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NEWS

ADVISORY BOARD FOR HOSPITAL ESTABLISHED

A six-member advisory board will provide a link between the community and the new owners of Crittenden Hospital, Rural Hospital Group-Consolidated. As part of a purchase agreement with Crittenden Fiscal Court and Crittenden Health Systems, the Kansas City, Mo.-based company agreed to create an advisory board of various community members. The board will have no decision-making power with the private corporation, but will have input on decisions related to what is now officially Crittenden Community Hospital. The group is comprised of former CHS board members Charlie Hunt, Fred Stubblefield and Grant Rogers; Magistrate Todd Perryman; Joe Yarbrough, a businessman and longtime supporter of the hospital; Rachelle Perryman, a hospital medical staff representative; and Mike Byford, an at-large hospital staff representative who is also a Marion City Councilman.

LAWMAKERS RETURN TO WORK NEXT WEEK

Kentucky lawmakers will be back in session Tuesday for the remaining 26 days of the 30-day session of the General Assembly. Addressing the state's pension crisis is among the top issues for both parties. The legislature adjourns March 29.

CIRCUIT CLERK PLANS TO SHUT EARLY TODAY

Crittenden Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill's office will be closing early Thursday. The office will close at 2:30 p.m. for staff training. It will re-open on a normal schedule the following day.

CLARIFICATION

A story last week about the City of Marion's proposal to bill a fire service fee to insurance companies on runs when a claim is filed indicated the county's volunteer fire departments already do that. However, longtime fireman Billy Arflack said that fee is charged to insurance company only if the property owner has opted out of their annual \$30 fire dues.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- 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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## Alcohol petition awaits verification

STAFF REPORT

Signatures have been turned in, but at press time, it was uncertain if a referendum on alcohol sales would appear on the primary election ballot for Marion voters on May 21. That's because the petition calling for a vote was turned in late Tuesday, just before a 4 p.m. deadline to appear on the spring ballot. Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford will have to verify at least 227 of the 356 names gathered are

those of registered voters within the City of Marion. She expected to have that done as early as the following day. "I will have several days to verify....," Byford said. "but hope to have it completed Wednesday or Thursday." The petition was submitted by Russell Edwards, owner of Winghaven Lodge near the Webster County line. Though Edwards does not live in the city and would not benefit directly from legalized alcohol

sales, he is concerned about the county seat's financial struggles. He hopes revenue from regulatory taxes on liquor could boost municipal revenues without asking more of property owners. "I feel it's in the best interest of the city and the county to do everything we can and use every resource,"



Edwards

explained Edwards, whose wife is an employee of the city as Marion Tourism Director. "And then, if it's not enough, we can go back and revisit property taxes." Marion Mayor Jared Byford gives an estimate for the city as \$80,000 in annual revenue from alcohol taxes. By contrast, the most the city council can raise by increasing property taxes without sending it before

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## Summer gig



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Local bluegrass phenoms Cash (left) and Cutter Singleton are taking their show to the streets of Gatlinburg, Tenn., this summer to play with the street troupe Smoky Mountain Tunes & Tales. The boys are 9 and 12, respectively.

## Singleton boys sign deal to play Gatlinburg streets

STAFF REPORT

Young bluegrass phenoms Cash and Cutter Singleton are taking their show to the streets of Gatlinburg, Tenn. They inked their first extended contract with the City of Gatlinburg last week to play with a troupe of street performers called Smoky Mountain Tunes & Tales. Cash, 9, and Cutter, 12, signed a seven-week contract this month to perform with Tunes & Tales each weekend beginning June 21 and

running through Aug. 3. Tunes & Tales is coordinated by Gatlinburg's tourism bureau. Cash sings and plays rhythm guitar and mandolin, while older brother Cutter plays banjo, dobro, guitar and sings backup. The brothers have an unmatched love for bluegrass music and are professionally taught, including Cutter's lessons from Jack Martin who played with Lester Flat and the Nashville Grass. Cutter is quite the

bluegrass historian, as well. Cash was featured on an episode of "Little Big Shots" on NBC in 2018, and the Gatlinburg opportunity is another example of how doors are opening for the talented boys. A performance streamed live on Facebook ultimately led to their audition in Gatlinburg. "The boys went to the Earle C. Clement Job

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## County OKs EMS vehicle purchase

STAFF REPORT

Magistrates have agreed to the purchase of an ambulance for Crittenden EMS, fulfilling the fiscal court's obligation to Com-Care Inc. under a contract with the private company for management of the emergency service. Last spring, when Crittenden Fiscal Court inked Ohio County-based Com-Care to manage the local ambulance service, magistrates agreed to subsidize the emergency service with \$250,000 annually and purchase two ambulances for use in the county. The first was purchased for \$37,500 around the time of the June 1, 2018, contract start date. The second was approved earlier this month for \$32,529, with \$20,000 of that cost covered by grants for that purpose. The remainder will come from a community

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## Seminar on online marketing welcomed

STAFF REPORT

The largest crowd to ever assemble for a community Leadership Breakfast was not disappointed Friday morning when a couple of digital media experts with area roots demonstrated how social media can be manipulated to work for local businesses and organizations. Jonathan Burdon, CEO of Social-Coaster Digital Agency (SDA) headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., grew up in Crittenden County before he founded the company and moved to Tennessee. The company's COO and in-house counsel, Shaun Roberts, hails from nearby Nebo. Chamber leaders said the two

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## Primary devoid of western Ky. candidates

Bevin seeks 2nd term with new running mate; Dems offer notable challengers

STAFF REPORT

Most of this year's slate of candidates for seven statewide offices on the ballot are from either the Golden Triangle or eastern Kentucky. In fact, only one candidate in 2019 lives west of Elizabethtown, while 28 of the 39 live in the area between the three population hubs of Lexington, Louisville and the Cincinnati suburb of Covington.

The May primary offers star power, though. Those running for governor/lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, auditor of public accounts, commissioner of agriculture and treasurer include four Republican incumbents and a host of current or former state office holders looking for a promotion from voters. It also includes a former Miss America and return-

ing candidates from unsuccessful bids for office. Of the candidates, there are six women. The filing deadline was Tuesday. Governor/Lt. Governor For his 2019 run, Gov. Matt Bevin has dumped Lt. Gov. Jeanne Hampton in favor of state Sen. Ralph Alvarado, a Winchester physician, in his bid for another four years in Frankfort. Bevin is looking to become the first Republican ever to be re-elected to the governor's mansion.

He replaced Hampton, the first African-American elected to statewide office in Kentucky, with a man four years ago became the first Hispanic-American elected to the General Assembly. But the pair will be facing opposition in the May primary. The tickets of William E. Woods/Justin B.

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Bevin



# Press writers social media pioneers

In preparation of last week’s Chamber of Commerce program on social media, it occurred to me that some of our very own Crittenden Press writers were pioneers of social media.

I give you Geneva Dycus, Peachy Long and Hazel Harbison. They were among a number of area scribes that in yesterday we called “correspondents.”

Just like those famous correspondents in times of global struggle – Edward R. Murrow from London in World War II, Bob Simon and Morley Safer



**Chris EVANS**  
Press publisher  
*About Town*

from Vietnam and more recently Christiane Amanpour from the Middle East – The Press had its eyes and ears working the far reaches of the county for mostly lighthearted news and information.

These part-time, volunteer reporters were charged with ferreting out happenings from Tolu, Dycusburg, Emmaus, Freedom, Piney and beyond. Back then, a ruled piece of paper and pencil were tools of the trade. Our ama-

teur journalists jotted down findings, then mailed or brought to the office their regu-

lar correspondence. We’d set it in type and include it in the following issue of the newspaper. Most of this stopped in the early 1990s, if not before.

Here is an excerpt from Geneva Dycus’s report printed in the newspaper on June 11, 1987: “Jean Cannon is a patient at the Western Baptist Hospital for diagnostic tests.”

In the same newspaper, Peachy Long under the title of Emmaus News announced that in her community the Peek family celebrated young Justin’s second birthday over the weekend and provided a listing of all who attended, about two dozen local residents.

From Freedom news by Lee Craighead we learned that

Jason and Scott Hurley spent a few days last week with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robertson.

Yes, these were the forebears of what we now commonly know as Facebook posts.

Social media was borne long before Mark Zuckerberg was even born. It may have looked differently, but was the same kind of stuff we find today. Benefits from this more traditional format of delivery was that once you were done reading the newspaper it made for good fire-starting, pet bedding or wrapping paper.

Back then there were very few options when it came to chewing gum, and there were only three television networks. Juicy Fruit, peppermint or

spearmint. Pick one. As for TV, we had NBC, CBS and ABC, and they all reported in largely the same unbiased fashion – at least by today’s standards.

Now it takes a whole isle in the convenience store to display the gum options and we have 999 channels on the television, all with competing agendas. Sometimes less is more.

The biggest challenge today in our business of community journalism is deciding where to deliver the next round of breaking news. We could put it on our blog, post it to Facebook, Tweet it, Snap it or upload it to Instagram or YouTube.

It’s exhausting. Sometimes, I wish our information was still arriving on paper from Emmaus.

## MUSIC

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Corps Center at Morganfield to play for a church service with Bro. Bobby Wallace of Princeton,” their mom Shelley recalls. “Bro. Wallace put them on Facebook live and one of his pastor friends in Winchester, Tenn., saw it and sent me a link for auditions and said the kids would be perfect.”

The roving performances between several stoplights on the strip in Gatlinburg are held

Thursday through Monday each weekend during the summer. Musicians, quilters, costumed storytellers and cloggers bring the rich heritage of the Smoky Mountains to life for throngs of tourists milling around the strip.

“They will be paid, and they also will be ambassadors for the City of Gatlinburg, so they will do interviews, take pictures and represent the city the whole summer,” Singleton said.

Singleton, who has served as the boys’ roadie, stage manager and chauffeur for the past couple of

years while they performed scores of venues with their local band, Classy & Grassy, will follow the boys and pull a wagon full of instruments up and down the Gatlinburg strip each weekend of the summer.

