up. Accept His gift and walk out in your faith because the fields are plentiful and the workers are few.

Donna Girten Marion, Ky.



Fiscal court holds off on purchase of ambulance

STAFF REPORT

In what was the final meeting for five outgoing magistrates with almost 40 years of combined experience, Crittenden Fiscal Court delayed buying a new ambulance but moved to scrap another.

As part of an agreement with Com-Care Inc., the private company that took over management of Crittenden EMS on June 1 of last year, the county pledged to purchase two new vehicles for the ambulance service. One has already been purchased, and Com-Care had approached the court hoping for a decision at the Dec. 20 meeting.

But the fiscal court, which also contributes \$250,000 in annual subsidy from local taxpayers, was hesitant for multiple reasons to pull the trigger on a 2010 Ford Econoline with 80,000 miles being sold for \$31,600. The major concern, however, is the engine on the vehicle, a 6liter diesel that Magistrate Curt Buntin said had a bad reputation.

The ambulance has already been purchased by Com-Care, but the company is requesting the county purchase the vehicle for use with Crittenden EMS. The county already has \$20,000 in grant money to go toward the purchase of a new ambulance.

In an email to Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, Com-Care President Jim Duke described the Ford as in "very good shape."

"We have had a Ford dealer go through the truck and correct any problems they could find," Duke wrote.

Magistrates also expressed confusion over the desire to put another diesel in service, as Com-Care has previously expressed an interest in only gas engines.

Magistrates opted to hold off on the purchase until speaking with Duke further, ultimately handing it over to an entirely new fiscal court that has now been seated. Newcom expects that meeting to come in open session either at Monday's special meeting or the regular meeting on Jan. 17.

Meantime, the money made from the sale of another ambulance no longer used by Com-Care will go into county coffers. Magistrates opted to surplus the vehicle currently sitting on Farmers Bank & Trust Co.'s parking lot next to Crittenden County Detention Center. It will be listed for sale with an online auction site.

In other action last month:

- Magistrates awarded various bids for materials and services related to road upkeep. Crown Paving, the only bidder, was awarded the bid for chip seal. Aggregate bids from both Rogers Group and LaFarge were taken. Rogers Group was also awarded a paving bid along with Central Paving of Paducah. Liberty Fuels' bids for fuel and oil were both accepted. And Belt Construction was the only bidder for snow and debris removal assistance.

- Yvette Martin was named solid waste coordinator for the county, replacing Sue Padget, who has retired.

- The fiscal court delayed accepting \$21,207 in insurance reimbursement for storm damage to the Caldwell Springs Volunteer Fire Department headquarters. The hesitation lay in the fact that the building has been under construction for a couple of years and was never completed. Magistrates wanted to wait until speaking with department leadership and gaining a guarantee that the building would be finished if the money is released by the fiscal court to the fire department.

Detention center report

Crittenden County Detention Center revenue in November surpassed \$200,000, according to last month's jail report presented to Crittenden Fiscal Court by Jailer Robbie Kirk. The jail in 2018 consistently produced in excess of \$200,000 in monthly revenue. The jail, including the 39-bed restricted custody center, has 172 regular beds. Kirk said the jail currently employees 43 people and that the jail now requires only \$217,000 in annual taxpayer subsidies, down from about \$800,000 when he took office in 2015.

Inmate count as of Dec. 20

State inmates		
Federal inmates	58	
Other counties	5	
Crittenden County	14	
Total inmates		206
Weekenders/work release	2	
Out to court	2	
Actual total inmate bed count		210

November housing income

State housing		.\$121,630.54
Housing days	3,881	
Daily housing rate	\$31.34	
Federal housing		\$77,851.00
Federal transport payments		
Housing days	1,673	
Daily housing rate	\$42.00	
Other county housing		\$4,736.00
Housing days	148	
Daily housing rate	\$32.00	
Weekend/work release		\$192.00
Housing days	6	
Daily housing rate	\$32.00	
Total housing		\$211,994.54



Officials sworn in

Most elected officials and their staffs were sworn in at a ceremony Dec. 21 conducted by 5th Judicial Circuit Judge Rene Williams in the upstairs courtroom at Crittenden County Courthouse. At top left, Sheriff Wayne Agent (right) and (from left) field deputies Ray Agent and Chuck Hoover and office Deputy Mandi Harrison take the oath of office from Williams. Above right, County Clerk Carolyn Byford (center) is sworn in alongside (from left) Natalie Morrison, Sandra Dickerson, Brynna McDowell and Cindy Teer. Donna Shuecraft, not pictured, was sworn in earlier. At left, (from left) Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill was sworn in with deputies Reagan Parrent, Crystal Carr, Donna Knox, Lisa Beard and Lindsay Morrison.

Livingston man accused of triple homicide

MURRAY LEDGER & TIMES

Kentucky State Police Post 1 said Sunday that autopsy examinations in Louisville confirmed that three people who died the night of Dec. 21 in Livingston County succumbed to gunshot wounds.

In a news release, KSP Lt. Dean Patterson said examinations on the victims – January Stone, 38, of Grand Rivers, Robert Belt Jr., 28, of Burna, and Johnny Mallory, 49, of Paducah – showed that they all died from multiple wounds to their bodies. All three were discovered deceased Dec. 21 inside a residence on Stringtown Road near Grand Rivers.

The person accused of causing their deaths, 29year-old Jackie Doom of Grand Rivers, remains in custody at the McCracken County Jail Paducah on a \$3 million bond, Patterson said. He is charged with three counts of murder. His next court appearance will be a probable cause hearing in Livingston County District Court in Smithland. The hearing will determine if there is probable cause for the case to be bound to the circuit court.

KSP Post 1 Master Trooper Jay Thomas said KSP received a call about a deceased person at a residence on Stringtown Road at about 8:18 p.m. Friday. After responding to the scene, troopers discovered three people inside the residence, all of whom appeared to have gunshot wounds, he said. The Livingston County Coroner's Office pronounced all three deceased at the scene.

Shortly after KSP re- c ceived the call on String-

town, Thomas said the Livingston County Sheriff's Department received a call from a person claiming to have knowledge of multiple people being killed. Livingston deputies responded and detained a man, later identified as Doom. Thomas said KSP detectives then interviewed Doom and, after interviewing him, they charged Doom.



KSP raffling Corvette Stingray for Trooper Island

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky State Police are featuring a true American icon this year to support their Trooper Island Camp for disadvantaged children. The agency is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a new 2019 Corvette Stingray Coupe.

Born and bred at GM's assembly plant in Bowling Green, this legendary sports car is cloaked in a torch red exterior with a jet black leather interior. It's equipped with a 6.2 liter V8 engine that provides up to 460 hp, an eight-speed paddle-shift automatic transmission, a removable carbon fiber roof panel and a driver-focused cockpit full of enhanced technology.

A full list of features and equipment can be found online at https://goo.gl/1Sj9sj. To



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Kentucky State Police are featuring a true American icon this year to support their Trooper Island Camp for disadvantaged children. The agency is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a new 2019 Corvette Stingray Coupe.

view a 90-second video about the car, visit https://youtu.be/ r8WH5X8z9Lc

Tickets are \$10 each and will be available at any KSP post or CVE region office located throughout the state. Tickets are now available to be purchased online by debit or credit card payment on the internet at https://goo.gl/ yv9wKQ.They can be purchased at the KSP booth at the Farm Machinery Show at the Kentucky Exposition Center Feb. 13-16 as well.

Only 25,000 tickets will be sold. The winning ticket will be drawn on Aug. 25, 2019, at the Kentucky State Fair. Ticket holders do not have to be present at the drawing to win. Raffle winner is responsible for all tax and license fees.

Trooper Island is a free summer camp for disadvantaged boys and girls age 10-12 operated by the Kentucky State Police on Dale Hollow Lake in Clinton County. It is financed entirely by donations, no public funds are used. Each year, the camp hosts approximately 700 children, providing good food, fresh air, recreation, guidance and structured, esteem-building activities designed to build good citizenship and positive relationships with law enforcement officers.

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Friday crash claims 4th traffic fatality of 2018

A local man died in a single-vehicle traffic accident shortly after 11 p.m. Friday night in southern Crittenden County near the Caldwell County line. The crash occurred about a mile north of Fredonia.

Raymond "Rick" Price, 58, was traveling north on Ky. 91 South when for unknown reasons his 2005 Ford Explorer left the roadway and overturned. Price was ejected from the SUV. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Crittenden Coroner Brad County Gilbert.

Price was not wearing a seat belt.

He is survived by a wife and a son. (See obituary,

As of press time Monday, this was the fourth fa-

tality in as manydeadly Crittenden County crashes this year and the second in December. In 2017, four people also died in four fatal accidents.

The most recent 2018 figures avail-

Price

able from the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) indicate 674 people had died on commonwealth roadways through Dec. 17, well off last year's pace when 757 fatalities occurred. However, on average, two Kentuckians per day die on the state's roads. According to KOHS, 330

of the victims were not wearing proper safety restrains - seatbelt or helmet

including 63 percent of motorcycle fatalities. Sixty-seven victims were pedestrians. Twelve percent of fatal crashes involved alcohol, claiming 80 lives.

Crittenden The County Sheriff's Department is investigating

Price's accident. Assisting at the scene were Crittenden EMS. Crittenden County Volunteer Fire De-Crittenden partment, County Rescue Squad, Crittenden County Emergency Management and Crittenden County constables

Crittenden man still recovering from serious tractor accident

A Crittenden County man seriously injured in a tractor accident at his home Dec.19 is continuing to improve, but remains under professional care at Vanderbilt University Center Medical in Nashville, Tenn.

Joe Heady, 83, got caught beneath a running Ford tractor in a barn behind his house. The tractor pinned him to the ground, spinning in the

same spot after pushing against the side of the barn. A friend, Danny Gibson, stopped by to drop off Christmas ham for а Heady, who is a widower and lives alone on Crittenden Springs Road less than a mile from U.S. 60 West. Gibson heard the tractor running in the shed and found Heady trapped under a rear tire.

Crittenden EMS and other first responders freed him, and Heady was

taken by Air Evac Lifeteam to the Nashville hospital.

His injuries were serious and multiple. He lost his right arm from just above the elbow and had nine broken ribs and a fractured neck. Friends and relatives call him a "tough man" and say it's a miracle he survived the mishap.

Heady is believed to have been underneath the tractor for an hour before Gibson found him.

CHURCH

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for surviving."

As a chaplain at Fort Campbell who lived in Hopkinsville, Carter said Pastor Michael Britton was driving a long distance for Sunday services for as few as three worshippers.

"It was hard on him," she said. "We got to where we believed the best thing we could do is close it."

Marion Christian Church is just the latest in a string of once prominent churches that have closed their doors over the last couple decades.

