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## Temps plummet to lowest in three years

The half-degree reading on the thermometer early Tuesday was the coldest temperature measured in Crittenden County since the minus 1.3 degrees recorded by the Kentucky Mesonet weather station on Jan. 6, 2014. That low could be challenged later this week, as lows are forecast to remain in the single digits through Saturday.

At press time Tuesday, air temperatures had not been above freezing since early morning Saturday.

## Missing woman, 21, located in nearby jail

A 21-year-old woman missing from Marion for seven months has been found. She's in the Christian County Jail facing drug charges. Megan M. Thompson had been missing since May, and investigators say the trail had grown cold pretty quickly. Her family had reported her missing and police spent several weeks following up leads to no avail. Investigators originally believed that she may have gone to Louisville where she was supposed to have met a man from Trigg County.

Police suspect Thompson may have disappeared to avoid prosecution on charges she faced in Hopkinsville, which included two felonies for manufacturing methamphetamine and trafficking in meth. Thompson was free on bond when she disappeared. Police said Thompson was wearing a court-ordered ankle monitor as part of her bond agreement, but allegedly removed it before disappearing.

## Frazer files paperwork for county attorney

Bart Frazer, a longtime Marion attorney and fixture in the Republican Party, has filed for county attorney, meaning Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson, a Democrat, could face

Frazer in the general election for a third time. Frazer and Johnson first faced one another in the November 2006 election following Republican Alan Stout's decision to not seek re-election after five terms as county attorney. They squared off again in the 2010 general election, with Frazer closing the gap from 732 to 461 votes. Johnson and all current countywide office holders have already filed to seek re-election. The filing deadline for seeking public office in partisan elections is Jan. 30.



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# City shedding light on burglaries

STAFF REPORT

Thefts were on the rise in Marion during the last month of 2017, but Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal suspects they may start going down now that a little more light is being cast on town.

Bulbs to more than 30 street lights were replaced in December. The chief said he did an audit of the city lamps while working the overnight

shift last month.

"There were some trouble spots where we were having a lot of theft," O'Neal said. "We got on those areas first."

The City of Marion pays Kentucky Utilities Co. a flat rate for its city street lights, so having them burning just makes more sense, the chief said, and it reduces crime.

"Light deters criminals," O'Neal said. "During Decem-

ber, we opened 30 criminal cases. That's either a record for one month or pretty close." (See police activity report on Page 10).

Many of the cases were thefts and burglaries.

Over the holidays, Marion Police Department charged Jimmy Dale Rose,



O'Neal

29, of Marion with a number of crimes, including two counts of burglary and possession of burglary tools. He allegedly broke into two homes on the north side of Marion. At one, the owner returned home and allegedly saw the intruder inside the house. The suspect fled, but police

believe it was Rose.

He was arrested on Dec. 27 and remains lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

While the police chief says the repaired street lights will help, he urges residents to keep outdoor lights on and to lock vehicles, outbuildings and homes.

"We all just need to be a little more vigilant," he said.

## 2017 A look back at last year

STAFF REPORT

The county's second special election in as many years was judged by the staff of The Crittenden Press to be the top local news story of 2017.

In September, Crittenden County Board of Education paid for a special election to decide the fate of a proposed tax increase to fund new school construction. The levy was soundly defeated in countywide polling, unlike the 2016 city alcohol referendum that narrowly failed.

The board's decision to ask for a 6-cent tax increase was prompted by a 2016 facilities plan that recommended building a new high school, moving middle-schoolers to the current high school and razing what administrators and board members called an antiquated 68-year-old middle school. The overall project was estimated at \$8 million.

But county property owners cried foul against a nine-month effort to rally support for the proposal. Many vocal landowners spoke out against placing the burden for a new school on only those who held property, despite state laws that allow school districts few options for financing facilities improvements.

Voters spoke even louder in the Sept. 12 election, defeating the measure 1,485-649. The board accepted the defeat and pledged to address any shortcomings at the middle school as they arise.