The family plans to leave their motor home in the Smoky Mountains and make the 340-mile commute each week, giving mom time during the week to continue working for Kentucky’s Cabinet for Health and Family Services Office of the Inspector

General. Dad Jason, a horse trader, prefers to be in the background but is wholly supportive of the boys’ ambitions.

Sample videos from Smoky Mountain Tunes & Tales performances can be found on the group’s Facebook page.

The roving performers play a few songs at one location downtown before moving to another site in the city between 6 and 11 p.m. every Thursday through Sunday.

“The intent is to gather a crowd for a short while, then move on to another

spot,” the boys’ mother said.

Considering their age, it isn’t surprising that the boys are just as excited about all the fun things to do in Gatlinburg and nearby Pigeon Forge as they are performing.

The Gatlinburg gig will not affect previous commitments for Classy & Grassy, and Singleton said the band already has performances booked for the fall. They also will play at events during the week in the western Kentucky area this summer, allowing them to keep the band in-

tact while they perform in Gatlinburg.

One of Classy & Grassy’s next big events is a performance at the a Bluegrass Festival at the Music City Sheraton in Nashville, Tenn., Friday and Saturday. Other big performances planned for 2019 are the Southern Ohio Indoor Music Festival in Wilmington, Ohio, on March 29; Junegrass in Lowell, Mich., on June 29; and the Vine Grove Bluegrass Festival in Vine Grove, Ky., on Sept. 26-28, which will be headlined by Ricky Scaggs.

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voters is less than 10 percent of that figure.

Revenue from alcohol taxes must be spent on public safety. However, that new money would allow the city to shift general fund expenses used to fund the police department to other areas.

“You don’t know where the impact is gonna be,” said Edwards.

Edwards, who was out of the country last week on business, said he had not intended for the petition to be in circulation on store counters. Instead, he was counting on a small number of people contacting individuals they knew were city voters.

However, the petition

turned up at Five Star Food Mart early last week. And the ensuing publicity has given rise to a vocal opposition.

“Putting a petition out at Five Star was not the plan,” Edwards said. “When you throw it out there like that, you create a negative vibe.”

But the petition organizer said he can respect the position of many who are

opposed to legalizing alcohol sales.

“Those people have a legitimate story to tell because they’ve had a negative experience with alcohol,” he explained. “I get that. But that has nothing to do with the economics of it. It’s not evil.”

If the petition is certified with enough valid signatures, the question of legalizing alcohol both by the



drink in qualifying restaurants and through package sales at stores would appear on May ballots in only the city’s five voting precincts. In a March 2016 special election, a similar measure failed by 43 votes. Only 543, a quarter of the city’s registered voters, participated in that election.

This year’s referendum, if it makes it to the ballot, would cost county taxpayers

nothing beyond the usual expense of a scheduled election. That’s because the May primary will decide party nominees for statewide offices like governor.

Follow The Press Online to see if the petition has the requisite number of names to give Marion voters a say on alcohol sales. A followup will also appear here next week.

# Kentucky primary candidates for statewide office

Governor/Lt. Governor	Attorney General	Secretary of State	Auditor	Commissioner of Agriculture	Treasurer
<div>REPUBLICAN PRIMARY CANDIDATES</div> <div><div><b>Matt Bevin*</b> Louisville Ralph Alvarado Winchester</div><div><b>Ike Lawrence</b> Lexington James A. Rose Lexington</div><div><b>Robert Goforth</b> Bernstadt Michael Hogan Louisia</div><div><b>William Woods</b> Corinth Justin Miller Florence</div></div>	<div><b>Daniel Cameron</b> Louisville</div> <div><b>Wil Shroder</b> Wilder</div>	<div><b>Michael Adams</b> Lyndon</div> <div><b>Andrew English</b> Crestwood</div> <div><b>Stephen Knipper</b> Independence</div> <div><b>Carl “Trump” Nett</b> Louisville</div>	<div><b>Mike Harmon*</b> Danville</div>	<div><b>Bill Polyniak</b> Lexington</div> <div><b>Ryan Quarles*</b> Georgetown</div>	<div><b>Allison Ball*</b> Prestonsburg</div>
<div>DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY CANDIDATES</div> <div><div><b>Rocky Adkins</b> Sandy Hook Stephanie Horne Prospect</div><div><b>Adam Edelen</b> Lexington Gill Holland Louisville</div><div><b>Andy Beshear</b> Louisville Jacqueline Coleman Harrodsburg</div><div><b>Geoff Young</b> Lexington Josh N. French Elizabethtown</div></div>	<div><b>Greg Stumbo</b> Prestonsburg</div>	<div><b>Jason Belcher</b> Harold</div> <div><b>Jason Griffith</b> Whitesburg</div> <div><b>Heather F. Henry</b> Louisville</div> <div><b>Geoff Sebastia</b> Lexington</div>	<div><b>Kelsey H. Coots</b> Louisville</div> <div><b>Drew Curtis</b> Lexington</div> <div><b>Sheri Donahue</b> Louisville</div> <div><b>Chris Tobe</b> Anchorage</div>	<div><b>Robert Conway</b> Georgetown</div> <div><b>Joe Trigg</b> Glasgow</div>	<div><b>Michael Bowman</b> Louisville</div> <div><b>Josh Mers</b> Lexington</div>

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Miller, state Rep. Robert Goforth/Michael T. Hogan and unsuccessful 2018 Lexington mayoral candidate Ike Lawrence and running mate James Anthony Rose will also appear on the GOP ballot.

Three notable Democrats head up that party’s ballot for governor, while another prominent member of the party has decided to forgo the race in favor of focusing on motherhood.

Early front runner Attorney General Andy Beshear, whose father was governor prior to Bevin, has picked Jacqueline Coleman as a running mate. They will have stiff competition from the tickets of Kentucky House Minority Leader Rocky Adkins and Stephanie Harris and former state Auditor Adam Edelen and running mate Gill Holland. Also on the Democratic ballot is Geoff Young, who in the last seven years has run unsuccessfully for the Kentucky House (2012), Congress (2014, 2016 and 2018) and Kentucky Governor (2015). His running mate is Josh French.

The most notable name missing in the race is Alison Lundergan Grimes.

the current Democratic Secretary of State. She is restricted by term limits from seeking that office again. Having given birth in December to her first child, she plans to take time off from politics.

### Attorney General

Former Kentucky attorney general and House Speaker Greg Stumbo is looking for his old job back as the state’s top law enforcement officer. Stumbo is seeking the Democratic nomination for attorney general, taking advantage of the vacuum left in the party with Beshear’s run for governor. Stumbo is unopposed and will not appear on May 21 ballots.

On the GOP side, Daniel Cameron, a former legal counsel for U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, will face Will Shroder, a state senator from northern Kentucky. Republicans have not held the seat since before World War II.

GOP Sen. Whitney Westerfield withdrew from the race late last week.

### Secretary of State

Another wide open race because of term limits, secretary of state offers a crowded field for both parties, each offering four candidates.

One Democrat running

for the state’s top election official is Miss America 2000 Heather French Henry, the wife of former Kentucky Lt. Gov. Dr. Steve Henry. She currently serves as deputy commissioner for the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. She will face public school teacher and small business owner Jason Griffith of eastern Kentucky, entrepreneur and former Air Force officer Jason Belcher and Geoff Sebastia, a freelance artist and cartoonist.

Republicans will select from Micheal G. Adams, a Louisville-area attorney who grew up in McCracken County; Andrew English, a lieutenant commander in the Navy Reserves and general counsel in the state Justice and Public Safety Cabinet; Stephen Knipper, who narrowly lost to Grimes in 2015 and is currently Hampton’s chief of staff; and Carl “Trump” Nett, a former Secret Service employee who is such an avid supporter of the President that he identifies with him by his own nickname.

### Auditor

Republicans will have no one to vote for in May for auditor of public accounts. That’s because incumbent Mike Harmon is unopposed.

On the Democratic side, middle school English teacher Kelsey Hayes Coots is joined on the ballot by Chris Tobe, a staffer under former Auditor Ed Hatchett and author on Kentucky’s pension crisis; Sheri Donahue, an engineer who lost a race for the Kentucky Senate in the 2018 general election; and Drew Curtis, an Independent candidate for governor in 2015 and founder of Fark.com, a site for commentary on news.

### Treasurer

Treasurer will also be missing on May ballots for Republicans, as incumbent Alison Ball is the lone GOP candidate.

However, there are two Democrats seeking the office – Josh Mers, a Lexington insurance agent who grew up in Bowling Green, and Michael Bowman, a bank manager and former Louisville Metro Council legislative assistant who had an unsuccessful run last November for Jefferson County Clerk.

### Ag Commissioner

Republican incumbent Ryan Quarles will have to overcome a challenger to earn a second term as head of the state’s Department of Agriculture. Quarles will face Bill Polyniak, a former professional rodeo

cowboy and current co-owner of Kentucky Cannabis Co.

Two Democrats filed just before the deadline – Roberty Haley Conway and Joe Trigg, a veteran, farmer and small business owner who ran unsuccessfully for the Kentucky House in 2016. The last time a Democrat was elected to the office was Billy Ray Smith in 1995.

### About the primary

Kentucky’s primary is closed, meaning voters can cast a ballot only for candidates who belong to the same party with which they are registered. Third party voters will not be

able to participate.

The deadline to switch parties for the May 21 primary has already passed, but unregistered voters have until Monday, April 22 to become eligible to cast a ballot. That can be done in County Clerk Carolyn Byford’s office or online at GoVoteKy.com.

In Crittenden County, it is also possible that voters within the Marion city limits will be able to vote on a referendum seeking to legalize the sale of alcoholic beverages. At press time, it was uncertain if the requisite number of valid signatures, 227, was obtained on a petition turned into Byford Tuesday.

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# Press earns 3 top editorial awards

**STAFF REPORT**

The Crittenden Press earned first-place recognition for three entries at Friday's Kentucky Press Association's (KPA) annual awards banquet. The 2018 Excellence in Kentucky Newspapers contest covered a period from Oct. 1, 2017, to Sept. 30, 2018.