"It's at least the fourth church that has gone down in Marion of late,"



Marion Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on West Bellville Street hosted its final service Sunday. Former



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Ridley recognized

Outgoing District 4 state Sen. Dorsey Ridley (left), D-Henderson, speaks after being recognized for his 14 years of service by Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom Dec. 22 at the annual Christmas dinner at Crittenden County Courthouse. Robby Mills, R-Henderson, narrowly defeated Ridley in the November election to represent Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Union, Webster and Henderson counties in the Kentucky Senate the next four years. Ridley had served as senator for the western Kentucky district since 2004.



prescription medications isn't the best way to help.

The risks of sharing prescription medicines:

Carter recalled.

Steve Davidson, a former member who grew up in the church and later raised his own children under its roof, said the church remained financially strong. But other factors painted a bleak future.

"Churches survive by how they develop the youth," Davidson said from his home in Reidland. "There were just no more young people to come along and carry the torch."

He and his wife Carlin, who also married in the building, visited their old church Sunday. Though it was cause for a somber occasion, those in attendance instead chose to celebrate the church's decades of saving souls, healing wounded ones and carrying out good works in the name of Christianity.

"It was a sad day, but a day of celebration, too," he said. "That church has had an influence on many people."

What happens with the historic building is uncertain. A small group of the last members to

veighing what the toric building, which was constructed in 1874.

worship at the church are still mulling options. They may give it away as a home for an new congregation or find another purpose altogether for public good.

"We're working on two or three things and hope that it goes in the right direction," Carter said. "It's sad. I just don't like seeing buildings of any kind sit there and fall in on themselves.'

But that may not happen anytime soon.

"The building is in great shape," Davidson added. "Hopefully, somebody will take that building. We'd love to see it used as a church."

The house of worship was built by a Methodist congregation 144 years ago on the site of a former Native American settlement and subsequent jail, according to research by the late Carson Davidson, who along with is wife Helen raised their son Steve in the Christian Church. But the permitted Methodists Marion Christian Church to meet there at the same time. Then, the Disciples of Christ purchased the structure for themselves at \$1,250.

Waning attendance led the Christian Church to disband 14 years later. It sat void of parishioners for almost a decade, when in 1938 Marion Baptist Church began using it. It was used by the Baptist congregation until November 1944, when it was sold to Tucker and Franklin Funeral Home.

Around that time, the Disciples of Christ rekindled a desire to reform their congregation and purchased it from the funeral home. It was rededicated as a Christian Church on Sept. 7, 1947, and had been home to the congregation since.

Davidson said it served as the church home to many community stalwarts throughout its history.

A small group will be meeting Sunday to decide further on what to do the with building.





Chasing PC leaves one cold, outside of God's joy

What a difference a worldview makes, and the Christand New Year's mas celebrations bring that clearly into view. Your two worldview choices are basically God-centered or human-centered and I contend that

the God centered worldview the only is choice that carries with it joy. The words of

the angel in 2:10-11 Luke attest to that Mark belief; "Then the **GIRTEN** angel said to Guest columnist them, 'Do not be Pastor's afraid, for be- Pen hold, I bring you good tidings of

great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ The Lord."

The whole God-centered worldview is wrapped up in those wonderful words that go way beyond a babe in a manger. And they carry "great joy" with them.

What do you get with the other worldview, the humancentered view? Paul answered that question in Romans 1:21, 28, saying, "... although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened and even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate (debased) mind, to do those things which are not fitting."

According to God by way of the Apostle Paul, such a human-centered worldview produces futile thoughts from a debased mind and darkened foolish heart, and that comes from a failure to acknowledge and honor God.

Need proof? I give you exhibit A. The purveyors of political correctness are at it again.

Of course, unfortunately, when are they not at it? Based on my observations and their actions, their mission in life appears to be to suck every ounce of joy out of life that they possibly can.

Allow me to offer a few tidbits of evidence from recent news items. Apparently the P.C. (political correctness) Police decided that the song "Baby, It's Cold Outside" was advocating predatory sexual behavior against women. Never mind that it was written in the 40s, a time when women were generally treated with respect, and romance rather than sex was the main focus. If you don't believe me, take the word of Dean Martin's daughter. She said "Baby It's Cold Outside" was a "sweet, flirty, fun" song and that her dad would have been appalled at the P.C. crowd wanting to censor it.

If that isn't enough to steal your joy, I have a few other "gems" of P.C."wisdom" for you.

How about an attack on the beloved children's Christmas classic TV program, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" for promoting bullying? Or, "A Charlie Brown Christmas," which is apparently too "offensive" due to its recitation of Luke 2:8-14, the real meaning of Christmas. Or, how about talk of a gender-neutral Santa and gingerbread people rather than ginger bread men?

Paul was right when he wrote in Romans 1:22 that "professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible humans....'

What is at the bottom of all this P.C. nonsense? It is simply this: An attempt to push God out of the picture. In the American popular culture, God is being pushed aside.

I offer one more piece of evidence of this that I have noticed recently in current popular TV shows, and it's being done intentionally by the secular humanists producing these new shows. Quite frequently, characters in these shows are making casual remarks that "the universe" has ordained that certain things have happened. That statement, seemingly harmless, is intended to change our thinking from worshiping God to worshiping His creation (which the universe is part). Although many of their agenda items are subtle, God is being treated as not in charge, not Creator and not significant to our lives. Does the worldview you choose matter? You better believe it!

There is joy in a God-centered worldview. God honors those who honor Him.

On the other hand, as you should have determined from what the P.C. Police have to offer, a human-centered worldview offers only the joyless experience of a foolish darkened heart and debased mind. The P.C. crowd who think themselves so smart that they must force you to think just like they do, do not appear very happy to me. "Misery loves company,"

as the old saying goes. The P.C. bullies would like nothing better than to force us all into their miserable mold. They remind me of the European Christmas character Krampus. In their culture he is a devillike character who comes in after Santa leaves and punishes bad little children who misbehave. Krampus takes the naughty list to a whole new level, and so do the P.C. Police.

But we don't have to put up with it. A Kentucky radio station, WAKY, had an answer for the P.C. Police. They played a recorded loop of several versions of "Baby, It's Cold Outside" for two straight hours. And to that I say, "Well done!" Good for them... and us!

Let's all choose the joyful and true God-centered world view... because, baby, it's cold outside God's joy. "Joy to the world, the Lord has come! Let Earth receive her King!" May that attitude take you through this coming year and beyond. Happy (joyful) New Year to all!

Editor's note: Mark Girten, pastor at Crooked Creek Baptist Church, shares his views periodically in this newspaper. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.

It is false to say that all sin and can't live holy

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subject is the Bible and it says, "Without holiness, no one shall see the Lord." Hebrews 12:14.

abides not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abides in the doctrine of Christ, he has both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed." 2nd John 9.10.

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then were all dead; And that he

many more, obviously make this talk of it.

this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret 12:13,14.

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die. When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and dies in them, for his iniquity that he has done shall he die.

transgressions, whereby you pleasure in the death of him that dies, says the Lord God:

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Area Deaths

Barnes

Zola Barnes, 70, of Marion died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018 at Morganfield Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a retired cosmetologist and enjoyed sewing.

Surviving are a daughter, Lisa Manns of Marion: two brothers. Alvin Lucas of Louisville and Oliver Lucas of Breckinridge, Texas; and six grandchildren.

Private family services were planned.

Memorial contributions may be made to Zola Barnes Memorial Fund Whitsell Funeral at Home, PO Box 348, Morganfield, KY 42437.

Tabor

Paul Delmer Tabor Jr., 55, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018 at his home in Burna.

He was a self-employed logger and enjoyed outside activities such as farming, hunting, fishing and camping.

Surviving are his wife of 26 years, Gina Tabor of Burna; a daughter, Samantha Tabor of Bowling Green; sisters, Beverly (Danny) Hunter of Salem, Gloria Guess of Salem, Debbie (Andy) Bryan of Ledbetter, Joan (Greg) Watson of Ledbetter and Sharon (Ronnie) Slayden of Salem; brothers Robert (Deanie) Tabor of Salem, Kenny (Shelia) Tabor of Marion and Larry (Tina) Tabor of Sebree; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Donald, Wayne and John Tabor; and parents Paul Delmer Sr. and Ann Marie DiMarco Tabor.

Services were Thursday, Dec. 27 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was at Old Salem Cemetery.

Kesler

Sara Kathleen Kesler, 30, of Fredonia died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018 at Dea**Winders**

Annalea Winders, 66. Marion, was no doubt ushered into heaven on Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2018 when she passed away at Vanderbilt University Medical Center from complications that followed a brain aneurysm. Her servant heart, gifts of hospitality and music as expressed in her caring attitude and always being there for others will be missed by her many friends and her family.

She was born in Harrisburg, Ill., on Oct. 6, 1952, the third of eight children to the late Warren and Roberta (Lowe) Evans. She graduated from Harrisburg High School and attended Southeastern Illinois College. She was working at Harrisburg Medical Center when she met Nicky Winders whose father was preaching a revival in the area. She married him on Dec. 22, 1973. He preceded her in death in 2013. They have two Bryce Martin sons, Winders and his wife Mandy Browning Winders and their son Chase, and Blair Evan Winders and his son Braxton Winders, all of Marion.

She was a member of the Sturgis General Baptist Church where her husband was pastoring at the time of his death, and where Annalea has played the piano or organ for more than 30 years. She and Nicky traveled to many churches in Kentucky and Illinois during

their times holding revivals and gospel music singings,

the love of Jesus to many families. She was the clerk for the West Kentucky Association of General Baptists. She retired after more than 40 years in the Medical Records Department at Crittenden Hospital. She had many church and work friends and was a friend to many during her years here on Earth. Annalea was a sports mom in every way. She has packed the car and many bags over the years with all of the things necessary for comfort to go to many home and away games, including baseball, basketball, football, golf and even swim team competitions for Bryce, Blair and Braxton. Surviving are five siblings and a large extended family, which she adored. They include two sisters, Marilyn and Jim Ellis and Regina and Stanley Rowlen, all of Harrisburg; three brothers, Daniel and wife Nancy Evans, Wesley and wife Beth Evans and Jonathan and wife Jamie Evans, all of Harrisburg; 10 nieces and nephews and their families, Natalie (Bradly) Chang, Emily (Adam) Ward, Chris (Amy) Evans, Ben (Stephanie) Evans, J.D. (Tarah) Evans, Rachel

Evans, Ashley Evans, and Austin Evans; many great nieces and great nephews; a mother-inlaw, Dottie Winders of Marion; brother-in-law Rev. Barry (Carmen) Winders of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and sisterin-law Candy (Doug) Patton of Cave-in-Rock, Ill., and their children, Justin and Tracy Patton, Melissa and Chris Page, and Libby and Dylan Mc-Cutcheon.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was proceeded in death by her sister, Rosemary Evans; a brother, Samuel Evans: and a father-inlaw Rev. David Winders.

A celebration of a life well lived was held Sunday Dec. 30, 2018 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to West Kentucky Association of General Baptists.

Belt

Robert Glen Belt Jr., 28, known as "Little Robert" by his family and called "Bob" by his friends, died Friday, Dec. 21, 2018.

He was a member of Dyer Hill Baptist Church; а 2009 graduate of Livingston

Central High School; and a welder by trade. He enjoyed hunting and the outdoors.