The story inked more headlines

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# Frozen fire



PHOTOS BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS  
Marion firefighters respond in near-zero temperatures to a fire reported at the former skating rink behind Darben Plaza as smoke billows from an attic vent. The cause of the fire is believed to be electrical, and it started in the attic. Firefighters were able to suppress the fire before it spread to other areas of the building.

## Firemen save former skating rink on coldest night of winter thus far

STAFF REPORT

On the coldest night of winter, local firemen spent several hours attending to a blaze at the former skating rink behind Darben Plaza.

The first call came shortly after dark Monday night. The building's owner, Tommy Wright, reported the fire. Marion Fire Department and some firemen from the Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department responded.

It was apparently an electrical fire that started in the attic, Wright said.

Fireman Brian Kirby said fires can spread quickly when they get in and under insulation. This one was snuffed out rather quickly, though, thanks to the early notice and fast response by the firefighting crews.

Wright said he'd gone to the building about dark to check on it because of the cold weather. Temperatures fell to just above zero in Marion Monday evening, the most frigid reading of the winter to that point.

The old skating rink building is

nearly 10,000 square feet. It's shared by Wright's home and commercial insulating business and Askew, a supplier for Siemens.

Wright was on the scene Tuesday morning and found a few more hot spots, which required the fire department's attention once again.

"I can't say enough for these (firemen)," Wright said. "It was bitterly cold and they were out here working as hard as they could go."

Extent of the damage was not immediately known, but most of it was confined to the attic area.

# Financial bleeding slowed at hospital

By **DARYL K. TABOR**  
PRESS EDITOR

Crittenden Health Systems CEO Terry Nichols says changes made at the hospital since Rural Community Hospitals of America (RCHA) took over management in the fall have stopped the financial hemorrhaging at the facility.

"When we came in, Crit-

tenden Health Systems was bleeding \$100,000 per month," he told Crittenden County magistrates at the December fiscal court meeting. "You don't survive very long when you're paying out \$100,000 more than you bring in."

Nichols said the health care facility is not in danger of closing, an effort to ad-

dress persistent rumors that the hospital was on its last leg. In fact, CHS is in the process of expanding its services to bring in more revenue to help the bottom line. Already added late last year was a walk-in clinic, but on the horizon are bringing back swing beds, adding cardiac rehabilitation, increasing the number of specialists

and better utilizing the radiology department.

"You can't cut your way to prosperity," he said. "You have to add services."

When RCHA took over CHS in early October, the hospital had \$545,000 in the bank, according to Nichols. At the Dec. 21 fiscal court meeting, he said that number is now up to \$1 million.

"Your hospital is not closing," Nichols emphasized. "It could have in due time, but it wouldn't have been in the next year or two."

The cache of money was achieved, in part, through cutting staff and improving woeful billing procedures.

"We weren't doing good

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## KU, Atmos users may save with fed tax reform

STAFF REPORT

Federal tax reform could leave more money in the pockets of some Crittenden Countians.

The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) has ordered utilities like Kentucky Utilities Co. (KU) and Atmos Energy Corp. to track their savings under lower corporate tax rates that took effect Monday. The tax reform paves the way for

those savings to be passed on to customers in the form of lower electric, gas or water rates. It could mean a savings of up to 7 percent for some customers.

In two orders issued last Wednesday, the PSC noted that investor-owned utilities recover their federal tax expenses from ratepayers. Under the federal tax law enacted in December, the corporate income tax rate will

decline from 35 percent to 21 percent in 2018 substantially reducing the tax burden on for-profit, investor-owned utilities.

"Since ratepayers are required to pay through their rates the tax expenses of a utility, any reduction in tax rates must be timely passed through to ratepayers," the PSC said in the orders.

The orders direct the affected for-profit utilities to

begin tracking their savings from the immediate reduction in the corporate tax rate. The PSC also ordered the utilities to calculate the excess amount of future tax liabilities that they are carrying on their books and that will need to be refunded to ratepayers.