Publisher Chris Evans last February took a look back at the local Amish community 40 years after the traditionalist Christian sect's arrival in Crittenden County. That in-depth front-page story earned first place in the Best Enterprise or Analytical Story category.

"Insight to a private community. Thoroughly written, nice layout – statistics and presentation," the judge from

an out-of-state newspaper association wrote.

For the fourth time in the last five years, the newspaper's Fallen Heroes tribute to men who were killed in the nation's wars over the last century earned honors. The page, which runs in the issue prior to Memorial Day, took first place in Best Graphic. The page is the culmination of data and photos collected over the last two decades.

"An eloquent tribute to those who passed on," read the judge's comments. "Great use of color palette and arranging a lot of info without appearing crowded."

The page also won first in the 2014 contest.

Another top award was given for a light-hearted look into the Thanksgiving culi-

nary skills of students at Crittenden County Elementary School. In the Best Feature Story category, the front-page centerpiece story from Nov. 23, 2018, shared the unedited recipes for a turkey dinner from second-graders.

"Truly funny story, made me laugh out loud," read the comments from the judge. "Thanks!"

Three times since 2013, The Crittenden Press has earned honors for its annual back to school section that offers the community everything it needs to know before local students head back to the classroom each August. This year, the entry previewing the 2018-19 school year took second place in the Best Special Section category.

A second Best Enterprise or Analytical Story award was received by the staff. In the wake of the deadly school shooting in Marshall County, Editor Daryl K. Tabor received third-place recognition for a Feb. 8, 2018, look into local school safety and instances of misbehavior in Crittenden County Schools. The story included a chart with data on documented incidents and discipline from the 2016-17 school year.

"Well researched," read the judge's comments. "Nice statistics, info graphic."

The Press competed with other weeklies from across the state with a circulation of 2,401 to 3,700. All entries were judged by members of an out-of-state newspaper association.

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entrepreneurs drew so much community interest because they understand small-town issues, but also possess a wealth of knowledge for today's marketing concepts.

"Jonathan and Shaun provided a program that was relevant, helpful and was made even better coming from 'one of our own,'" said Paja Crider, vice president of Farmers Bank and Trust Co. of Marion. "It was a great program that I think many enjoyed and will benefit from."

Michael Parshall, the human resources and safety manager at Par 4 Plastics, listed a number of take-aways he got from the program. Among them were, "Always add value, know yourself and your capabilities, know your client, put out the right in-



Parshall

formation at the right time, don't wait until your customer has an immediate need – it's too late at that point – and make sure that you are providing content and information applicable to your target audience."

Parshall, who is also a Chamber director, said another major point he picked up on was that little commitments turn into bigger commitments, which can be a guidepost for developing a personal or company strategy for social media.

"These guys were great! They opened my eyes to the fact that we can do so much more with the social media tools at our fingertips, and the tools are free," Parshall added. "This applies to not only business, but government, economic development and not for profits. I loved it!"

Burdon, the son of Rev.



**Jonathan Burdon, CEO of SocialCoaster Digital Agency, and Shaun Roberts, the company's COO and in-house counsel, speak Friday at the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Breakfast.**

Tim Burdon and his wife Joyce of Mexico Baptist Church, discussed the importance of providing valuable content on digital social network platforms

before pitching a sale to the audience. With regard to small markets like rural western Kentucky, he stressed he importance of attracting and retaining

every possible person within an audience.

"If you have just 200 in your audience, if you don't keep them, they will go elsewhere," he said.

Capturing data such as contact information and initially offering products and services for free are invaluable social media tactics.

More than 70 people registered for last week's Chamber event, and there's another digital program in the works for later this year.

"It was a great lesson in remembering we must find ways to connect to our customers in a meaningful and beneficial way in order to win their trust and business," said Patti Merrell at Johnson's Furniture and Appliance.

Local pharmacist Mike Keller was also intrigued by the subject matter.

"By midway through the program, I was busily jotting down ideas," he said.

The Chamber is currently conducting a membership drive. The first year is free. You can reach the Chamber online at Facebook or by Google search.

## Ky. approves 1,035 hemp apps; none in Crittenden, Livingston

**THE MESSENGER-INQUIRER**

The official hemp era has returned to Kentucky, but neither Crittenden nor Livingston County has joined the revival.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) released its number of approved hemp applicants last week, leaving little doubt that the hemp hype has taken hold in the commonwealth.

According to the KDA, out of the 1,115 hemp applications, 1,035 were granted grower status. That's up from the 210 licensed growers in 2018.

"It exceeded expectations," said Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles about the number of applications his office received. "... The enthusiasm for the crop continues to grow. And I'm proud of our hemp staff for wading through all of those hemp applications in a very timely manner so that we can position Kentucky to be the epicenter of industrial hemp in 2019."

The dramatic increase in growers is because of hemp's removal from the federal ban of scheduled

### Farm Machinery Show set for Feb. 13-16 in Louisville

**STAFF REPORT**

The National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville is less than two weeks away. The nation's largest indoor farm show at the Kentucky Exposition Center runs Feb. 13-16 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

The show offers the most complete selection of cutting-edge agricultural products, equipment and services available in the farming in-

dustrial, and the 1.3 million square feet Exposition Center is filled with more than 850 exhibitors, and 20 agribusiness seminars are offered.

The Championship Tractor Pull is held in conjunction with the National Farm Machinery Show.

Admission to the show is free, but parking is \$10 per vehicle. For more, visit FarmMachineryShow.org.

substances. Industrial hemp was part of the package of legislation within the 2018 farm bill that was championed by U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, a Kentucky Republican.

Total acreage in Kentucky is expected to expand from 16,000 acres in 2018 to 42,000 in 2019.

Of the approved regional growers, according

to Ted Sloan, KDA's assistance communication director, there are five in Webster County with 29 acres, two in Union County with 135 acres, one in Lyon County with 43 acres, one in Caldwell County with 9 acres and none in Crittenden and Livingston counties.

*(Editor's note: The Crittenden Press contributed to this story.)*

## Several ag programs set for February

**STAFF REPORT**

Dee Heimgartner, Crittenden County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources, is conducting a Beef Cattle Series every Monday night in February. The first class will be Preconditioning Calves, the Feb. 11 class will be Heifer Development, the Feb. 18 class will be Fall vs. Spring Seeding of Pastures and the Feb. 25 class will be Beef Quality Assurance.

These classes run 6-8 p.m. at the Extension Service Annex on U.S. 60 East just outside of Marion. Call (270) 965-5236 to register.

There are also other agriculture-related trainings offered next month, including:

- Private Pesticide Applicator Training at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12 at the Extension Annex. This training is for those who

wish to become certified private use applicators or renew certification.

- Produce Best Practices Training (PBPT) at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 18 at the Extension Annex. This updated training is required for a sampling certificate through Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Some markets surrounding Crittenden County require producers be PBPT certified to sell at

that market.

- University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Specialist Wm Dunwell presents Pruning Landscape Shrubs between 2 and 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26 at Crittenden County Public Library. He will explain when and how to prune shrubs.

Call the Extension office at (270) 965-5236 to register for any of these classes.

### Horse and Tack Auction

*presented by Horses Priced Right*

**Support the Union County Equestrian Youth Association and the Bluegrass Buckshots Drill Team**

**Saturday, Feb. 2 • \$2 Gate Fee per Vehicle**

Located in the White Floral Hall Building at the Union County Fairgrounds!

**Tack at 4 p.m. • Saddles at 6 p.m. • Horses at 7 p.m.**

\*Commission Fees: Horses 7% (\$25 no sale fee); Saddles and Tack 15% (\$5 no sale fee). Current coggins required.

Out of state horses require health certificate.

**CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE. All early consigned horses will be on Horses Priced Right Facebook page.**

**For more information: Dan Browning (618) 508-2028**

## Specials

### Sweetlix 24% Protein Tubs

200 lb. ....	\$55 <sup>00</sup>
4 or More .....	\$52 <sup>00</sup>

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# Area Deaths

## Denton

Thelma Jean Denton, 73, of Marion died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019 at Livingston Hospital.



She was a homemaker and member of Second Baptist Church.

She is survived by a daughter; Donna Star-rick of Marion and two sons; Joe Winters and Ricky Winders, both of Marion; six grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; sisters, Lora Buckman of Phoenix, Ariz., and Dorothy Hobbs of Marion; and a brother, Leo Winters of Elgin, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Dorothy Johnson Winters; and a brother.

Services were Sunday, Jan. 27 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Repton Cemetery.

## Curnel

Lonnie L. Curnel, 88, of Salem died Monday, Jan. 28, 2019 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion.

He was a retired farmer and of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are three brothers, James Curnel of Salem, Donnie Curnel and his wife Jeannie of Marion, Doug Curnel and his wife Kathy of Marion; a brother-in-law, Willard Guill of Marion; and a niece, Melissa Guill of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evalean Sisco Curnel; parents, Harmon and Esther Privitt Curnel; three brothers; and four sisters.

Services are at 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 1 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow at Salem Cemetery.

Friends may visit from 5 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 31 in the chapel at Boyds.

Memorials may be made to Mary Hall Rud-diman Canine Shelter, 24 Just-A-Mere Rd., Marion, KY 42064 or Ray's of Hope Cat Sanctuary, 155 John Rains Rd., Eubank, KY 42567.

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Marion Fire Department responded to a call Tuesday on Guess Drive in Town and Country subdivision near the park. Fortunately, everyone got out safely and the source of the smoke that first alerted residents was quickly quelled by a rapid response.

## Cold brings fire risk Awareness is first step to preventing blazing disaster

According to statistics from the United States Fire Administration, between 2013 and 2015, an average of 45,900 home heating fires occurred in the U.S., in each of those years. These fires caused an annual average of approximately 205 deaths, 725 injuries and \$506 million in property loss.

Already this fall and winter, local families have suffered great loss from house fires. One in early December in Salem left a family of nine without a home or belongings.

Heating was the second leading cause of home fires after cooking, according to the national organization that tracks such things and works to help families prevent house fires.