Surviving are daughters, six-year-old Emma Dale and two-year-old McKenzie Marie; his parents, Robert Sr. and Carla Belt; a sister, Amanda (Da) and brother Jacob; maternal grandparents, Paul and Jewell Chittenden: paternal grandparents, Gene and Joyce Belt; several aunts, uncles and cousins; and his long-term companion, Alyssa Mallory.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, George and Christine Chittenden and Tom and Jessie Mae Early; and a younger brother, Daniel Lucas.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 29, 2018 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Bethany McKinney; second wife, Dorothy McKinney; parents, Robert Leon "Bob" McKinney Sr. and Mary Ruth McKinney; and a sister, Shirley Jean McKinney.

Services were Friday, Dec. 28, 2018 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Paradise Cemetery in Smithland.

Maxfield

Paul Fraser Maxfield, 78, of Southgate, Mich., a native of Crittenden County, died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018 at Henry Ford Hospi-

tal in Wyandotte, Mich. Surviving are a sister, Darlene (Gregory) McFarland of Woodhaven, Mich., nephews

and nieces, Gre-Christie, gory, Michelle, Cindy, Elaine and Mike; many greatnieces and nephews; special family members; and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; Joseph Maxfield Jr., Jewel H. "Dood" (Thelma) Maxfield and Clinton (Barbara) Maxfield.

He was born Dec. 12, 1939, the son of Joseph and Irene Adams Maxfield. He graduated from Crittenden County High School in 1958.

For a time he lived in Cadiz and worked with his double cousin Chat Maxfield at Goodwin Funeral Home. Later, he moved to Michigan and began working for Great Lakes Steel as a payroll clerk. While working full time, he earned his business degree from Wayne State University. In 1962, he was drafted into the Army. In 1964, he returned to work at Great Lakes Steel. He also enrolled at Wayne State University again and earned his Bachelor's of Mortuary Science. He retired from Great Lakes Steel in 1994. Upon retirement, he decided to pursue a barbering license and eventually became co-owner of Shear Pleasure in Trenton

and family. He was a member of the VFW. Paul was extremely generous to family, friends and strangers in need, including his support of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Charity.

A celebration of life was previously held in Michigan. On Saturday, Dec. 29, his family was in Marion with local family and friends to gather and celebrate his life and reminiscence at Anna Mae's on Main Restaurant in Marion.

Darnell

James Connie Darnell, 72, of Smithland, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2018 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center of Paducah.

He had worked as a core driller for the federal government.

Surviving are daughters, Patty Joiner of Smithland Peri and Walker of Burna; a niece, Darnell: Penny а nephew, Freddy Darnell; five grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ellis Darnell and Katherine Cockley Darnell.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

Adams

Ricky Stan Adams, 69, of Marion died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2018 at Crittenden Hospital.

He was a member of Freedom General Baptist Church.

Survivors include his son, Stan Adams of Marion; a step-daughter, Jennifer Epley of Marion; sisters, Mary J. Dale of Marion, Jeanette Wright of Madisonville, Neta Wilcox of Marion, Peggy Gass of Marion and Kathy Schroeder of Marion; and grandchildren, Colin and Katie Epley of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Laurie Yates Adams; parents, Harlev and Mima Jean Adams; two brothers; and two sisters.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 29, 2018 at Tabor

Gailya Mae Tabor, 75, of Marion died Dec. 26, 2018 at Crittenden Hospital. She was a member of Seven Springs Baptist Church.

Survivors include her children, Kimberly Ann Hamby of Marion and Vickie Michelle Nichols of Dawson Springs; a brother, Jarvis Stein of Texas; grandchildren, Jessica Hamby, Breann Duncan, Kelsey Brown, Kenny Robinson and Kayla Nichols; and greatgrandchildren. Keifer Watson, Aubrey Duncan, Liam Duncan, Kaitlyn Wood, Braylen Brown, Wyatt Brown and Grayson Robinson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas Tabor; a daughter, Miranda "Mandy" Robinson: parents. Richard Stein and Lenora Keonig; two brothers; and three sisters.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 29, 2018 at Seven Springs Baptist Church. Burial was at Frances Cemetery.

Gilbert Funeral was in charge of arrangements.

Wheeler

D. "Jim" James Wheeler, 89, of Marion died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2018 at his home.

He was a member of Marion United Methodist Church and former Crittenden County Sheriff and Crittenden County Clerk.

Survivors include his wife, Patty J. Wheeler of Marion; a daughter, Dona (Gary) Browning of Kodak, Tenn.; grandsons, Don Crawford of Kodak, Tenn., and James Darren Crawford of Marion; and several nieces and nephews.

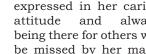
He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Wheeler and Vesta Hughes Wheeler Brown; brothers, Leroy and William Bill Wheeler; sister, Elizabeth Joyce Greene; and a grandson, Michael Browning.

Graveside services were Sunday, Dec. 30 at Mapleview Cemetery.

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coness Midt o w n Hospital in Evansville. She was a Cubs fan, an

avid supporter of Crittenden County athletics, and she enjoyed taking pictures of animals. She held a master's degree in criminal justice and was a substitute teacher for the Crittenden County School District. She was of the Catholic faith.

Surviving are her parents, Michael and Hawley Kesler; a sister, Susan (Richard) Thurmond of Guyton, Ga.; brothers, David Kesler of Fredonia and William (Evette) Kesler of Germany; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

Burial was at Good Hope Cemetery.

McKinney

Robert Leon "Bear" McKinney, 74, of Marion died Monday, Dec. 24, 2018 at Crittenden Hospital.

He was retired from Local 1214 and received his 50-year pin. Survivors

include his children. Beth (Joey) Hackney of Marion and Eugene McKinney of Marion; sister, Stella (Jimmy) Hammonds of Smithland; grandchildren, Shawn, Robbie, Moriah, Emily, Keilah, Gavin and Kaylee; and great-grandchildren, Bradie, Briley, Maddie, Hunter and Andrew.



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Mich. He worked 15 years in his barber shop until his health started to decline in 2015.

He enjoyed fishing, watching sporting events, including the Kentucky Derby, studying history and helping others. He made frequent trips to Kentucky to visit friends

Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Hurricane Cemetery.

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Thompson

Sarah Isabelle McMican Thompson, 90, died Friday, Dec. 21, 2018 at her home in Frankfort.

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Mill

Services for Mrs. Thompwere held at Peaks Christian Church on Thursday,

Dec. 27 with Pastor Ronnie McKinney officiating. Burial was at Peaks Mill Cemetery. The family received friends at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2018 and at Peaks Mill Christian Church on Thursday, Dec. 27.

Thompson was born in Marion on March 17, 1928, to the late Milan D. and Nellie Irene Postlethweight McMican.

She was married to James Jackson Smither Thompson, who also preceded her in death. She retired from the federal government Department of Fish Hatcheries after serving many years as a secretary. In addition, alongside her husband, she was a homemaker and farm wife for most of her life. As a godly woman, she was an active member of Peaks Mill Christian Church, and enjoyed attending Sunday school classes.

With a love for her community, she was involved with many church activities and local organizations. Thompson was blessed with a big heart, and gave an open invitation to all who wished to visit with her. With a nature for caring, loving, and providing, she was truly a mother to many. Above all, she loved her family, and was a loving grandmother. mother, and friend.

She is survived by her beloved children, Eddie Thompson (Marcella), Jackie Sue Phillips (Henry), Tommy Thompson (Marsha) and Randy Thompson (Judy); a sister, Jackie Nell McMican; grandchildren, Ryan, Ben, David, Ross, and Drew Thompson, Melissa Milligan, Kate Greenwell, Lauren Hightower, Jennifer Quarles and Jack and Will Phillips. She was also blessed with 28 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was also preceded in death by her brothers, James, Keith and M.D.; sisters, Phyllis McMican and Mary Kearl; and by one grandson, Lloyd Edmond.

Serving as pallbearers were her grandsons. pallbearers Honorary were her granddaughters.

Memorials may be made to Peaks Mill Christian Church or Peaks Mill Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home. Condolences may be shared via the online guestbook at www.harrodbrothers.com

Tabor

Sue M. Tabor, 80, of Paducah died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2018 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center.

She attended Smithland Second Baptist

Church. Surviving three are daughters, Debbie Stainback, Betty Davis

and Cindy Wring; two sons, Gary Tabor Jr. and Steven Tabor, all of Paducah; three sisters, Mary Charlotte Pugh of Marion, Zoe Davis of Ledbetter, and Pauline Willings of Paducah; a brother, Donald Pugh of Marion; 22 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Silas Tabor; a daughter, Sandra Chestnut; a son, Danny Tabor; two sisters, Barbara Pugh and Velda Henderson; two brothers, Harry Pugh and Virgil Pugh Sr; and her parents, Virgil and Agnes Millikan Pugh.

Services were Sunday, Dec. 30 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem. Burial was at Salem Cemetery.

Hunt

Stephen Duane Hunt, 65, of Marion died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2018 at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

He was a member of Greenville First Baptist Church and the Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Hunt of Marion; and a daughter, Melissa Hunt Tabor of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Denzil and Virginia Sivells Hunt.

Services were Monday, Dec. 31, 2018 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Hurst

Jerry Otto Hurst, 78, of Owensboro, died on

Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2018. He was born Dec. 3, 1940 in Princeton to

the late William Otto and Imogene Hill Hurst and

grew up in Sheridan in Church, P.O. Box 904, Crittenden County.

He was a member of Baptist Church First where he was in the Maverick Sunday School class. Hurst retired from Peabody Coal Company where he worked as a superintendent for the preparation plant and was a millwright for Local 1080. He enjoyed showing his 1980 Corvette at car shows and cruise-ins and was a member of the of Corvette Lovers Owensboro.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Nancy Tobin Hurst; his daughters, Jeannene Hurst, Jennifer Hurst and Michelle Hurst; а brother, Larry Hurst (Angie); a sister-in-law, Jean Stone; a niece, Bridgette Porter: nephews, Steve Stone (Ann) and Mike Stone; several great-nieces and nephews; and two greatgreat-nephews.

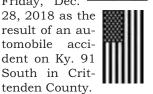
Services will be at 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 4, 2019 in the chapel at James H. Davis Funeral Home & Crematory in Owensboro. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion. Visitation is from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursday and from 9 to 11 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist

Owensboro, KY 42302 or Daviess County Special Olympics, P.O. Box 764, Owensboro KY, 42301.

Price

Raymond Ricky Howard Price, 58, of Marion died Friday, Dec. 28, 2018 as the result of an automobile accident on Ky. 91 South in Crit-



He was a veteran of the United States Navy.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Price of Marion; his mother, Carol Hardin of Salem; a son, Mike Miller of Rocky Mount, Va.; a brother, Scott Price of Marion; a sister, Diana Peek of Marion; several grandchildren and greatgrandchildren; stepson, Brandon Lynch of Cadiz; and a stepdaughter, Lisa Russell of Owensboro.