One of the two orders is in response to a complaint filed by the Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers (KIUC), an

organization that mostly represents large electric customers in rate cases and other matters before the PSC. On Dec. 21, KIUC filed a complaint arguing that the rates of four utilities would no longer be "fair, just and reasonable," as required by law, once the federal tax cut takes effect.

The PSC order directs the

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# Where is the moral compass?

The stunning revelations of sexual abuse by famous and powerful men against women have swept across this country. Even in this age of sexual promiscuity, the stories are exceptionally lurid and depressing. They cause various concerns, all of which are worthy of deep thought.

First, as a lawyer and judge, I am uneasy about the prospects that in copycat style, reputations of innocent men may be besmirched or even ruined by false allegations. It seems that the news media cares nothing for the presumption of innocence in its rush to judgment.

But by far the most unsettling aspect of it all is the sad realization that most, if not all, of these claims are true. What is finally coming to



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the surface in this country is a national cancer which has been eating away at our innards for years without notice. The decline of manhood. Real manhood. Men not of muscular good looks or clever pick-up lines. But men of character. Several years ago, Kate Bolick addressed the deficiency of the contemporary male character in her November 2011 article "All the Single Ladies" in the Atlantic magazine.

Bolick states "American women as a whole have never been confronted with such a radically shrinking pool of marriageable men." She boldly concludes that choice is far too often between "playboys and deadbeats."

What is the chief cause of this devastating social malady? One of the major cul-

prits is the absence of fathers in the home. Young boys learn how to be men from their own fathers.

I was raised by a strong father whom I feared throughout my childhood and loved profoundly when I was grown. He was a man's man. And, I grew up in close proximity to the men he worked with. They were of the same ilk. I saw on a daily basis the deep respect and gentle manners with which my father treated my mother, his mother, his sister, my sisters...all women of course. Too many young boys today are growing up in homes without men, or worse, in homes with bad men. Men who have so little self-confidence in their own manhood that they have to cover it up by physical abuse against their physically weaker girlfriend, wife, or even children. These so-called men, with the bluster and masculine bravado of their false gods, are cowards. Verbal and unacceptable

language toward a woman is a form of assault, sometimes more devastating than physical abuse.

So, we can begin with that one realization as we try to correct our course. We need to put good fathers back in the home. But, I carry this deeply depressing dread that it might be irreversible. I think of the melancholy reflection of Ezra Pound: "they will come no more; the old men with beautiful manners."

All of these appalling sexual transgressions by men in positions of power and authority are done in a current social climate of moral coarseness, open vulgarity, and shameless sexual exhibitionism. There is a prurient pestilence infesting our country. And such a condition has historically been the death rattle of ancient civilizations.

For the last several decades, television and movie moguls and directors have poured out onto the

American landscape programs, movies and sitcoms with explicit sexual content. There has been a rapid stripping down of moral discernment and good taste in exhibiting more and more provocative sexually explicit movies and programs. Sexual acts are now commonplace on primetime TV. My own generation of baby boomers has produced a permissive pop culture where tolerance has become the only virtue and intolerance the only vice.

Much of the sexual misconduct making the headlines is committed by the powerful moguls and actors who have been spewing immorality upon our country for years through the powerful means of movies and television – and have become filthy rich in the process.

Madison Avenue has learned that "sex sells" by saturating the advertising market with provocative sexual pictures, scenes and innuendoes. With 24-hour

television and commercials raining down upon the American consciousness constantly, the young are raised on one clear message of sexual permissiveness and entitlement. The message to our young: if you're not "sexy," you're nobody. If you're not having sex, you're nobody. Heaven help our young find their moral compass through this tsunami of indecent salesmanship.

Part of the symbol of the ancient Masonic fraternity is the compass. It serves as a reminder to all men of Masonry to "circumscribe our passions and keep them within due bounds." It is an admonition that we as a nation would do well to follow.