Home heating fires tend to peak in the early evening hours between 5 and 9 p.m., with the highest peak between 6 and 8 p.m. This four-hour period accounted for 29 percent of all home heating fires, according to the Fire Administration.

Home heating fires also hit their peak in January (21 percent of them during the study period) and they decline to the lowest point from June to August.

Confined fires — fires confined to chimneys, flues or fuel burners — accounted for 75 percent of home heating fires.

### Statistics to know

The threat of winter fires is real. Use these statistics to help your community understand how severe these fires can be.

- 890 people die in winter home fires each year.
- \$2 billion in property loss occurs each year from winter home fires.
- Winter home fires account for only 8 percent of the total number of fires in the U.S., but result in 30 percent of all fire deaths.
- Cooking is the leading cause of all winter home fires.
- A heat source too close to combustibles is the leading factor contributing to the start of a winter home fire (15 percent).
- 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. is the most common time for winter home fires.

(Source: FEMA)

Twenty-nine percent of the non-confined home heating fires — fires that spread past the object of origin — happened because the heat source (like a space heater or fire place) was too close to things that can burn.

Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Fires

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!

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Half of all home heating fires occur in the months of December, January and February.

Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 7 reported home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths.

Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.

Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away as possible from your home.

Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.

Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.

Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.

Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.

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For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov/winter](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter) and [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter).

## MCC seeks instructors for fall Ed-Tech classes

STAFF REPORT

Madisonville Community College (MCC) is trying to recruit adjunct instructors for a number of classes that could be offered in Marion at the Ed-Tech Center starting in the fall. There will be a Adjunct Fair at the Ed-Tech Center from 6 p.m., to 7:30 p.m., on March 5 where prospective instructors can meet with MCC representatives.

Adjunct instructors must meet minimum requirements, which vary depending upon which courses are taught. Some require a master's degree while others re-

quire only an associate's degree.

The Madisonville college is needing instructors for air conditioning/HVAC, astronomy, automotive, biology, business, chemistry, communications, computer information technology, economics, EMT-paramedic, English, health sciences, machine tool, nurse aid, math, phlebotomy, psychology and sociology.

If you plan to attend the Marion fair in March, RSVP to (270) 824-8564 or by emailing [kay.hawkins@kctcs.edu](mailto:kay.hawkins@kctcs.edu).

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**CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 60 ACRES - \$135,000** - This livestock farm has the potential for being an excellent hunting tract. Plenty of food plot locations, pond and rock bottom creek are located on the property.

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**CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 865 ACRES - \$1,726,000** - This large acreage hunting farm boasts a superb mix of habitat types and topography and income from the tillable. Site of historic Crittenden Springs.

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# Remembering Marion’s dry cleaning businesses

During the past several years, downtown Marion has lost some of the popular businesses that were a vital part of our community. On Main Street, the Ben Franklin, Five and Dime store, sits empty and windows bare of its former advertisements of merchandise that once filled the store.



**Brenda Underdown**  
County Historian  
*Forgotten Passages*

The history of one of Marion's past favorite businesses, the Ben Franklin Store, first started out as Pugh's Variety store and it was located on East Carlisle Street. Charles W. Pugh opened the variety store in March 1928. The specials included saltwater kisses for 9 cents a pound, men's Cambric shirts at 49 cents, congoeum door-mats for 9 cents each and springhouse dresses for 98 cents.

The franchise was arranged through Butler Brothers in St. Louis. Butler Brothers supplied the stock, and Joe Jones, who worked at the store, (but would be the future owner) said he and two others went to the St. Louis warehouse three times a year to buy for the store. It wasn't until the new year, 1929, that the Ben Franklin franchise was purchased and it became the Ben Franklin Store.

In 1932 the Ben Franklin Store moved from its location of Carlisle Street to the Main Street store previously occupied by Stewart Dry Goods. Joe Jones purchased the store in 1936. It was at this location until 1978 when it closed.

Before the depression hit, Jones said there were four clerks and four cash registers in the store. When money got tight and business dropped to nearly nothing, Jones became the only clerk. He said his wife would bring him lunch at the store.

According to an article in The Crittenden Press, June 22, 1956, the Ben

Franklin Store, a conventional service store, was going 'Self-Service'. The store was being completely re-modeled for self-service, featuring all the most modern fixtures and equipment designed for the ease, convenience and pleasure of everybody's shopping. It has always been the right of Americans to make their own decisions and choices," said Mr. Jones," and this may be the reason for the growing popularity of self-service stores."

In keeping with a rapidly growing trend, many home-owned Ben Franklin Stores all over America are going self-serve, because folks have proved that they prefer to shop this way. They would rather look around, take their time, just the way they do in a lending library, or in a cafeteria or in a supermarket, until they find what they want. The new self-service stores will be easy, leisurely convenient and it's fun to shop.

According to Mr. Jones this new self-service system is also the answer to all those exasperated shoppers who left their shopping lists at home on the kitchen table. Actually he says, shopping lists may just as well be left there, because each self-service counter is a shopping list in itself. A wide assortment of new popular priced merchandise will be displayed everywhere and every article will be within easy reach, with prices clearly marked.

The shoppers will find self-service shopping very simple. When Mrs. Shopper finds what she wants, she places it in one of the handy lightweight baskets, which are provided for her convenience, and then brings her basket to the checkout desk when she is through shopping.

Everett Jones, nephew of owner Joe Jones, and his wife, Alberta Jones, became a partner in the



Above right, the old Marion Post Office building that housed the Marion Dry Cleaners business for many years. Above left, the Ben Franklin Store on Main Street in 1978, just before it closed.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

local business in 1971. Everett became the sole owner after his uncle was injured in an elevator accident in 1973. Everett and Alberta operated the popular business store until June 1978. At this time Alberta Jones, was the owner of the business, as her husband had died the previous year. She said the closing was not brought about by a lack of business and she hated to see Marion without a dime store in town. She stated her reason for closing was that she wasn't able to handle everything by herself. So after 49 years of good business and service to the community it was closing its doors.

I'm sure many of us remember this wonderful store and all the good memories it brings back as one of the stores that were on Main Street. And perhaps some still have items that were purchased there. I have a set of beautiful china that was purchased at the Ben Franklin Store and it is now over 50 years old. I never look at it displayed on my kitchen shelves without thinking of the day that it was purchased all those years ago.

Marion has been without a dry-cleaning business now for several years. Let's take a look back when there were two such businesses in town.

**Rose Cleaners and Marion's Dry Cleaners**

Rose Cleaners' history doesn't date back as far as the Marion Dry Cleaners, for it was started in

1934.

Mr. Guy Rose was born in Elizabethtown, Ill., and came to Marion soon after his discharge from the Army in 1933. At that time he purchased Marion Dry Cleaners, a business, which has since borne his name. (This was another cleaning business and not the one on Carlisle Street.)

From April 6, 1934: "The new dry cleaning plant now being installed by Guy C. Rose will be in operation tomorrow, April 7, 1934. It is being installed in the Crittenden Hotel Sample Room, behind the Woman's Club Building.

"According to Mr. Rose the new plant is the very latest type. It is a "Bowser System" and will clean quickly and effectively. The main feature of the new cleaning plant for Marion will be the one-day service. This convenience will be something new for Marion patrons.

"Mr. Rose is making a special announcement during the week by giving a cedarized, mothproof bag with every heavy garment cleaned during that time. These bags will keep your garment in perfect condition until next fall."

Robert McMican joined Rose Cleaner in 1946. Sometime during this time they moved to the location on North Main Street. In 1956, Guy Rose, senior partner and founder of the business, died. Robert, along with his wife Alberta, continued the business until retirement in 1968. Rose Cleaners closed its doors

in 1990.

I remember the home deliveries that this business provided. When I was living and growing up in the community of Crayne, I remember on a certain day of the week, my mother would hang clothes on the front porch by the door, and this would be the sign for Mr. McMican to stop and pick up the items that needed cleaning. The clothes all cleaned and pressed and in a Rose Cleaners bag would be brought back and delivered to our house the next week. As my mother didn't drive this was really a help to her having the pick-up and delivery each week.

This is just another little piece of our past that is almost forgotten, and a service that is hard to believe was actually provided.

**Marion's Dry Cleaners**

The history of Marion Dry Cleaners has a longer history, actually dating back to 1911. In November 1911, an ad appeared in The Crittenden Press for the business on the Busy Bee Block, which is now Carlisle Street, it shows Loren Yates, Pressing, Cleaning and Repairing.

From April 11, 1924: "Mr. L. E. Yates, proprietor of the National Dry Cleaners, has moved his pressing and hat blocking business from the Concrete building to the old post office building, where he has ample room to conduct his increased business. Mr. Yates has recently added to his equipment a hat cleaning

and blocking machine and is now prepared to do any business in the cleaning and pressing field."

In February 1946, The Press announced that Marion Dry Cleaners, successors to Yates Tailor Shop, a.k.a. The National Dry Cleaners, would be operating under new management, with the same staff of skilled employees, but new owners were Ronald and Ralph Hicklin, and Gray Alvis. Thus began the long and successful Marion Dry Cleaners business.

In 1991, Tink and Ralph sold the business to Paul Vaughn, but they both continued to work there until Ralph's health forced him to quit that year.

In October 2008 Frank Pierce purchased the business from Paul Vaughn, and in January 2009 changed the name to Coach's Cleaners. Between the time of August 2013 and February 2014 other people tried to keep the business running, but in January 2015 the store closed for good.

This now historic business finally had to close its doors to the sign of the times, fewer types of material that have to be dry cleaned and the high cost of materials that it takes to run a cleaning business.

These are just three of the well-remembered businesses that us older generation recalls with fond memories of how downtown Marion used to be, with it's many businesses and the people

# Father: More to P.J. Washington’s game than scoring

Sometimes Paul Washington Sr. admits he gets a bit frustrated when his son, P.J. Washington, seems to be judged just by how many points he scores in a game.