He was preceded in death by his father, Melvin Price; and two stepdaughters.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be at Frances Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m., on the day of the funeral at Myers Funeral Home.

Remembering Each of Those We Lost in 2018

Each January, The Crittenden Press remembers those we lost the previous year. Following are the names, ages and date of death of those whose obituaries were submitted to our newspaper in 2018:

January

Jody Lee Starrett, 48, Jan. 2. Charles William McMican, 76, Jan. 3. Murray Glenn Davidson Sr., 75, Jan. 5. Donald Eugene Hooten, 89, Jan. 6. Mary Louise (Stone) Travis, 92, Jan. 6. Kenneth Dwayne Beavers, 85, Jan. 9. Donald Paul Farmer, 64, Jan. 10. Gladys Belt, 88, Jan. 11. Reta Mae Beavers, 67, Jan. 11. Patricia "Patsy" O'Bryan, 78, Jan. 11. Caroline Margaret Brown, 77, Jan. 13. Doris Elaine Berry Henshaw McWorthy, 87, Jan. 14. Yvonne Delores Hall, 62, Jan. 14. Wilma Phelps, 91, Jan. 14. Robert Lavon Rushing, 65, Jan. 17. Kay Vinson Lundstrom, 79, Jan. 16. Ida Sue Railey Werick, 80, Jan. 19. Hayden Bernard Wood, 80, Jan. 19. Paul Andrew Simmons, Jr, 61, Jan. 19. Wayne Allen Prowell, 76, Jan. 20. Michael J. Campbell, 54, Jan. 20. Maurice Gray Corley, 96, Jan. 22. Roger Dale Lindsey, 38, Jan. 24. Lynn Boyd Bridwell, 78, Jan. 25. Dolores Janette Travis, 76, Jan. 26. Lois Corley Sheffield, 78, Jan. 27. Bertie Thomas, 100, Jan. 29.

Andy "Billy" Lowe, 60, March 15. Ralph H. Morrow, 93, March 18. Charles Kent Gillihan, 81, March 19. Betty Jane Garner, 85, March 21. Jake Miller Sr., 58, March 22. Marlin Bruce "Butch" Brantley, 68, March 22. Daniel John Helmkamp, 85, March 26. Celia M. Anderson, 105, March 26. Helen Moore, 99, March 26. Walter D. "Dickie" McDonald, 74, March 27. Naomi Wright, 81, March 29.

April

David Orlan Fritts, 95, April 6. Edna Grace (Sholar) Loveless, 95, April 10. Ralph Raymond Driver, 80, April 11. Sandra Kay Jacobs, 65, April 12. Willard D. "Mac" McKinney, 63, April 13. Mary Ellen Thomas, 77, April 14. Sharon Rogers Owen, 54, April 14. Robert L. Holloman, 81, April 16 Joyce E. Haegelin, 79, April 19. Anna F. "Sissy" Stone, 79, April 23. Charles Gilbert Tabor, 76, April 25. William C. "Bill" Fox, 83, April 29. Neil Thomas Decker, 64, April 29. Bonnie June Martin, 84, April 30. Betty French Sullenger, 89, April 30.

Anna "Ruth" Bohman, 94, June 25. Patsy Franklin, 83, June 27. Johnna Vic Butler, 56, June 27. Gary Benton Armstrong, 82, June 29. Thomas Newton King, 60, June 30.

July

Mildred Underdown Delaplane, 84, July 3. James Todd Brown, 89, July 3. Ricky E. Jepsen, 60, July 6. Nancy Lucille Rinard, 68, July 6. Rayford Burklow, 66, July 7. Ruby Crowell, 73, July 10. Martha Lavina Beauvallier, 89, July 10. Jeanetta Gail Newcomb, 79, July 12. Dollie Lee Tinsley, 68, July 13. Diana Jual Byford, 65, July 16. Carol "CR" Herrin, 87, July 17. Bonnie Ruth Ballard, 74, July 19. Stanley "Steamer" Ross Long, 56, July 20. George E. Barnes, 86, July 22. Richard Cruce, 82, July 22. Richard S. Small, 83, July 26. Gordon Dowell Geary, 83, July 27. Deborah Sue Lewis, 65, July 30. Claud Cooper Jr., 90, July 31. Claudene Epley Leet, 71, July 31.

Jerry "Squeaky" Wisdom, 58, Oct. 5. William Franklin Hillyard, 69, Oct. 5. Blanche Lucille Hearell, 92, Oct. 6. Robert Earl Hopkins, 75, Oct. 9. Shirley Jean Fowler, 76, Oct. 11. Margaret Ann Hrapeck, 84, Oct. 12. Harold Loyd Crouch, 85, Oct. 14. Lois Jean Hosick, 72, Oct. 18. Michael "Mickki" Thompson, 46, Oct. 23. Betty Lee Lynn, 82, Oct. 27. Betty Joyce Kirk, 88, Oct. 28. Donna C. Orr, 71, Oct. 28. Dallas Miniard, 68, Oct. 29.

November

Mary Evelyn Ordway, 95, Nov. 2. Doris Grant, 77, Nov. 2. Ricky Lee Ramage, 56, Nov. 3. Patricia (Maholland) Fletcher, 71, Nov. 3. Connie Lee Majors Polston, 80, Nov. 4. Harry Verneial Easley, 87, Nov. 7. Lottie Clyda Franklin Walker, 94, Nov. 11. Velma "Louise" Thomas, 83, Sunday, Nov. 11. Ronald Wayne "Ron" Banks, 65, Nov. 12. Barry E. Gilbert, 71, Nov. 13. James H. "Bill" Foreman, 94, Nov. 13. Monroe Butler, 93, Nov. 14. Donna Fay Day, 53, Nov. 16. David Adams, 58, Nov. 18. Marie Little, 90, Nov. 18. David Adams, 58, Nov. 18. Robert "Bobby" Walker, 84, Nov. 19. William Earl Clarke, 95, Nov. 19. Joan Garcia, 76, Nov. 23. James "Jim" Dale Walker, 70, Nov. 23. James S. "Jim" Roberson, 78, Nov. 24. Wanda Sue Shewmaker, 88, Nov. 24. Ronnie Cunningham, 75, Nov. 24. James Franklin Mullersman, 86, Nov. 24. Donald Beavers, 84, Nov. 27. Joan D. Fox, 78, Nov. 28. Sylvia Mae Watson, 87, Nov. 28. George Hendrick Harris, 77, Nov. 29. Yvonne Crawford, 83, Nov. 29.

February

Paul Stinnett, 72, Feb. 2. Margaret Tinsley, 66, Feb. 5. Vicki Taylor, 54, Feb. 5. Bonnie Lee McClure Apodaca, 51, Feb. 7. Veronica Gilland, 68, Feb. 8. Dan LaRue, 88, Feb. 10. Durwood Thomas Watkins Jr., 65, Feb. 14. Hollis Gene Brantley, 85, Feb. 14. James "Herschel" Belt, 81, Feb.15. Martha Evelyn Keeling, 82, Feb. 17. Wayne Keeling, 86, Feb. 17. Peggy Ann Brosnihan, 66, Feb. 18. Donald Wayne Radcliffe, 77, Feb. 19. Mollie Marie Chambliss, 93, Feb. 21. Shirley Jean Bartley, 67, Feb. 22. Libby Werne, 58, Feb. 22. Margaret M. Christopher, 95, Feb. 23. Dorothy Gilland Crawford, 92, Feb. 23. Patricia Gale Anderson, 74, Feb. 24.

March

Charles Thomas Wilson, 72, March 1. Geneva Marie Matheny, 89, March 1. Johnie Allen Travis, 87, March 2. Phyllis Kay Millikan, 71, March 2. Joe Glenn Curry, 86, March 3. Harry Richard Black, 49, March 3. Jacqueline Ellingham, 70, March 5. Charles Willard Enoch Jr., 49, March 6. Bettie Babb Love, 96, March 7. Jack C. Dodson, 77, March 8. Cena Mae Cobb, 81, March 11. Peggy Hodge Deen, March 11. Claude Morgan Mills, 75, March 11. Darlene King, 59, March 13. Boyce Moodie III, 83, March 14.

May

Ralph Dale Young, 85, May 2. Leva D. Shelby, 94, May 2. John Scott Gregory, 74, May 5. Chester Wayne Brown, 81, May 8. Phillip Ray Ramage, 65, May 10. Nancy Dianne York, 74, May 10. George Brian Belt, 46, May 11. Louise Kayse, 95, May 13. Bobby Joe "Drop" Lewis, 75, May 14. John William Woodall, Sr., 73, May 14. Jason Ira Norris, 44, May 14. Carl "Denny" Harris, 66, May 15. Alfred Deon Tabor, 75, May 16. David Allen Flanary, 82, May 18. William Leon Belt, 71, May 19. William Leon Belt, 71, May 19. Patricia Lynn "Patti" Stalion, 69, May 20. Ozella Lorene Bailey, 93, May 20. Wanda Gail (Smith) Miller, 69, May 22. James Edward Champion Jr., 73, May 22. Karen Rebecca "Becky" Cook, 68, May 23. Loleta Enoch, 83, May 23. Micaela Knight, 70, May 26. Georgia Voncille Hoover, 73, May 29. Keith Guess, 81, May 30.

June

James Randall Blackburn, 51, July 1. Helen Ruth Clark Hughes, 88, June 3. James T. "Bud" Allen, 85, June 5. Virginia Kirk, 91, June 6. Billy Joe Rushing, 83, June 7. George Wesmoland, 74, June 7. Loretta Lynn Glover, 45, June 8. James E. Robertson, 90, June 11. Jack Russell Richardson, 77, June 13. Kenneth C. Drennan, 101, June 16. Pauline Brown, 95, June 17. Randel Lee Ramage, 80, June 17. Charles Avery Lower Sr., 80, June 18. Dorothy Binkley, 89, June 18. Edgar D. Baker, 81, June 21. Naona Ordway 84, June 22.

August

Martha E. Beavers, 84, Aug. 2. Herbert "Herb" Tucker, 77, Aug. 5. Kathleen "Kathy" Buchanan, 63, Aug. 6. Muriel Sosebee, 95, Aug. 6. Wanda Faye Guess, 75, Aug. 10. Ralph Edward Owen, 72, Aug. 11. Edwin W. "Bart" Johnson, 91, Aug. 12. James A. Huffaker, 83, Aug. 13. Lloyd Brazell Jr., 93, Aug. 14. Kenneth Holifield, 67, Aug. 14. Edward Cason Williams, 82, Aug. 14. Terrie Lynn Clinton, 56, Aug. 18. Jonathan Allen, 34, Aug. 18. Bernice Eloise Jennings, 84, Aug. 22. Louise Kitchens, 86, Aug. 23. Robert Earl Diehl Jr., 54, Aug. 24. Dannie Joel Timmons, 77, Aug. 25. Grace Coleman Barr, 90, Aug. 26. A.C. Hodge, 92, Aug. 30.