*(Bill Cunningham is a justice on the Kentucky Supreme Court representing Crittenden County and a former judge and practicing attorney in western Kentucky. He is a resident of Lyon County and author of several books. His column appears in this newspaper periodically.)*

## New library director takes over

STAFF REPORT

Anyone who has ever landed their dream job knows how Brandie Ledford feels.

Ledford began her role as the new director of Crittenden County Public Library (CCPL) this week. It's actually her third week on the job, but she didn't assume the title of director until Monday, the day after the outgoing director's resignation became effective.

The new director is no stranger to the position. She served nine years as a library director in Iowa before moving here with her husband Adam and son Charlie, 9, in December 2016. Despite her experience and satisfaction in returning to library services, Ledford knows following Regina Merrick as CCPL director after 13 years will be no small task.

"Everybody keeps telling me I have some pretty big shoes to fill," she said.

But the board of trustees is confident they made the right hire from the four outside candidates who applied for the position.

"We are so fortunate to have someone from right here in our



Ledford

own community so qualified," said CCPL Board of Trustees President Daryl Tabor. "Following Regina will be tough, but Brandie is more than capable of continuing to move the library in the right direction."

No one on staff at the library sought the post.

Ledford, 42, was raised in southern Illinois. She holds a bachelor's degree in history from Eastern Illinois University and master's degree in adult education from Western Washington University. Just prior to being hired as the new library director, she served as the 21st Century Community Learning Center site coordinator for Livingston Central High School.

She was director at Carroll (Iowa) Public Library for three years prior to her move to Marion and Sac City (Iowa) Public Library from 2008 to 2014. In the 10 years prior to her start in public libraries, she worked in the legal field – both criminal and civil – as a clerk, legal assistant and legal secretary.

In Crittenden County, as director Ledford will be working with a \$250,000 budget. That's neither the biggest nor

smallest she's worked with as director. In Sac City, her budget was \$98,000; in Carroll, it was \$493,000.

Ledford is no stranger to the local library. She has been a patron there since moving to the community and has been involved with the Friends of the Library organization.

"It was pretty amazing that this came open," she said of the opportunity. "I would like to continue the excellent programs and services, and I'm excited to see what I can add."

But don't expect any drastic changes overnight. Ledford is big into keeping up with the benefits of advancing technologies, but having previously served as library director in small communities, she understands there's a balance between incorporating the technology of tomorrow's libraries with the tradition of print materials.

"Only 6 percent of readers are e-book-only readers," she said. "I think books will always be the main business of libraries."

She believes technology should complement print materials, not overtake them.

Ledford also has an eye on new trends in libraries, like

supplementing tried and true services with non-traditional circulation items such as musical instruments, crafting kits, board games and even cookware and tools.

It's her own love of books and knowledge that motivated Ledford to seek a career in library services. She's had a lifelong love affair with reading, calling herself a bookworm since she was a child.

"I was the kid to check out way too many books for a two-week period," she said. "I have an insatiable desire to learn things."

And if she's not learning herself, she enjoys just as much helping others discover answers and new things.

Ledford encourages others to disconnect from technology and pick up a book or magazine to forget about things for a while. And she points to a relatively new phenomenon, something just as daunting as illiteracy, as the biggest hurdle for libraries today – aliteracy, or simply having no interest in reading.

"I just can't imagine people choosing not to read," she pondered. "If I can encourage people of all ages to read, that's my life's mission."

## Library board sets 2018 officers, meeting schedule

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees last week set its regular monthly meeting schedule and officers for 2018.

Rosanne Chandler, installed in November as the newest trustee, will take the office of treasurer from George Sutton, whose term expired late last year. All other officers remain unchanged: Daryl Tabor, president; Brenda Underdown, vice president; and Dulcie Hardin, secretary. Carol Harrison

rounds out the five-member board.