"You can look at scoring, but he's just a winner. If his team needs him to score 20, he'll do it. If it needs five points and eight rebounds, he'll do that. He's not a guy who is unhappy if someone else scores 20 points, he gets five and the team wins," Paul Washington said. "If you watch, you will see him celebrating a great pass as much as a 3 or dunk. Sometimes I think the media just believes 20 points is a good game but there's a lot more to his game than that."



**Larry Vaught**  
UK Sports Columnist  
*Vaught's Views*

The UK sophomore's father says his son's defense and ability to stretch the floor with his improved 3-point shooting is often overlooked by some along with his rebounding.

"He can score but look at the way he guarded Luke Maye in that North Carolina game. That was bigger than scoring," Paul Washington, a former prep school coach, said. "As a coach's son, he knows the game and understands what is coming. If you look, you can see the growth he's had in his game since last year."

ESPN analyst Dick Vitale was critical of P.J. Washington for not consistently putting up big scoring and rebounding

numbers like he has done in some games.

- Early in the season he averaged 21 points, 12 rebounds and 2.7 assists per game in consecutive games against North Dakota, VMI and Winthrop. He had a career-high 18 rebounds against VMI.

- Against Seton Hall he had a career-best 29 points, 12 rebounds, four blocks and four assists. He went 12-for-13 at the foul line.

- In UK's win over North Carolina, he had 11 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists to just miss becoming only the fourth UK player ever with a triple-double.

- Last week against Mississippi State he led UK with 21 points and made three 3-pointers to go along with six rebounds and four blocks. In the win over No. 9 Kansas Saturday, he had his second straight 20-point game — the first time he's done that — and had 20 points, 13 rebounds, two blocks, one assist and one steal.

So why hasn't he had numbers like that in more games?

"Sometimes I'll get lackadaisical and won't get a rebound or something, and that's when he (UK coach John Calipari) will take me out," Washington said. "Then, when I come back in, I just try to get the flow going and try to be aggressive. I just feel like the past three games, I came out aggres-

sive from the get-go. That's one of the biggest things I've been working on, just trying to keep moving on and keep playing 40 minutes like that. I think that's the biggest thing for me."

What makes him get lackadaisical?

"I have no idea," Washington said. "If I knew that, it wouldn't slow down."

Calipari admits he can get "angry" with Washington when he plays without a full motor.

"We just have to tell him it is not acceptable (to play that way)," Calipari said. "When I don't see that motor, it drives me nuts. You should be the best player in the country. So what would lead you not to go after these dudes every minute and then say, 'Coach, can you give me three or four minutes, let ME get my breath and I'll be ready to go and then go kill them again' and everybody across the country is talking about PJ Washington."

"You can't be afraid of being the best. Be the best. But you know what? It's hard. And how about this? Living up to it every game? Even harder."

Washington is averaging 12.3 points, a team-high 7.8 rebounds, 1.9 assists and 1.2 blocks per game and is being projected as a mid first-round pick in the 2019 NBA Draft. He put his name into the draft after his freshman season but opted to come back to UK after being evaluated by NBA personnel.

"If he had been guaranteed he would be a first-round pick, he would have left. He wasn't, so he came back. That's what

we said from day one," Paul Washington said. "It was never that he didn't like Kentucky or college. But when you don't say anything to people, they just come up with news like some did about him not wanting to be back at UK."

"He enjoyed the team last year. It has a totally different dynamic this year. It's truly a family. There have been some peaks and valleys but this is truly a team and Cal and his staff have done a great job getting this team to where it is now."

**Rejuvenated fan base**

Kentucky's play in recent weeks not only has rejuvenated the UK fan base, but it has also impressed rival coaches.

"They're always going to play good defense. They'll play different ways based on their team and their personnel. They're always good defensively, and they'll always take good shots. I think a big trademark is that they try and beat you up on the glass," Mississippi State coach Ben Howland said.

"Every year, Kentucky is always way up at the top in rebound margin. This year, there's no exception. They really try to pound you on the glass, and they get to the line 20 times a game plus. They're battle-tested. Every time they play anybody, it's that team's big game because you're playing the iconic Kentucky program and brand."

Kansas coach Bill Self was even bolder with his praise of Kentucky.

"They are a team that can win a national championship. I know everybody thought that before

the season and then you have one game (a loss to Duke to start the season) where the attention shifts," Self said. They've grinded their way back to where they are right now and that's being one of the best teams in the country."

**Challenging stretch**

After beating two ranked teams in Rupp Arena last week, Kentucky has to play three of its next four games on the road in what figures to be a challenging stretch. However, Washington says road play is not that bad.

"Everybody's against us on the road and we feed off that. It's just fun going out and ruining people's weekends and weeks and stuff like that," the UK sophomore said. "That's our (motto) we talk about in the locker room, going out and ruining their weekends and stuff like that."

"We just get fired up when playing on the road. We just beat three ranked teams in a row. I feel like our team is on the rise and I'm excited about. I'm just ready to go play wherever."

Calipari said his team might have played its two best back-to-back games

earlier this season in road wins at Georgia and Auburn.

"It's tough on the road but that doesn't mean you can't win," freshman guard Ashton Hagans said. "Plus, we know everywhere we go what the environment is going to be like. We are used to it and that might actually give us an advantage."

**Quote of the Week**

"People can say what they want to and make a big deal out of a lot, which sometimes they do. But the bottom line is that he's done a ridiculously good job wherever he's been. He gets so much credit for being a terrific recruiter, but he's as good of a coach as he is a recruiter," Kansas coach Bill Self on UK coach John Calipari.

**Quote of the Week 2**

"We have one of the best AD's in the country. He understands sports and understands scheduling. I could get a schedule with 45 wins because I make the schedule. But to get to the level we want I have to make sure we go up against the best and our AD gets that," UK softball coach Rachel Lawson on athletics director Mitch Barnhart.

with Paw Patrol and PJ Mask

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# Alert! sneaky alcohol petition

It would seem those who are fathering this petition to legalize alcohol in Marion are more interested in having alcohol handy for their own benefit than in the welfare of the rest of the community and its financial welfare. Ohterwise, they would not have tried to get the number of names in time to be verified for the election cycle under the radar of public knowledge.

The alcohol supporters always cry to taxpayers, “We need your money to help pay for things good for you.”

Just a very few years back our city coffers had a reserve of \$2,000,000 (that is millions).

But elected politicians voted against lesser expensive property off Main Street, located on Bellville Street,

which was not fancy enough for their fire station.

So they not only bought more expensive property with our taxes, without our permission, but wasted thousands of our hard-earned dollars on a not-necessary fire station. It was only necessary for a big fancy edifice with a lot of wasted space and adornment for a political legacy.

But what joy can it bring them to look at it and at the same time the city’s empty pockets?

Now our city fathers are looking to raise our taxes or put the disease of alcohol on us.

This is like saying, “We hope to attract alcohol guzzlers, who will help Crittenden County give birth to more alcohol guzzlers, to bring more grief to our community that is already broken with dangerous drug use among our youth.”

It is a fact, with Washington D.C., being

our model, many politicians are not as careful spending other people’s money as they are their own.

How true the words in Holy Writ by Paul: “For the love of money is the root of all evil.” 1st Tim. 6:10.

How will alcohol sales affect the desire for our Amish population to remain among us, which is a key feature of our local tourism? That is a large group of people who do not like running the risk of their children being run down on their way to school by drunken drivers. Remember, theirs walk to school.

Nor do they appreciate the risk of a father or mother being killed by drivers under the influence, leaving several minor children without a parent.

I’ve endured that pain for almost 86 years, and only those in like situations know that hellish pain.

Please don’t insult the non-alcohol citizens by saying, “Well if we don’t have it available here, they can get it just a few miles away.” We are like you, smart enough to know far more will get involved

when its so handy and “cool.”

Are all those surrounding communities held up as examples of how alcohol can help really benefiting. Are they shining examples of prosperous, clean, safe, neighborhoods and big businesses buying up all the empty buildings who will hire large numbers of employees?

Nothing but evil has ever come from alcohol consumption.

We soon will see if we have as many Christians in Marion as are on city church rolls, whose Bible says, “Abstain from all appearances of evil.” 1st Thess. 5:22.

For now I’ll leave with words from the man whom God said He would make the smartest man to ever live, Solomon, Pro. 21:17: “He that loves wine shall not be rich.”

We have citizens who think wine bibbers will bring in businesses to make us rich!

•Rev. Lucy Tedrick, pastor at Marion Church of God, shares her views periodically in this newspaper. She can be reached at (270) 965-3269. Her opinions are her own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.

## Local Faith-Based Events & Church Outreach Programs

### Salem Baptists hosts Valnetine Dance

Salem Baptist Church will be having a Valentine’s Day Dance at the Salem Baptist Christian Life Center, 6-8 p.m., Sat., Feb. 9 for ages 7th grade-adult.

### Community Outreach Programs

- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church’s clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1-3 p.m. the third Thursday each month in the church’s Coleman Hall.
- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
- The clothes closet of First Baptist Church of Fredonia is open from 1 to 3 p.m. every Thursday. It is located at the back of the church’s Family Life Center
- Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

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College & Depot streets, Marion • (270) 965-5232  
Coffee/Juice Fellowship 8:30-8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School 8:45-9:45 a.m.  
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**Tolu United Methodist Church**  
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Sunday School 10 a.m. • Service 11 a.m.  
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-Matthew 18:20


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Sun. School 10 a.m. • Morning Service 11 a.m.  
Sun. Evening 6 p.m. • Wed. Evening 6 p.m.  
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**Mexico Baptist Church**  
Minister of Youth Robert Kirby | Minister of Music Mike Crabtree  
**Pastor: Tim Burdon**  
Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.  
Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.  
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.  
175 Mexico Rd. (270) 965-4059 MexicoBaptist.org



**Marion Church of Christ**  
546 West Elm Street • (270) 965-9450  
Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.  
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Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
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Phone: (270) 965-2220  


**FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
224 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky.  
Dee Ann Thompson, pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Night Worship Service: 6 p.m.  




**Tyners Chapel Church** Located on Ky. 855 North  
Sunday: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 6 p.m.  
Pastor: Charles Tabor  


**Emmanuel Baptist Church**  
108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities: 6 p.m.  
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Sunday school: ..... 10 a.m.  
Worship service: ..... 11 a.m.  