September

Nathan DeWayne Hillard, 18 months, Sept. 2. Lindsay Danielle Dickerson, 26, Sept. 2. Waylon DeWayne Hillard, 32, Sept. 2. Kenneth Shelby Belt, 76, Sept. 2. Elouise Howard, 88, Sept. 2. Johnny Dean Kirk, 44, Sept. 2. John C. Sisco, 47, Sept. 6. Gary Edward Cooper, 48, Sept. 7. Judith Willingham, 69, Sept. 13. James Finnie "Red" Crowell, 83, Sept. 14. Lavine Marguerite Campbell, 94, Sept. 16. Peggy Jean Binkley, 77, Sept. 16. Rev. F. Wayne Carter, 63, Sept. 19. Norvel Anthony Greenlee, Jr., 81, Sept. 20. Jackie G. Williams, 80, Sept. 23. Roy Lee Hazel Sr., 59, Sept. 25. Aria Grace Still, infant, Sept. 28. Trudy Alison (Caraway) Cox, 54, Sept. 29. Josephine Johnson Parsons 96, Sept. 30.

October

Steven Wayne Orenduff, 48, Oct. 1. Mary E. Croft, 80, Oct. 5.

December

Freda Evelyn Ramage Morrill, 87, Dec. 2. Troy Allen Swinford, 82, Dec. 7. Leonard Jewell Belt, 83, Dec. 9. Deborah Ann Yandell Hopewell, 54, Dec. 9. Kayla Marie Gilland, 31, Dec. 10. Elizabeth Joyce Greene, 71, Dec. 10. Kayla Marie Gilland, 31, Dec. 10. Helen Ann McConnell, 80, Dec. 12. Zola Barnes, 70, Dec. 18. Sara Kesler, 30, Dec. 19. Paul Fraser Maxfield, 78, Dec. 6. Robert Glen Belt Jr., 28, Dec. 21. Sarah Isabelle McMican Thompson, 90, Dec. 21. Paul Delmer Tabor Jr., 55, Dec. 22. Robert Leon "Bear" McKinney, 74, Dec. 24. Annalea Winders, 66, Dec. 25. James Connie Darnell, 72, Dec. 25. Ricky Stan Adams, 69, Dec. 25. Gailya Mae Tabor, 75, Dec. 26. Sue M. Tabor, 80, Dec. 26. Jerry Otto Hurst, 78, Dec. 26.James D. "Jim" Wheeler, 89, Dec. 27. Stephen Duane Hunt, 65, Dec. 27. Raymond "Ricky" H. Price, 58, Dec. 28.

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Library events include Guess watch party

The following activities are scheduled for the first half of January at the Crittenden County Public Library.

Jan. 12 - Genealogy Group meets in the library meeting room at 10 a.m.

Jan. 15 - Jeopardy Viewing Party 2:30-4 p.m. Make plans to attend this star-studded program to the Jeopardy watch episode that features CCPL youth services librarian, Kathleen Guess.

Tuesdays in January -Lego Club 3:30-4:30 p.m. for kindergarten through 4th grade students. No Lego Club on Jan. 15.

Thursdays in January -Tech Help with Carol 10 a.m.-noon for those needing help figuring out how to use a computer or how to download eBooks and digital audiobooks. Get help from Carol Harrison in the meeting room.

Fridays in January -Story Hour with Kathleen at 10 a.m for preschool-age children. Listen to stories and do fun activities.

Extension

- Challengers will meet at noon, Jan. 9 at the Extension Annex.

- An Advisory Council meeting will begin at 10 a.m., Jan. 10 at the Extension Annex.

WKCTC honors fall graduates

West Kentucky Community and Technical College recognized more than 200 candidates for graduation and issued 60 nursing pins during Fall Commencement Dec. 10.

Obtaining an associate in science degree from Crittenden County is Cari E. Valentine. Earning an associate in art from Crittenden County are Brayden Travis McKinney** and Elizabeth Mckenzie Tosh. Livingston County residents earning an associate

DARYL K. TABOR/THE PRESS

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom last Thursday swears in Wes

Hunt (center) and Brennan Cruce as the newest Crittenden County Public Library trustees. Hunt and Cruce were recently appointed to the board by magistrates to replace outgoing Secretary Dulcie Hardin and President Daryl Tabor, whose fouryear terms expired in November. The five-member board also appointed its officers for 2019, with Hunt becoming president. Brenda Underdown remains vice president and Roseanne Chandler will continue to serve as treasurer, while Carol Harrison becomes secretary. The board of trustees convenes at 5 p.m. at the library on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Springlake earns **Quality Award**

Salem Springlake Health & Rehabilitation was honored at the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities' (KAHCF) Quality Awards Banquet recently at the Galt House with the Best of Kentucky - Nursing and Rehabilitation recognition.

"It is a privilege to honor caregivers for the outstanding care and devotion they show every day to their residents," said KAHCF Board Chair Terry Skaggs. "These honorees are an example of the many Kentucky providers and caregivers delivering quality care. This recognition is a testament to their dedication to their residents."

The Best of Kentucky Nursing and Rehabilitation honorees were selected based on Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services star ratings of four or higher to apply, and then satisfaction surveys of residents and

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way to take a detour out

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families.

"It is wonderful to see our staff recognized for their dedication and commitment to quality care to their residents," said Shayne Handy, Salem Springlake administrator.

More than 700 longterm care providers met during the meeting, energized by general sessions challenging them with strategies to cope with stress on the job, hiring and retaining quality staff and breakout sessions on a variety of issues facing long-term care providers. On. Nov. 15, Kentucky Center for Assisted Living held its first KCAL Day for Assisted Living Communities.

The week was capped off with the Quality Awards Banquet on Nov. 15. KAHCF honored 33 facilities with the Best of Kentucky - Nursing and Rehabilitation Award.

Fredonia Turnpike safe, likeable stretch

I have to admit, I just love the new stretch of U.S. 641.

I know there is some consternation with regard to the highway that some have dubbed the Road to Nowhere, but perhaps we should take a step back and examine its true meaning and potential.

I prefer to refer to the new 5.5-mile stretch of arrow-straight asphalt by a name my husband gave it, the Fredonia Turnpike. My second favorite name is Crayne Bypass.

I know it has been met with mixed reviews; and yes, it took long enough to build, but I maintain we're lucky to have it. We are a culture of complainers by nature. It's easy to whine about the construction cost, the road's alleged irrelevance in the big scheme of

things and the fact that it has cut family farms in two. (Yet, I do hate that for our landowners).

If you consider this new highway the bottom rung of a ladder, we're lucky to get it. Allison We haven't got- EVANS ten much else Staffwriter over the last 50 Write years, so it's Now nice to be in the road-building game.

We're lucky because the new road allows us to travel a short distance without having to hold our breath and white knuckle the steering

> We're lucky to get 3 inches over the white fog line hitting without grass.

We're lucky it's building block that will eventually get us to an interstate in an estimated 18 minutes.

We're just lucky.

avoiding a cheese wagon. ommending to those who

you don't get stuck behind someone doing 42 miles per hour between Marion and Mott City? Stay on the Turnpike as you leave town and your chance of passing that little fella with no place to be is increased by about 90 percent over three weeks ago.

The glass is either half full or it's half empty. You can apply that proverbial phrase to anything in the universe, and your response defines you as either a pessimist or an optimist. I choose to enjoy the new Turnpike and embrace its current and future benefits.

Crittenden County has 5 safer miles of road that may one day take us to greater heights.

other connectors will serve just fine if it means It's so nice I am rec-

Want to make sure

traffic in the morning?

There are multiple op-

tions now. Jump on the

Fredonia Turnpike at any

given juncture. My fa-

vorite is from Crayne

Cemetery Road, but

there, if nothing more wheel when meeting a than to experience the tractor trailer. greatest new 5 miles of roadway many of us have seen locally in our lifetimes.

Heck, smoothest, most secure,

least taxing 7 minutes of your day if, like me, you commute between Marion and Fredonia. Want to avoid bus

We're lucky

in art are Emilee Denise Arflack, Candace Nichole Gillette, Julie Ann Lasters** and Jordan Tate Lynch.

Crittenden Countians earning an associate in applied science are Taylor Nall Crabtree, Shane Eric Hill and David Austin Young. Livingston County residents earling the same degree are Julie Addaline Buford, Samantha Louise Curneal, Matthew Ray Edmonds*, Christa Edmonds, Jesse Garrison*, Kindra Skve Julian-Martin, Hannah Brice Leidecker. Keisha Lanae Litchfield*, Kara Jane McKinley**, Cynthia June Pace* and Grace Elizabeth Tracy*.

Livingston County residents earning a diploma are Valada Darlene Freeman and Christen Lashea Manhart.

Certificates were awarded to Crittenden County residents Allison Shantel May, Macye Mckennah Shoulders and Kelly Brook Williams and to Livingston Countians Chelsey Nicole Abel, Christi Rachelle Bedwell, Lisa Michelle Brasher, Brittnie N. Chandler, Amanda C. Cherry, Timothy A. Downs II, Ashley Funkhouser, David George, Caitlin Idel Gibbs, Laken Gail Givens, Jason Neal Hargrove, Dalton Alan Hines, Brandy Johnson, Tallon Heath McClure, Jansen A. Mitchell, Taylor Ruth Poindexter, Ashley Marie Powell, Addison Lachelle Ringstaff, Hope Sarah Ann Shuecraft, Jason Skinner, William Paul Taylor; Autumn Tait Tramble, Joshua Charles Watkins;, Lagan Alane Winn and James Alan Woltman.

Students with one asterisk after their name graduated with a GPA of 3.4-3.5 while students with two asterisks graduated with a GPA of of 3.6-4.0.

Williams attends fall judicial conference

Circuit Court Judge make Williams Rene who serves Crittenden, Union and Webster counties, learned about bail reform, human trafficking, digital evidence, implicit bias and much more during an October Circuit Judges College in Lexington. The Education Committee of the Kentucky num-Circuit Judges Association and the Office of Judicial Branch Education at the Administrative Office of the Courts hosted the college.

"This was a great opportunity for judges to gain a deeper understanding of issues we see in our courtrooms," said Circuit Judge Jean C. Logue, who serves Clark and Madison counties and is president of the Kentucky Circuit Judges Association. "We heard from experts on a number of timely topics, such as human trafficking, crime on the dark web and gang involvement with the opioid epidemic. The judges also benefited from networking with their colleagues and sharing best practices and ideas."

During the session on bail reform, judges discussed proposals by Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr., legislators and others to eliminate cash bail in Kentucky. In June, Chief Justice Minton announced that the court system's Kentucky Pretrial Services would be part of 3DaysCount, a national initiative to



Williams ber of people

in jail without sacrificing public safety.

Pastor Edward L. Palmer Sr. presented a session on implicit bias to help judges identify and address personal and systemic biases. Implicit bias refers to stereotypes and attitudes about race, gender and other traits that affect how a person views and makes decisions regarding others. Palmer is a certified diversity trainer and chairman of the Kentucky Subcommittee on Equity and Justice for All Youth.

The session on digital evidence focused on online security and evi-

dence in cases involving information on the dark web, which is used for criminal activity, such as sharing child pornography.