**Crooked Creek Baptist Church**  
261 Crooked Creek Church Rd., Marion, Ky.  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Mark Girten  


**Sugar Grove** cumberland presbyterian  
585 Sugar Grove Church Rd., Marion, Ky.  
(270) 704-2455  
Sun. School: 10 a.m. | Sun. Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.  


**Hurricane Church**  
Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West  
Bro. John Robertson, Pastor  
Sun. School, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.  
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

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Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.



Blood drive  
Feb. 4 at CHS

West Kentucky Regional Blood Center and Crittenden Health Systems will sponsor a blood drive from noon-5:30 p.m., Monday in the educational building on the hospital campus. Photo ID is required to give blood. Donors will receive a t-shirt, and the WKRBC will donate \$5 for each pint collected to Crittenden County Detention Center commissary fund.

Adult ed has  
GED recipient

The Crittenden County Adult Ed Center is celebrating its first completed GED in over a year. Instructor Cindy Jenkins said Chavone Wooley received her GED on Jan. 7, earning her highest score in math.



Wooley

For more information about pursuing a GED in Crittenden County, contact Jenkins at (270) 965-9435. Thursdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Extension

– The **Crochet Corner** Club invites anyone interested in needlework – embroidery, knitting, tatting, etc. – to join what is to become a needlework club. The club meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at noon at the extension office. The next meeting is Feb. 6. Club members are also accepting donations of yarn, needles, hoops etc. that you do not need. Contact Nancy Lapp (270) 965-4469 for more info.

– Family and Consumer Sciences Agent Janeen Tramble is starting a new series of classes for 2019. Each month she will be featuring the recipe from the food nutrition calendar provided by the SNAP program. This month's recipe is One Pot Cheesy Spaghetti. She will **demonstrate the food preparation** and share nutritional information. The first session will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 11 at the Extension Annex. There is no cost, but pre-registration is required, by calling (270) 965-5236 before Feb. 8.

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

– **Love Notes class** will be held from 1-3 p.m., Tuesday and again from 6-8 p.m., at the Extension Annex. In today's time of email and texts, we have lost our personal touch, but we all still like to get mail as long as it's not junk or bills. In this class, you will make Valentine's cards. The cost is \$2. This class encourages you to bring your child or come alone. The class is limited, so call the Extension Office to register at (270) 965-5236.

Farm Bureau  
aid available

The Kentucky Farm Bureau Education Foundation will award college scholarships ranging from \$400 to \$4,000 to 95 high school seniors pursuing a four-year degree. Students must complete the application at kyfb.com/scholarships by Feb. 28. Qualifying students must have at least a 3.5 grade point average or a minimum 23 ACT score, be the child of a KFB member and finish high school within the year. Visit kyfb.com/scholarships. KFB also offers additional scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000. These are due April 26.



Pictured with Farmers Bank chief operations officer and vice president Paja Crider are students on the winning marketing team Tyler Boone, Gavin Dickerson, Cameron McNeely, Zack Weathers and David Maness.

Media & Marketing  
CCHS team wins Farmers Bank competition

A group of tech-savvy high school students recently participated in a contest to create a digital marketing campaign to enhance the bank's market share. According to bank chief operations officer and vice president, Paja Crider, the payoff was remarkable.

"This project was a definite win-win," said Crider. "The students benefited from real world work experience that encompassed a multitude of skills, and the bank received excellent digital advertising campaigns created by members of the market we are trying to reach. They did an excellent job."

Crittenden County High School teacher Leah Waters and Systems Engineer Don Winters combined their respective broadcast journalism and tech help desk classes to work on the project. Crider had suggested the project to update the bank's current ads playing on the video boards in Rocket Arena, and she hoped to extend the project to the bank's social media sites, as well.

Crider met with the students earlier this year, provided background on the project, shared the bank's goals and scope of the assignment. "We wanted a campaign that would communicate the bank's desire to invest in the youth of our community. Outside of that, we gave them creative freedom," said Crider, "and the results were amazing."

Waters said the students worked in groups to produce either a 30-second ad for the video boards at Rocket Arena, a video ad for social media, or both. Students researched the bank, interviewed employees, wrote scripts, filmed and edited their projects as they competed for the winning spot.

"Throughout this project, the students were given a hands-on opportunity to use multiple skills that didn't just involve technology," said Waters. "They had to incorporate written and communication skills, as well."

The students pitched their ideas to senior bank officials earlier this

month in hopes of becoming the winning group selected for the bank's campaign. Waters said the presentation part of the assignment yielded many real-world implications for the students.

"They were required to dress professionally for their presentations and now have a better understanding of actual interviews," said Waters. "Students are accustomed to presenting to their classmates, but this took their presentation skills to an entirely different level."

Following the presentations, bank officials met and selected the winning project. Crider returned to CCHS earlier this week to present the winning team with not only the news that their project would soon debut on the video boards and the bank's social media sites, but also each student on the winning team was awarded a \$35 deposit in a student savings account. The winning team consisted of Tyler Boone, Gavin Dickerson, Zack Weathers, David Maness, and Cameron

McNeely. Senior Gavin Dickerson said the project provided him extensive leadership skills that he'll carry with him long after graduation.

"Our class, as a whole, learned a great deal throughout the entire project," said Dickerson. "It definitely prompted us to work outside of our comfort zones and work as a team to accomplish our goal."

Crider added that all students produced quality work that exceeded expectations. "They gave us a different perspective on banking," she said. "To some, banking is writing checks, borrowing money, or cashing a paycheck. To these students, it is much different. Many of them have never and will never write a check. Banking to them is an app on their phone and a debit card in their wallet. Seeing banking through their eyes is important, and a viewpoint we hold in high regard."

Watch for the winning video production and social media ad to debut in the coming weeks.

Legion  
service  
Sunday

A Four Chaplains Service will be presented by American Legion Post 217 of Burna at Bethel United Methodist Church, at 11 a.m., Sunday. The church is located at 1420 Lola Rd. in Salem.

The legion encourages all veterans and their families to support the 76th anniversary of the sinking of the Dorchester on Feb. 3, 1943. The U.S. Army Transport Dorchester was one of three ships in a convoy, moving across the Atlantic from Newfoundland to an American base in Greenland when it sunk. A converted luxury liner, the Dorchester was crowded to capacity, carrying 902 servicemen, merchant seamen and civilian workers.

4-H offers  
home school  
opportunity

*Submitted by Mark Mains, assistant director for 4-H youth development*

4-H offers hands-on learning opportunities for all young people, so it's no surprise that many home school families find 4-H's programs perfectly align with their educational objectives and goals.

Located in offices of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H is in every county. Its curriculum covers a wide variety of interests. Chances are if your young person is interested in a particular topic, 4-H has information, an activity or a program related to it. Like other youth who attend public or private schools, home-schooled 4-Hers can complete projects and submit them to fairs and exhibitions to showcase their hard work and accomplishments. 4-H also offers leadership opportunities and the chance for youth to learn about civic engagement and make a positive difference in their community.

Crittenden County has a homeschool club and youth can participate in 4-H at any level they are comfortable and can do so as an individual youth or entire family. You can join an existing 4-H club or start your own.

Joining Kentucky 4-H is completely free, and the majority of activities and projects are low cost and chosen by families based on their needs or interests. Home school families also have access to 4-H's large collection of project books, available in hard copy and online. Many families find these project books are useful for more than just completing projects and use them as supplemental educational materials.

If you are a home school family looking for a chance to have an enriching experience, you need to visit your Crittenden County office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service to learn about local 4-H possibilities.

Submit local events

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



Rocket Role Models

December Rocket Role Models at Crittenden County Elementary were recognized for the character trait of citizenship. Pictured (front from left) are Barret Greenwell, Waylon Fritts, Brooklyn Suggs, EmmaShae Holland, Cadie Buchanan and Melina Keller, (second row) John-Luke Reddick, Chelsea Jennings, Weston Weatherspoon, Zayna Russell, Peyton Lanham, Draven Farmer, Camden Lanham, Sofie Watson, Darin Morries, Jackson Morries, (third row) Easton Byars, Roane Topp, LJ Ward, Bryson Kentfield, Cabot Sutton, Callie Rich, Erin Korzenborn, (back) Kendall Hoover, Holley Curnel, Isaac James, Cash Singleton, Gavin Grimes, Breylen Clifford, Ella Geary, Josh Robison. Not pictured are Kallen Millikan and Lawson Hutchison.





BASKETBALL

This Week's Games

- FRIDAY**  
Lady Rockets host Livingston  
Rockets host Livingston
- SATURDAY**  
Lady Rockets host Tilghman
- MONDAY**  
Rockets at Hardin County, Ill.
- TUESDAY**  
Lady Rocket JV at Caldwell  
Rockets host Caldwell County

Second Region Poll

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

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

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

Post-season venues

The Fifth District Basketball tournaments will begin on Feb. 18 at Livingston Central High School in Smithland. The regional tournaments will be played the following week with the boys' at Madisonville and girls' at Trigg County.

OUTDOORS  
Hunting Seasons

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

Youth waterfowl

There will be a youth waterfowl hunting this weekend, Feb. 2-3, for hunters age 15-under. Young hunters can take ducks, coots, mergansers and geese on these days. Youth hunters must comply with Hunter Education and hunting license requirements and be accompanied by an adult (at least 18 years of age).

BASKETBALL  
Elementary results

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

- GIRLS**
- 3-4 Grade: Lyon 26, Crittenden 17**  
Scoring: Haylie Hunt 6, Jordyn Hodge 9, Maeson Martin 2.
- 5-6 Grade: Lyon 36, Crittenden 22**  
Scoring: Anna Boone 2, Elliot Evans 3, Andrea Federico 2, Carly Porter 2, Elle McDaniel 3, Georgia Holeman 6, Madison Walker 4.