The human trafficking session was designed to give judges insight into how traffickers work and how the internet is being used to sell victims and find perpetrators. The session also covered the complexities of the state's human trafficking laws.

Circuit Court judges with general jurisdiction learned about the role of gangs in fueling the opioid epidemic from an FBI intelligence analyst from the FBI's National Gang Intelligence Center. Family Court judges had sessions on recognizing orders and judgments from courts in other countries and the impact of 2017 tax legislation in family law cases.

All the judges had sessions on LGBTQ laws, judicial ethics, recent state legislation and appellate court decisions.

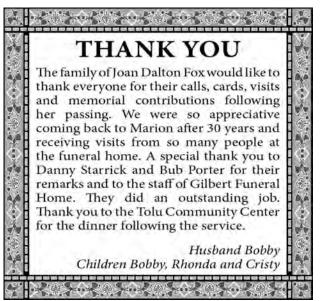


Animal shelter report

The preponderance of activity at Crittenden County Animal Shelter for November came from Livingston County, with 33 of the 57 animals taken in coming from that county, according to the monthly report submitted to Crittenden Fiscal Court last month by Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd. Aside from Crittenden County, the shelter accepts animals from Livingston and Lyon counties, which subsidize operations. Because of overcrowding, the facility is no longer accepting cats.

INFLOW	STRAY	SURRENDER	TOTAL
Crittenden dogs/pups	6		7
Crittenden cats/kittens			8
Livingston dogs/pups	5		16
Livingston cats/kittens			17
Lyon dogs/pups	4	3	7
Lyon cats/kittens			
OUTFLOW			TOTAL
Dogs, pups to rescue			18
Dogs reclaimed by owners			7
Dogs, pups adopted			4
Cats, kittens to rescue			25
Cats adopted			1
Cats re-homed for small dona	ation		1
DONATIONS		F	OUNDS
Dog food donated			320.5
Cat food donated			364.5
Cat litter donated			

The shelter brought in \$630 in November through donations and fees for adoption and reclamation. The county spent \$335.16 on cat litter.



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BASKETBALL This Week's Games FRIDAY

Boys & Girls at Lyon County SATURDAY

Lady Rockets host Stewart Co., 2pm Rockets host Stewart Co. 4pm JV girls host Lyon & Livingston TUESDAY

Lady Rockets host Dawson

Fifth District Standings BOYS

	-	
Team	Overall	Dist.
Lyon County	9-6	3-0
Livingston Central	7-7	2-1
Trigg County	6-8	1-2
Crittenden County	4-9	0-3

GIRLS

Team	Overall	Dist.	
Crittenden County	6-5	2-1	
Lyon County	6-6	2-1	
Trigg County	5-10	2-1	
Livingston Central	0-14	0-3	
Through Monday's games			

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
- 4. Christian County

- 8. Lyon County
- 9. Union County
- 10. Hopkins Central

GIRLS

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

OUTDOORS

Rockets seek New Year injury relief

STAFF REPORT

If there's anything coach Denis Hodge would like more than a district victory as his basketball team opens the new year, it's health - which surely would bring rightful prosperity in 2019.

Hodge's basketball team just can't seem to get healthy. Over the holidays, senior Sawyer Towery went down with a groin injury and missed a couple of games. Sophomore Tyler Boone, who has battled leg and shoulder issues since football season, goes to the orthopedic specialist this week to find out what's causing pain and swelling in his knee. He hasn't played in two weeks.

Then there's sophomore Preston Turley, around whose ability to score and rebound the Rockets orbit. He has returned from a broken left leg in football season, but a high ankle sprain in his right leg and continued recovery from the broken fibula has slowed his step and shortened his jump.

"It's improving," Turley said Monday. "A couple of weeks ago I couldn't even get the rim, but now I can pop it pretty good."

Hodge isn't sure if his team



Crittenden senior Gavin Dickerson isn't missing any playing time, but he is still struggling with an old knee injury, as are several others on the team.

will be completely healed and operating at 100-percent of its affectiveness this season. The injuries are chronic and nothing short of time is sure to complete the bodily repairs necessary for athletic competition.

In addition to those not able to play right now, there are others hurting. Seniors Gavin Dickerson and Hunter Boone are both hampered by old knee injuries that cause their legs to swell after games, especially if the team plays two days in a row.

Ready or not, however, the Rockets will go headfirst into round two of the district schedule starting Friday with a trip to Lyon County. The Lyons are the cream of the



Go online to hear our post-holiday podcast with Coach Hodge, Gabe Mott and more.

Fifth District, undefeated on their first flight through the three-game round robin. Senior Gabe Board was on the sideline with a knee injury when Lyon beat the Rockets by 25 at Crittenden County before Christmas. He scored 17 in his first game last week in a holiday event at Stewart County.

Rocket point guard Gabe Mott is leading his team in scoring with nearly 20 points a game. Mott says his team must mitigate Board and Lyon seventh-grader Travis Perry.

Their starting five, they're all solid," Mott said. "We've got to find a way to slow them down.'

The Rockets will host Stewart County, Tenn., on Saturday afternoon in a matinee game at 4 p.m., then take a full five days off before hosting Trigg County on Friday, Jan. 11. Crittenden had a shot at beating the Wildcats in Cadiz before Christmas before letting a close game get away down the stretch and losing by a dozen.

HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT SCORING SUMMARIES

Stewart County Tournament

at Dover, Tenn. Sycamore 86, Crittenden 60 Crittenden Co. 12 30 39 60 Sycamore (Tn) 26 47 65 86 CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 10, E.O'Leary 6, Mott 15, Dickerson 3, S.O'Leary 5, Guess, Winders 2, Carlson, Turley 11, H.Boone 8. FG 21. 3-pointers 10 (Morgeson 2, E.O'Leary 2, Mott 2, Dickerson 1, Turley 1, H.Boone 2). FT 7-13. SYCAMORE - Gagnon 12, Mc-Cain 2, McPherson 2, Chapman 13, Bone 1, Yoes 28, Underwood 3, Smith 5, Hale 2, Saylor 12. FG 30. 3-pointers 7. FT 19-30

Cheatham Co. 57, Crittenden 39

Crittenden Co. 5 22 36 39 Cheatham Co. 14 28 39 57 CHEATHAM (Tn) - - Morris 6, Martin 2, J.Morris, Mayberry, Carter 26, Fletcher 16, Chandler 7. FG 24. 3-pointers 6 (Carter 5, Chandler). FT 3-8.

CRITTENDEN -Morgeson, E.O'Leary 13, Mott 5, Dickerson 6, Winders, Carlson 4, Turley 6, H.Boone 5. FG 15. 3-pointers 5 (O'Leary 2, Carlson, Boone, Mott). FT 4-6.

Hancock County Tournament at Hawesville, Ky.

Crittenden 79, Williamston 60 Crittenden Co. 17 41 63 79 Williamston 12 25 40 60 WILLIAMSTON - Abercrombie 2, McClelland 2, Kightlinger 11, Lawson 2, Montgomery, McCain 9, Henson 8, Gatewood 4, McGee 4, Adkins 4, Widener 2, Kemper 12. FG 21. 3-pointers 8 (Kightlinger 2, Kemper 4, McGee, Henson). FT 10-16. CRITTENDEN - Morgeson, E.O'Leary 2, Towery 7, Mott 14, Guess, Dickerson 12, S.O'Leary, Winders, Carlson 8, Turley 14, H.Boone 22. FG 29. 3-pointers 7 (Boone 6, Towery). FT 14-20.

Trinity 71, Crittenden 55

Crittenden Co. 8 17 39 55 Whitesville 10 28 48 71 WHITESVILLE TRINITY - Foster, Brown 24, Mills, Dickerson, Wathen 11, Hernandez, Huff, Morris 12, Russellburg, Hall 10, Howard 9, Goetz, Payne 3, Mills 2, Rhinerson. FG 20. 3-pointers 9 (Brown 7, Morris, Payne). FT 22-29.

CRITTENDEN - Morgeson. E.O'Leary 1, Towery 8, Mott 17, Guess, Dickerson 5, O'Leary 2, T.Boone, Winders 4, Carlson 7, Turley 11, H.Boone. FG 21. 3pointers 1 (Carlson). FT 12-21.



The entire Rocket coaching staff spent hours watching film and strategizing at the chalk board early this week as Crittenden County prepares to start round two of the district regular-season schedule on Friday against Lyon County. Pictured are (from left) assistant coach Gaige Courtney, assistant coach Ethan Hill and head basketball coach Denis Hodge.

- 3. Hopkinsville
- 5. Henderson County
- 6. Caldwell County
- 7. Webster County





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Hunting Seasons

Deer Archery Sept. 1 - Jan. 21 Turkey Archery Sept. 1 - Jan. 21 Raccoon Hunt Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 Nov. 12 - Feb. 28 Squirrel Raccoon Trap Nov. 12 - Feb. 28 Nov. 12 - Feb. 28 Bobcat Trap 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 Nov. 24 - Feb. 28 Bobcat Hunt Dec. 3 - Jan. 27 Duck Dove Dec. 22 - Jan. 13 Raccoon Youth Dec. 29 - Jan. 4 Fox Youth Dec. 29 - Jan. 4 Jan. 4 - Feb. 28 Crow Goose Conservation Feb. 16 - March 31 Covote Year Round Year Round Groundhog

FOOTBALL Dossett all-state HM

Crittenden County senior football receiver Ethan Dossett was an honorable mention selection

to the Louisville Courier-Journal's All State Football team, announced in late December. Dossett is the Rockets' all-time pass receiving



leader in Critten-

den County football history. He recently announced that he will accept a preferred walk-on invitation at the University of Tennessee-Martin.

National title game

Clemson will play Alabama at 7 p.m., Monday at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif., in the College Football Playoff National Championship game. It will be televised on ESPN. Clemson beat Notre Dame and the Tide beat Oklahoma in the semifinals.

Crittenden County Player Averages ROCKETS LADY ROCKETS

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Player	Scoring	Rebounding
Mott, Gabe	18.2	3.1
Towery, Sawyer	9.5	5.5
Turley, Preston	9.8	5.2
Boone, Hunter	6.9	3.0
Dickerson, Gavin	3.9	3.0
OLeary, Erik	3.8	1.6
Carlson, Jayden	3.5	1.1
Boone, Tyler	4.0	1.0
Winders, Braxton	1.5	1.4
OLeary, Sean	1.3	1.0
Morgeson, Preston	1.6	1.6
Guess, Seth	0	0.3
Dobyns, Ben	0	0.2

HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT SCORING SUMMARIES

Florida World KSA Tournament

at Orlando, Fla.

Middle Tenn. Christian 61, Crittenden 23 Crittenden County 6 13 23 19 MidTenn Christian 25 32 43 61 CRITTENDEN - Taylor Guess 9, Lili Hayes, Shelby Summers 7, Nahla Woodward 2, Jaelyn Duncan 3, Natalie Boone 2, Matthia Long, Lilly Perryman, Grace Driskill. FG 6. 3-pointers 1 (Guess). FT 8-12.