- BOYS**
- 4th Grade: Caldwell 34, Crittenden 23**  
Scoring: Avery Thompson 9, Isaac James 8, Brady Dayberry 4, Jaxton Duncan 2.
- 6th Grade: Crittenden 43, Dawson 14**  
Scoring: Brady Belt 8, Chase Conyer 12, Kaiden Travis 6, Bryson Walker 10, Levi Suddoth 4, Brayden Poindexter 2.
- 6th Grade: Crittenden 45, Dawson 36**  
Scoring: Brady Belt 19, Chase Conyer 20, Bryson Walker 4, Brayden Poindexter 2.
- 6th Grade: Crittenden 36, Caldwell 11**  
Scoring Brady Belt 13, Chase Conyer 12, Kaiden Travis 2, Levi Suddoth 3, Bryson Walker 4, Grayson Davidson 2.
- 4th Grade: Crittenden 45, Livingston 35**  
Scoring: Avery Thompson 22, Isaac James 4, Brady Dayberry 2, Colt Bailey 9, Jaxton Duncan 6, Davis Perryman 2, Logan Martin.



Sophomore Kate Keller could break more records her coach says.

Crittenden County Player Averages

ROCKETS			LADY ROCKETS		
Player	Scoring	Rebounding	Player	Scoring	Rebounding
Mott, Gabe	17.1	3.3	Woodward, Nahla	10.3	7.3
Turley, Preston	9.8	5.7	Guess, Taylor	10.1	3.7
Towery, Sawyer	8.4	4.9	Summers, Shelby	9.0	5.6
Boone, Hunter	7.5	2.9	Duncan, Jaelyn	4.6	4.3
O'Leary, Erik	5.3	2.0	Moss, Chandler	4.8	5.5
Dickerson, Gavin	4.0	3.7	Boone, Natalie	2.9	3.0
Boone, Tyler	4.0	1.0	Driskell, Grace	1.8	1.8
Morgeson, Preston	2.5	1.5	Hayes, Lili	1.2	2.4
Carlson, Jayden	2.3	1.1	Long, Matthia	1.1	1.6
Winders, Braxton	1.3	1.9	Keller, Kate	0.8	0.6
Maddox Carlson	1.0	0	Easley, Kacie	0.5	1.1
O'Leary, Sean	1.3	0.7	Perryman, Lilly	0.5	0.5
Guess, Seth	0	0.4	Binkley, Ashton	0.5	0.2
Dobyns, Ben	0	0.2	Wheeler, Ashley	0.2	1.0
			Hatfield, Addie	0	0.3

Through games played before Jan. 29



Gabe Mott leads CCHS in scoring.

Rockets' most meaningful game Friday

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County will host perhaps its biggest game of the season on Friday. It certainly has as much riding on it as any game in the past month.

The Rockets entertain Livingston Central with a chance to avoid last place in the Fifth District. Trigg County will host Lyon on the same night with similar aspirations.

As you read this, Crittenden and Trigg are both looking up at the other two teams in the district. They have split matchups against one another and lost each of their meetings thus far against Livingston and Lyon.

The Lyons are a clear favorite to win the district's regular-season title and No. 1 seed for postseason. Livingston has already locked up second place so Friday's game at Rocket Arena will have much deeper meaning for CCHS than the Cardinals.

Livingston comes into this week's game as losers in three of its last four games, including a 35-point loss at Union County on Saturday. The

Fifth District Standings  
BOYS

Team	Overall	Dist.
Lyon County	14-8	6-0
Livingston Central	11-11	3-2
Crittenden County	7-13	1-4
Trigg County	8-15	1-5

Through Tuesday's games

Braves made Crittenden look just as bad last week so it's tough to distinguish a feel of superiority for either team when comparing scores of that common opponent.

Livingston has played a difficult schedule of late. They lost to University Heights in the championship game of the All A Classic on Jan. 21. UHA went on to win the state small-school tournament last weekend.

Since Christmas, the Cardinals are 6-5 under first-year skipper Chris Green.

The Rockets lost at Livingston in early December in a game that was fairly physical. One might expect some of the same this time, but the Rockets can't afford to beat and bang as much as they did earlier in the season because in-

juries have piled up. Senior Sawyer Towery has been out for two weeks and isn't likely to be back by Friday. Sophomore Tyler Boone has been on the shelf longer and he, too, will remain on the mend for another week or more.

Rocket basketball coach Denis Hodge says he's come to terms with the personnel issues. Even among those still playing nightly, many are aching and ailing from one chronic issue or another, the coach said.

He's been particularly pleased with the play of point guard Gabe Mott, who has emerged as the team's leading offensive threat with bigman Preston Turley still recovering from injuries. Turley's mobility is improving, but he's still not 100 percent, the coach said.

Meanwhile Mott has been piling up the points. He is the only Rocket in double figures with more than 17 points a game. Turley averages just under 10.

Mott scored 11 points in the final period to help lift the Rockets past Fort Campbell at the Army post on Friday. Mott

had four buckets and three foul shots as Crittenden pulled away for the win.

•The Rockets lost 70-49 at Marshall County Tuesday night. Turley scored 19 for CCHS to lead the offense.

Marshall 70, Crittenden 49				
Crittenden Co.	8	21	33	49
Marshall Co.	17	34	61	70
CRITTENDEN -	Morgeson 3,			
E.O'Leary 2, Mott 10, Guess, Dickerson, S.O'Leary 2, Winders 4, Dobyns 3, M.Carlson, J.Carlson, Turley 19, H.Boone 6, FG 19. 3-pointers 5 (H.Boone 2, Dobyns, Mott, Morgeson). FT 6-7.				
MARSHALL -	Powell 21, Riley 6, Stokes 13, Flatt 13, Nio 8, Smothers 3, Driver 2, Sedlock 1, Schroder 3, FG 25. 3-pointers 7 (Nimmo 2, Powell 3, Flatt, Stokes). FT 11-17.			

Crittenden 51, Ft. Campbell 44				
Crittenden Co.	10	17	30	51
Fort Campbell	9	15	26	44
CRITTENDEN -	Morgeson 6, E.O'Leary 6, Mott 16, Dickerson 2, S.O'Leary 2, Winders, J.Carlson, Turley 8, H.Boone 11, FG 17. 3-pointers 3 (Boone 2, Morgeson). FT 13-22.			
FORT CAMPBELL -	Lake 3, Allen 6, Pratt 7, Jackson 6, Hall 4, Johnson 2, C.Johnson 12, FT 13. 3-pointers 3 (C.Johnson, Pratt, Lake). FT 15-38.			

Girls 5th District Standings

Team	Overall	Dist.
Trigg County	10-14	4-2
Lyon County	10-9	4-2
Crittenden County	11-10	3-2
Livingston Central	2-20	0-5

Through Tuesday's games

Crittenden 60, Hardin Co. 21				
Hardin Co.	8	13	18	21
Crittenden Co.	19	39	54	60
HARDIN -	Hicks 13, Mott 2, Hobbs, Conkle 6, Fowler, Holbrook, Mills. FG 8. 3-pointers 2 (Hicks). FT 3-10.			
CRITTENDEN -	Guess 14, Boone 15, Summers 12, Woodward 6, Duncan, Long, Hayes, Perryman 2, Binkley 1, Keller 2, Easley 4, Smith, Hunt 2, Geary 2, FG 25. 3-pointers 2 (Guess, Boone). FT 8-13.			

Caldwell 52, Crittenden 39				
Caldwell Co.	11	21	36	52
Crittenden Co.	8	15	34	39
CALDWELL -	Young 3, Thomas, Goffinet 1, Hollowell 4, McDaniels 1, McConnell 14, Boyd 12, Jagers 11, Parker 2, FG 19. 3-pointers 2 (Jagers). FT 12-29.			
CALDWELL -	Guess 12, Boone, Summers 15, Woodward 6, Duncan 6, Long, Easley, FG 15. 3-pointers 1 (Guess). FT 8-17.			

Crittenden 47, Union Co. 39				
Union County	13	23	31	39
Crittenden Co.	12	21	28	47
UNION -	Hibbs 8, Marris 3, Roberson 2, Beamer 2, C.Beamer 8, Sheffer, Rubush 2, Rudolph, Wells, Jenkins 3, Hagan 11, FG 16. 3-pointers 3 (Hagan 2, Morris). FT 4-8.			
CRITTENDEN -	Guess 14, Boone 8, Summers 5, Woodward 16, Duncan 1, Hayes, Long 3, FG 12. 3-pointers 1 (Woodward). FT 22-33.			

Mayfield 40, Crittenden 21				
Crittenden Co.	7	15	19	21
Mayfield	17	24	31	40
CRITTENDEN -	Guess 2, Boone, Summers 2, Woodward 12, Duncan 3, Hayes, Long, Easley, Perryman, Binkley, Keller 2, Hatfield, FG 8. 3-pointers none. FT 5-10.			
MAYFIELD -	Looper 9, Emerson 2, Henson 9, Rhodes 10, Felts 3, Sullivan 2, D.Thomas 3, M.Thoms 2, FG 16. 3-pointers 2. FT 6-16.			



Crittenden's Natalie Boone works on a putback as teammates Nahla Woodward and Taylor Guess get caught up in the crunch.

district play. Crittenden County beat them by five at Smithland in early December, a closer game than many anticipated going in. However, the Lady Rockets made quick work of LCHS in the semifinals of the Class A Tournament a few days ago en route to a 52-34 victory.

The Lady Rockets have been up and down all season, as predicted by their coach prior to the year's tipoff. Relying on a young backcourt and underclassmen at most positions, there's no wonder Crittenden's girls have been on a

roller coaster ride. CCHS beat Union County Friday then fell to Caldwell County Saturday. On Tuesday, the middle-schooler guards combined for 29 points in a lopsided win over Hardin County, Ill.

•Caldwell County opened up what was an otherwise close game in the fourth quarter to beat the Lady Rockets by double digits for the second time this season.

Senior Shelby Summers scored 15 points for Crittenden and eighth-grade point guard Taylor Guess had a dozen. However, Caldwell held those two at bay in the last eight minutes. The two Rocket girls had three points between them in the fourth quarter.

•Crittenden came from behind to beat Union County Friday as Guess scored eight points in the decisive fourth period, six points coming at the foul line.