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Crittenden 52, Elizabeth Forward 42

E. Forward 4 12 22 42 25 Crittenden 38 46 52 CRITTENDEN - Guess 12, Hayes 2, Summers 17, Woodward 12, Duncan, Boone 5, Long 4, Perryman. FG 18. 3-pointers 3 (Woodward 2, Boone). FT 13-22. ELIZABETH FORWARD - Sprink 27, Tamar, Briggs 2, Thaxton, Bickerton 3, Briggs 4, Thompson 6. FG 17. 3-pointers 3. FT 5-9.

Player	Scoring	Rebounding
Guess, Taylor	11.3	3.0
Woodward, Nahla	10.0	7.0
Summers, Shelby	7.1	6.0
Duncan, Jaelyn	5.4	4.2
Moss, Chandler	4.8	5.5
Boone, Natalie	2.0	2.6
Long, Matthia	1.4	2.4
Driskell, Grace	1.8	1.8
Hayes, Lilly	0.8	2.1
Easley, Kacie	1.0	2.0
Keller, Kate	1.0	1.0
Perryman, Lilly	0.8	0.6
Binkley, Ashton	0.5	0.5
Wheeler, Ashley	0.2	1.2
Hatfield, Addie	0.0	0.3

Crittenden 90, Eminence 60

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Lady Rockets start 2nd half of league play tied for first

STAFF REPORT

Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge knows the league's No. 1 seed is up for grabs and she is wholly focused on getting her team into that position as the second round of Fifth District regularseason action begins on Friday at Lyon.

Crittenden beat the Lady Lyons at Rocket Arena before Christmas in a game where the Lady Rockets grew up a bit and came from behind to win. CCHS has a very young lineup featuring at times two middle schoolers and other underclassmen. Still, the Lady Rockets are tied for the district league alongside Lyon and Trigg counties. Livingston is a distance fourth with not a single win this season.

It has been no surprise that Crittenden, Lyon and Trigg will have to continue battling tooth and nail as they square off against one another in the coming days.

Coach Hodge says senior Shelby Summers is becoming a vocal leader, which is helping the team improve. Additionally, Summers has focused on becoming a defensive stopper, a role previously held by Chandler Moss before a season-ending ACL injury.

Hodge said her girls didn't play too well right out of the chute in Florida on their Christmas tour of the Sunshine State. By the third game, she tweaked some things and Crittenden won its only game in three at Florida.

"We came out pressing. We were the aggressor in that one," Hodge said.

As for this week's district showdown at Lyon County, Hodge says continued good play from eighth-grader point guard Taylor Guess will be key. Guess leads the team in scoring with 11.3 points per game. Sophomore center Nahla Woodward is right behind her, but coach Hodge is pushing Woodward to be an even greater scorer.

"If you look at our scorebook, the games where Nahla is scoring big, we're winning," Hodge said.

Stopping Lyon stalwart Allison Murphy will be the primary focus of Crittenden's defensive effort. The girls will play at home on Saturday against Stewart County.

Happenings in city, county to start 1939

At the start of a new year, I always find it interesting to look back in our history and

see what was taking place in our hometown during that time period. A hundred years ago it would have been 1919 but there are no issues of the Crittenden Press available for that time period, so let's take a look back 80 years ago to the first few months1939

and see what was going on in our town and county.

In the first issue of the paper on Jan. 6, 1939, it is reported that there were no arrests during the New Year's holiday. New Years Eve and the day following passed uneventfully in the city and county with no arrests, no accidents nor violations reported. Many private parties were held Saturday night but the revelers were calm and quiet.

Perfect weather greeted the arrival of 1939 with a temperature of 66 being reported in the afternoon. A bright sun shone all during the day.

Some retail stores in the city observed New Years Day on Monday but a majority were open for business as usual.

1939 tax levy ordinance for the city (partial list)

The Board of Council of the City of Marion, Ky., do ordain as follows: (1) That an advalorem tax of 75 cents be, levied on each \$100 of value of all real and personal property in the city of Marion, Ky., excepting shares in Bank and Trust Companies. (2) That an advalorem tax of 20 cents be levied on each \$100 of fair cash value of the shares of all Bank and Trust Companies in the city of Marion. (3) That a poll tax of \$1.50 be levied on and shall be collected from every male resident

of the City of Marion, who is over 21 and under the age of 70 years.

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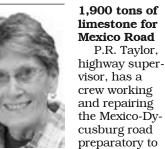
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Forgotten Passages

Princeton. Taylor expects to unload about 10 cars daily. The work of hauling and spreading the rock is expected to require not more than two weeks.

With the placing of the proposed coating on this much-traveled road, traffic will be materially speeded up and reduction of driving time to intersection of Highway 91 reduced. In several places the road has been rough and dangerous to highspeed traffic.

The highway department Monday began rocking of the Shady Grove road. Beginning at Marion city limits the crews are working toward Shady Grove and expect to complete resurfacing not later than next Friday.

At the completion of the above, the crew next goes to Fords Ferry to gravel a 6-mile stretch, beginning at the end of the blacktop near Marion and proceeding for a distance of 6 miles.

Polio drive

The drive against infantile paralysis annually undertaken at the time of Pres. Roosevelt's birthday begins in the city and county Monday according to Mrs. Edwin C. Frazer, chairman.

One half of the funds, so raised will remain in the county and be used here. It is at present planned to sell chances on a cake, to place receptacles in the schools of city and county for dona-



SUBMITTED PHOTOS A scene from downtown Marion 80 years ago during a prosperous time in the city and county's history.

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tions and to canvass residential and business sections. The campaign this year carries the slogan of "March of Dimes". The quota is one and one-half per cent per capita and it is estimated that there are about 11,300 persons in Crittenden County. This would set the county quota at \$169.50. Homer McConnell is treasurer.

Dorothy Riley, Piney neighborhood, will appear at a specially arranged chapel program at Fohs Hall next Tuesday morning for the purpose of assisting the local committee in its drive for funds to combat infantile paralysis. Miss Riley is a victim of the disease and has been materially aided by the treatments made possible through funds collected from past drives. At one time Miss Riley was unable to walk but treatments at Louisville were made available for her and she is decidedly improved, being able to walk with the aid of crutches. She told Mrs. Edward Frazer, drive chairman, that she would do anything she could to assist members in the campaign

Rural electrification favored all over county

From all parts of the county come reports that rural Electrification is the foremost thought in the minds of county residents. A party headed by W.R. Cruce consulted

Hardin, Morganfield, for preparatory to perfecting plans for rural electrification in Crittenden County. Appointed groups were formed including, County Agent Shelby, Tom Board, Hiram Parish and Jack Shepherd. George Conditt, Chapel Hill, Hiram Parish, Dycusburg-Frances; Howard Hurley, Sheridan, I.W. Cook, Hebron, Frank Hill Shady Grove, Marion Brantley. All members of the appointed groups have reported progress in the respective districts and that all consulted are in favor of and want improvement.

Within the near future Cruce said meetings will be called to sound out sentiment of rural residents of the county preparatory to perfecting plans for establishment of the system. It is much needed and I believe that it can be accomplished without unnecessary delays. It is proposed to form a county organization and to include in the project as many lines as possible to serve the greatest number of residents.

Lafayette Fluorspar Co.

K.A. Johnston, superintendent of Lafayette Fluorspar Co., announces a change in name of the mining company effective this January. The large plant is

now known as U.S. Coal & Coke Co., a subsidiary of U.S. Steel Corp. The parent organization is a West Virginia corporation with offices located in Frick's Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Johnston said we expect to be in full operation at an early date and to employ 160 men. Archie Kemper is the new foreman replacing Dudley Brown who was killed in a motorcar accident last fall. Working with Kemper will be Foreman Thomas N. Fuller.

Illinois Central Railroad wants discontinuance of 2 passengers trains

Illinois Central Railroad Co. attorneys have instituted proceeding before Kentucky Railroad Commission to discontinue operation of passenger trains Nos. 232 and 235 thru the state from Hopkinsville and Evansville, Ind. The reasons ascribed for asking discontinuance is approximately \$17,000 loss of revenue annually. The line serves Princeton, Marion, Repton, Sullivan, Sturgis and Morganfield.

Mattoon school news

Roberta McDowell is Valedictorian of the graduating class at Mattoon High School according to information released yesterday by Supt. Ward. Second honors go to Virginia Wilson. Ward said,

"the following basis was used for selection of honor students. A's counted three points; B's two and C's one. Roberta McDowell led the class with 82 quality points and her nearest competitor was Virginia Wilson with 76. The latter is Salutatorian of the class.

7-Inch snow

After a calm weather pattern for January in February Marion and Crittenden County received a 7-inch snowfall, the heaviest in the past 21 years. The wind had caused drifts estimated at three feet. Many motorists resorted to chains after finding operation of cars hazardous without the equipment, and buses maintained regular schedules throughout the day. No schools were closed nor injuries reported.

Locals in Golden **Gloves Tournament**

James Watson, Marion, and Ed Wolfe. Salem, were winners in the Golden Gloves tournament held a Hooks arena Monday night. Wolfe, fighting in the light-heavyweight division, won a decision over the favored Robt. Fiser. The winner weighed in at

170 and the loser at 168. James Watson won by a knockout over Charles Hvde, of Paducah, in the bantamweight groupings. The fight lasted one minute and fifteen seconds. Watson weighed in at 117. This is the second win for Watson in a tournament here. He captured the flyweight honors in the 1937 meet and advanced to the semi-finals in Evansville. Both fighters go to Evansville for the elimination bouts Feb. 16th with all expenses paid by the sponsor, Sun-Democrat. In addition, they receive a jacket and Golden Glove charm.

So another year begins for the residents of Marion and Crittenden County with its hopes. dreams, disappointments and happy moments to become memories of our passages of time.

He might have to wait his turn \overline{for} a chance to play at Kentucky, but per-

haps the most under appreciated Kentucky football signee by UK fans was Georgia running back Travis Tisdale.

The 5-9, 165pound Tisdale is a four-star recruit from Lowndes High School in Val-Larry dosta, Ga. ESPN Vaught rated him as UK Sports Columnist one of the nation's top 300 Vaught's players and had Views him at the No. 18 running back nationally.

Rivals.com rated him as the No. 11 all-purpose back nationally. He led Class 7-A with 1,903 yards rushing and 21 touchdowns on 217 carries as a senior before picking UK over Penn State, Nebraska, Ole Miss and others.

"He's an aggressive runner. He makes contact with defenders and uses his strength to gain additional yards," said Shane Thomas of the Valdosta Daily Times. "He's also accepting of taking on multiple roles. He played defensive back his senior season at Lowndes and was a return specialist also."

He caught 14 passes for 130 yards last season, returned two kickoffs for touchdowns and had 21 tackles as a corner back. He finished his career with 45 rushing touchdowns, the best ever at Lowndes High School.

Tisdale told Thomas on signing day that he thought playing against a "lot of big-time players" in the SEC that eventually

go to the NFL would be good for him. He also said he knows he needs to

gain weight, one reason Thomas believes a redshirt year would benefit Tisdale.