The Lady Rockets got 13 points in free throws in the final period to overcome what was an eight-point deficit at one point in the game.

Sophomore center Nahla Woodward led the scoring with 16 points and Guess finished with 14.

•The Lady Rockets had trouble generating much offense at all at Mayfield last Tuesday. The girls scored just eight fielders and were 5-for-10 at the line. Woodward led the way with a dozen points.



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# Rescue squad asking fiscal court for help

STAFF REPORT

With donations and revenue from its annual fundraiser down, Crittenden County Rescue Squad is turning to county taxpayers for some help.

Rescue Chief Don Arflack is asking magistrates to fund the purchase of a new truck for the volunteer organization for use in response to emergencies that range from vehicle extractions to rescue and recovery operations on the water. The estimated cost is about \$45,000 for an outfitted Dodge 3500 4x4 crew cab.

"We've tried to figure out a way to replace (a 1991 model) for several years," Arflack told magistrates at Crittenden Fiscal Court's January meeting. "Home-

land Security will not fund vehicles. We don't have fire dues. We don't charge for runs. And we get no state aid."

The rescue squad depends on private donations, a \$3,000 annual contribution and utilities paid at squad headquarters by the fiscal court and revenue from its annual portrait fundraiser, which is down to about \$10,000 from \$20,000 or more just a few years ago. The unit has about \$45,000 in the bank, but a need greater than that for updated extraction and response equipment.

The 28-year-old Chevy has more than 100,000 miles and mechanical problems, leaving it unsuitable for responses, per

Arflack. Among other needs are new hydraulic spreaders and cutters and air lifting bags and cushions to raise vehicles or equipment away from victims.

On a response last month to lift a tractor that was on top of a man, one of the old airbags blew out. The man's life was saved, but the failure underscored the urgency of replacing equipment that has exceeded the manufacturer's suggested life.

"I'm asking the court for a truck," Arflack concluded. "We're not in the shape to be able to make payments and keep equipment up."

The rescue squad, formed in 1966, has four trucks used for various

purposes, two boats, a UTV and camper used as a command post. The last time the rescue squad received help from the county for a truck was in 1996. The \$45,000 cost for the 1997 Chevy was split evenly between the county, City of Marion and the rescue squad. Around 2010, the city paid around \$20,000 for a 1997 Ford F-550.

The rescue squad has purchased a 2006 Ford and 2012 Dodge in the time since with its own money.

Arflack is looking to replace the squad's oldest truck, the 1991 Chevy, with a 2019 model, and the dealer, Parkway Chrysler in Benton, has not yet offered a firm price. Arflack

suggested the money could come from the community health needs fund established with proceeds from the recent sale of Crittenden Hospital.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the fiscal court would take up the matter when a firm price for the truck could be offered. He was also uncertain if all the money would be available from the new fund.

"I'm sure there'll be plenty of other requests for that \$100,000," he told Arflack.

In fact, about \$12,500 has already been used to cover more than a third of the cost of a new ambulance for use by Com-Care Inc.-managed Crittenden EMS.



In this undated file photo, Crittenden County Rescue Squad members practice victim extrication from a vehicle with hydraulic spreaders. The squad was formed in March 1966.



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## Academic team honors

On Saturday, Crittenden County High School hosted the District Governor's Cup tournament, with the home participants earning team and individual honors. CCHS competed against teams from Livingston, Caldwell and Trigg counties and Dawson Springs, winning the Hume Sportsmanship Award, which is voted on by all teams in attendance. Three CCHS members qualified in individual events and will be competing at the regional tournament in February. Those members are John Claude Duvall (left), who placed fourth in social studies; McKenzie Quertermous (second from left), who placed second in arts and humanities; and David Maness (right), who placed first in Math. Also pictured is team member Simon Shephard.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### No lab-confirmed flu in county yet

Flu continues to be widespread in Kentucky, with 1,018 new cases and four new deaths from the viral infection reported for the third week of the year.

So far during the 2018-19 flu season, 4,166 laboratory-confirmed cases have been reported in the commonwealth. Still, none have been reported in Crittenden, Caldwell, Lyon or Webster counties. There has been one each in Livingston and Union counties.

But the numbers can be deceiving.

Troi Cunningham, influenza surveillance coordinator with the Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH), said in some areas of the state, lab confirmations are simply not being reported by health care providers. That means a zero or low number for county cases reported in DPH's weekly flu report does not necessarily reflect the flu activity in a community.

So far, 13 deaths – all but one adults – in the state have been attributed

to influenza in the current season. Last year, there were 333 flu-related deaths in the commonwealth.

### State to start tax refunds Feb. 11

As tax season gets in full swing, the Kentucky Department of Revenue (DOR) is finalizing its processes and procedures, striving to make this the most efficient and safe filing season possible.

The IRS and Kentucky began accepting both electronic and paper tax returns Monday. The state will begin processing individual income tax refunds on Monday, Feb. 11.

DOR asks Kentucky taxpayers to file as early as possible. Once individuals file their Kentucky tax returns, they can get state refund status information at Refund.ky.gov.

Fraud prevention is critical for all taxpayers. During the 2018 tax season, Kentucky's anti-fraud measures helped save nearly \$28 million from being stolen by potentially fraudulent filers.

In the 2019 tax season, DOR will continue to emphasize its multiple protection measures to ensure important tax information remains confidential and safe.

### Elections \$2,000 monthly in county

Democracy comes with a price – \$1,982.88 per month in Crittenden County to be exact.

Earlier this month, Crittenden Fiscal Court agreed to a four-year contract with Harp Enterprises, an election management organization based in Lexington, to provide election services over the term. Instead of paying lump sums for the six scheduled elections in 2019-22, magistrates agreed to a monthly fee.

The payment covers all required costs from Harp and is locked in. Paying by election could vary up or down, but election costs have steadily risen over the years.

In addition to the Harp contract, the county must pay poll workers on election day. County Clerk Carolyn Byford said that amounts to about \$6,500 for each election.

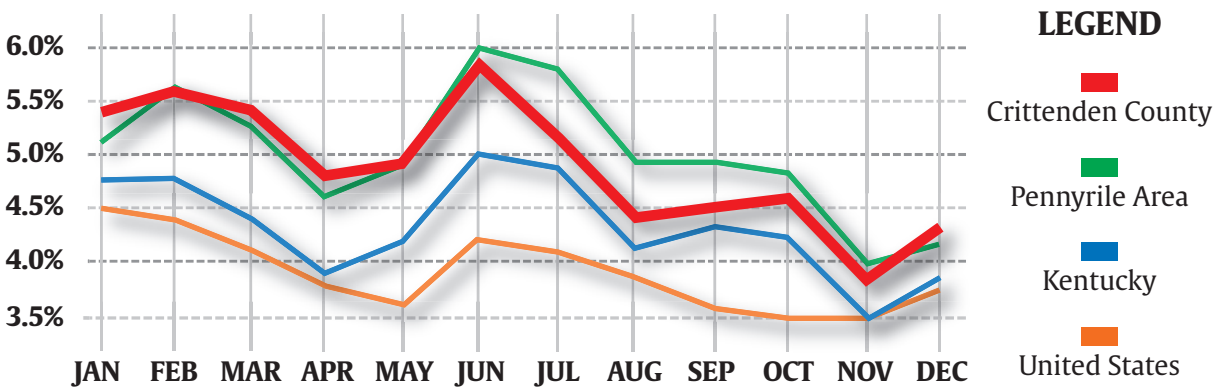


## KSP raffle underway

Kentucky State Police is raffling a 2019 Corvette Stingray Coupe for this year's Trooper Island fundraiser. A full list of features and equipment can be found at <https://goo.gl/1Sj9sj>. Tickets are \$10 and are now available at The Crittenden Press or they may be purchased online by debit or credit card on the internet at <https://goo.gl/yv9wKQ>. Only 25,000 tickets will be sold. The winning ticket will be drawn Aug. 25.

## 2018 monthly unemployment rates

Monthly unemployment rates for 2018 from data supplied by the Kentucky Center for Statistics show the jobless rate in Crittenden County closely mirrored that of the nine-county Pennyriple Area Development District in western Kentucky that also includes Livingston, Caldwell and Lyon counties. The county, development district, state and nation all ended the year with a lower unemployment rate than they entered with in 2018.



## PURCHASE

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health needs fund established with proceeds from the sale of Crittenden Hospital property to Rural Hospital Group.

"It is in the process of being transferred to the county now," Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said Tuesday. "(It) ended up costing the county nothing from our tax revenue funds."

Both ambulances are pre-owned. The county will maintain ownership of both along with four others, one of which has been surplused and another that is expected to be declared surplus. The money from the sale of those two surplus vehicles will be returned to the county's general fund.

The latest ambulance purchase was made from Com-Care. According to EMS supervisor, Mark Harrison, Com-Care recently bought a twin pair of 2010 Ford E-350 Econoline diesel ambulances from a New Jersey fire department. Com-Care, which also manages ambulance services in Caldwell, Logan, Todd and Ohio counties, is

retaining one for its own fleet.

The latest addition to the local ambulance fleet has 85,000-plus miles, which magistrates agree is relatively low mileage for a diesel engine. The vehicle has also, according to Harrison, had service work done at a Ford dealership to repair some minor issues.

But there was concern over problems identified with the 6-liter diesel engine put in use by Ford. Harrison acknowledged the issues that have been associated with the engine, but assured magistrates that repairs and maintenance of the vehicles are born by Com-Care.

"We cannot find a used ambulance with a gas engine," Harrison told the fiscal court, adding that the

company prefers gas engines. "We can find a new one, but not used. New is about \$125,000. We felt the most economical and reasonable buy is a used ambulance."

Harrison said four ambulances are rarely in use at the same time, but one is often out of the county on transport runs. Use of the ambulances is rotated among the four.

"It sounds like a lot, but in the grand scheme of things, it's not," said Harrison.

Because of costly mechanical issues, the ambulance being replaced by latest purchase has not been used since Com-Care took over management June 1 of last year. That 2005 Ford diesel also has 143,000 miles.

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