Thomas wasn't surprised Kentucky was able to sign Tisdale because of the "positive reaction" he had to UK coach Mark Stoops.

"He's one of those players every coach wants. He has a positive attitude and remarkable work ethic. He's friendly, re-

spectful, a great student, and has a personality everyone wants to be around," Thomas said. "As a player, he's someone who can break free for a touchdown at any moment. If people get to know him a little bit, they'll like his personality. He has a great smile to complement his personality.

He will also be able to learn next year from junior running back A.J. Rose and redshirt freshmen Kavosiey Smoke and Chris Rodriguez.

"We felt very good with Chris and Kavosiey and A.J. going into the year. You heard me talk about it throughout the year, we really wanted to see those guys, but when you have Benny (Snell) and A.J., it's hard to get to those guys," Stoops said. "But Kavosiey and Chris, when you did see them you saw the talent that was there and the maturity and how physical they are. They've got some speed. So definitely felt like we could just go with one running

UK FOOTBALL 2019 SCHEDULE

AUGUST

31vs. Toledo SEPTEMBER 7.....vs. E. Michigan 14vs. Florida* 21@ Mississippi State 28....@ South Carolina* OCTOBER 12vs. Arkansas 19@ Georgia* 26....vs. Missouri* NOVEMBER 9.....vs. Tennessee* 16@ Vanderbilt* 23....vs. UT Martin 30....vs. Louisville Bold = SEC opponent Asterisk = SEC East opponent

(Note: UK's non-conference opponents in 2020 will be Eastern Michigan, Kent State, Eastern Illinois and Louisville, while in 2021, opponents will be Louisiana-Monroe, Akron, Chattanooga and Louisville.)

back at this point in this class.'

Especially when that one is a four-star player as physical, fast and versatile as Tisdale.

"He (Tisdale) brings just a little bit something different," UK offensive coordinator Eddie Gran said. "This guy's a track guy. He's probably a 10.6 (second in the 100-meter dash) kid. Reminds you a little bit of a Boom Williams home run-type hitter. I think you put him in that (running backs) room with A.J., Kavosiey and Chris and you have four dynamic running backs that are really going to be fun to work with this fall."

Gridiron losses

Recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow can't help but get a little emotional

when he thinks about the players Kentucky is losing off this year's team that did so many things UK fans are going to remember for a long, long time

Some of the seniors were signed in 2014 and redshirted a year. The other seniors were part of the 2015 signing class that Marrow predicted four years ago could help make UK football special.

"You're talking about Mike Edwards, Darius West, even though he gets criticized a little bit. but Dorian Baker has really won some really big games for us here. I can go down the line with Josh Allen, C.J. Conrad, George Asafo-Adjei. Bunchy Stallings, all five of the defensive backs," Marrow said. "These were guys that we said we're going to win some games with, and you start seeing it immediately with the '15 class in their true freshman year. "Here's another

thing, they were true fouryear seniors, I'm talking about the '15 class, so we did look at it and say we can really do some damage with these guys and win some games. Now, I knew we were close to beating Florida. I thought we should have done it in '14 when we got robbed down there, and then I thought we should have done it the next year when they came here, but then we took it back when we went down there and got our teeth kicked in.

"But yes, they will go down as guys that really changed Mark Stoops' program and changed the culture because I'm going to tell you, when you go places in the SEC, you better have some dawgs.



Shane Thomas of the Valdosta Daily Times says running back Travis Tisdale, shown with UK coach Mark Stoops, is an "aggressive runner" who can take on "multiple roles."

We say dawgs or goons. You better have some dudes because you're going to get ate up quick.'

Marrow still remembers when former South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier said Kentucky finally looked "better than their uniforms" after playing UK."

What he was trying to say was that it ain't these pipsqueaks coming out there no more, guys that don't look like SEC players," Marrow said. "We knew in '14 or '15 that would be the class that we said we should win the East. The vision, that was hard, but we did it."

Those players helped UK have three straight winning seasons and go to three straight bowl games. They'll also be remembered as the team that ended the 31-year losing streak to Florida by winning at Florida.

Quote of the Week 1

"We're a better football team when he is on the field, because he's the best slot guy we have. Until somebody can jump up and beat him out of that spot, he needs to be in there making plays for us, hopefully, for years to come," Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers on former UK star Randall Cobb.

Quote of the Week 2

"We are working folks and do not know about NBA life. We are trying to learn what we can. We just have a kid who has a dream and wants to pursue it but at times just thinking about it scares me," UK signee Tyrese Maxey's mother, Denyse, on a possible NBA career for her son.

Quote of the Week 3

"I do feel like at this point I know what I am doing and can almost self correct my mistakes because the coaches have taught me so much. I can remember as a freshman thinking the seniors were so much older, but now as a senior I do not feel that old," Kentucky catcher Jenny Schapper on looking ahead to her senior season.

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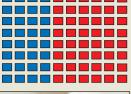
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seek re-election, and Zack Bloodworth, who was defeated in the May primary election. Holloman was replaced by fel-Democrat Chad low Thomas, while Willard Guill, a Republican, will fill Bloodworth's seat.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and all other countywide office holders were re-elected to new four-year terms.

A red wave of Republican ballots also saw longtime state Sen. Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson, get ousted by Robby Mills, R-Henderson.

4 The Cave In Rock Ferry was returned to full service after running on a limited schedule for three months.

Starting July 1, ferry owner and operator Lonnie Lewis scaled back the service's 16-hour schedule to only 12 hours, citing inadequate funding from Kentucky and Illinois. The reduction in hours came after weeks of speculation that the county's only connection to Illinois across the Ohio River could be in jeopardy.

But Lewis and local and state officials worked together to increase the funding to keep the service free to users. By Oct. 1, it returned to the usual 6 a.m.-to-10 p.m. schedule.

Crittenden EMS man-Dagement again changed hands with the fiscal court's approval of an additional \$100,000 in taxpayer subsidies to entice Com-Care Inc.

In the spring, magistrates agreed to increase the subsidy for operation of the county's ambulance service to a quartermillion dollars. The deal with Ohio County-based Com-Care was completed before Baptist iust Health's management contract expired. The health care giant had six months earlier given notice that it intended to end its involvement with Crittenden EMS after taking over management from Crittenden Health Systems two years prior.

All five of the top stories from 2018 will certainly have a lasting impact on the fortunes of Crittenden Countians for years to come. Meantime, some of the other top news from last year, in no particular order, offered a mix of story lines from triumph and tragedy. Those stories include: - On Sept. 2, a house fire on Watson Cemetery Road claimed the lives of Lindsay Dickerson, 26; Waylon Hillard, 32; their Nathan infant son and Hillard; Kenneth Belt, 75, the grandfather of Dickerson. Dickerson's daughter, Jessica Claire Hillard, 6, was rescued unharmed by her mom before the woman suc-

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- Crittenden County Schools beefed up protection for students and staff following a January school shooting in Marshall County that killed two students. Soon after, the local school system began randomly checking all students entering school with metal-detecting wands. In the summer. the board of education agreed to pay Crittenden County Sheriff's Department to help hire an additional deputy to be used as a full-time school resource officer.

- After many months of debate and tens of thousands of dollars spent on repairs, Marion City Council agreed to restrict commercial traffic from using Country Club Drive. The half-mile city street, which serves the elementary school and couple with Industrial Drive connects U.S. 60 and U.S. 641, had fallen into disrepair from use by heavy vehicles looking to avoid a cumbersome intersection at the U.S. 60-U.S. 641 stoplight. The move was made in the hope of prolonging the road's life.

- The council approved a city budget that did not fund a popular municipal service, fall leaf collection. It appeared the service. due to costs associated with equipment, manpower and environmental testing, would be eliminated. But the city was able to work a deal with Jailer Robbie Kirk to utilize free inmate labor to keep the service alive.

- A struggling grocery, Conrad's Harvest Foods, was purchased from outof-state owners by Marion residents Anthony and B.J. Minton, keeping two full-service groceries open for local shoppers.

- Pennyrile Allied Community Services an-nounced it would be cutting funding for its senior centers, resulting behind-the-scenes in changes to its meal program and shaving off two hours of its daily service at the local center. The changes began Jan. 1, and will close the kitchen Crittenden County at Senior Center in favor of meals served in the center and delivered to subscribers being cooked offsite.

- First-year head coach Sean Thompson led the high school's football team to the Regional fi- major renovations and an decades of local owner-



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Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom presents outgoing Magistrate Curt Buntin on Dec. 21 with a plaque recognizing his 24 years of service on the fiscal court. Buntin, one of three Democratic incumbents on the court defeated in November, was the county's longest serving magistrate and elected official in the county.

nals. Behind a high-powered offense, the Rockets finished 11-2, earning a district championship. Thompson, the first Crittenden County alumnus to lead the program, was recognized by the Western Kentucky Conference as its football Coach of the Year.

For the first time in 30 years, Christmas in Marion was not held. The cancellation was announced earlier in the year, but October 2018 was the first in three decades to not host local crafters and home-based businesses for a two-day market.

- Four people died in separate crashes on Crittenden County roads, matching last year's total. (See related story on Page 4.)

- Mother Nature always seems to appear on a list of top news stories from the previous year, and 2018 was no different. Major spring flooding along the Ohio River and tributaries forced its many county residents from their homes for several days. While devastation was not widespread, it was the worst flooding since April 2012.

- First it was in, then it

expansion of Crittenden County Courthouse were included in the Kentucky House of Representatives two-year budget, but the Senate rejected the financing in its adopted version of the spending plan, leaving the aging courthouse to limp along until at least 2020, when a new state budget will be

passed. - The Victory Gardens, a series of plots maintained by local inmates that offers free, fresh produce to county residents, survived despite a threat that the city might sell the property on which the vegetables are grown. In early spring, a signed contract between the city and detention center surfaced, documenting an agreement from years ago that the gardens have a home through 2019. The city has backed off the notion of selling the property, and is currently entertaining a deal with Marion Tourism Commission to allow part of an 18-hole disc golf course to be placed on the property alongside the gardens.

- Marion's only other WMJL media outlet, 102.7 FM, was sold by Barbara and Joe Myers to Stratemeyer MediaGroup ship. The station was rebranded, changing from a classic rock to country format.

- A Texas-based company announced plans to construct an 800-acre solar farm in neighboring Lyon County. With 86 MW of renewable energy production, Open Road Renewables' power plant is expected to open in December 2022, offering as many as 400 local jobs to install its 300,000 solar panels beginning in late 2021.

- The school system and its board of education saw major turnover last year, with board member Pam Collins resigning her elected seat over the summer and more than 20 employees retiring, including many mainstays in the district. A retirement and a resignation also led to two new principals, at the middle and high schools, to start the 2018-19 academic year.

- Dr. Mike Jones, the longtime pastor of the city's largest congregation Marion Baptist at Church, resigned in order to head another church in Owensboro. Jones had headed the church for 11 years and was an important figure in community leadership.



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