Trustees typically meet the fourth Thursday of each month, but because of Thanksgiving, the November meeting will be moved up a week. All meetings begin at 5 p.m. in the library's meeting room and are open to the public.

The 2018 regular meeting schedule is as follows: Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, Aug. 23, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 15 and Dec. 27.

## Audit clean for clerk's fee account for 2016

STAFF REPORT

An audit of Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford's 2016 financial statement showed no instances of noncompliance. The survey of her fee account from calendar year 2016 was conducted by Kentucky State Auditor Mike Harmon's office. The auditor also noted no matters involving internal control over financial reporting and its operation that were considered to be material weaknesses.

Byford's office recorded \$1.92 million in total receipts for 2016, including \$1.75 million in motor vehicle and other licenses and taxes.

State law requires the auditor to conduct annual audits of clerks and sheriffs. A clerk's responsibilities include collecting certain taxes, issuing licenses, maintaining county records and providing other services. The office is funded through statutory fees collected in conjunction with such duties.

## CCEDC appoints five to regional board

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. (CCEDC) last month selected its representatives to a regional economic recruiting group being developed.

Tim Capps, CCEDC vice chairman and Par 4 Plastics representative on the local board; Chris Cook, CCEDC treasurer and Farmers Bank & Trust Co.'s representation on the board; Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford;

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom; and Siemens representative D'Anna Sallin were chosen at a December CCEDC meeting to represent the group in the three-county economic development partnership with Lyon and Caldwell counties. The five were selected based on the financial contributions to CCEDC from the entities they represent.

In August, CCEDC voted to become a part of the coopera-

tive effort, pledging to contribute \$42,000 to the regional concept. The cash-strapped local group, which has been without an executive director for some time, would benefit by sharing a full-time recruiter with the other two counties as well as other services.

The question remains, however, as to where CCEDC will get the money to make quarterly payments of \$10,500 to remain a part of

the group. That money would be in addition to CCEDC's current annual operating expenses of about \$35,000.

"We will be managing our budget tightly, saving money in every way we can and seeking additional investor," said Cook.

In Fiscal Year 2017, CCEDC took in \$56,500 in investor revenue, including \$20,000 in combined public monies from the city and county.

## State workers cost Kentucky taxpayers \$100,000 in false election leave claims

FROM WIRE AND STAFF REPORTS

State workers across Kentucky cost taxpayers more than \$100,000 by falsely claiming paid time off for election purposes, said Kentucky Auditor Mike Harmon.

A recent audit found as many as 1,329 public employees – including three in Crittenden County, according to County Clerk Carolyn Byford – took four hours of paid election leave during the 2015 general and 2016 primary elections, but were not entitled to it.

"Our report and the resulting findings regarding use of election leave should be troubling not only to taxpayers, but to those who have fought for the right to allow all of us the freedom to choose our leaders," Harmon said.

According to the 16-page report, 1,176 state employees took the leave during one or both election days, but didn't vote. There were 98 instances where a worker was already on extended leave, but still claimed the four hours of pay.

Another six workers

claimed election leave on more than one day, per election. Three claimed more than the four hours allowed. Three individuals that claimed to also work at their normal state employment on the same day the election officer leave and voting leave was claimed.

Auditors also looked at state workers who served as precinct officers who claimed voting leave. A total 57 instances related to 36 individuals were found. These instances related to 206 hours of election officer leave, and 228 hours of voting leave.

No instances were found where the combined hours claimed for voting and working polls during the election exceeded the individual's total hours of work for the day.

Harmon said the findings are being provided to the Personnel Cabinet to instruct state agencies on the appropriate follow-up actions to take.

Byford said the three local workers who took paid leave but cannot prove they voted had to pay back that time.

"The preliminary information summarized in our report will be forwarded to the Executive Branch Ethics Commission and to the Personnel Cabinet for further investigation and possible disciplinary action," Harmon said.

Personnel Secretary Thomas Stephens said his office is reviewing recommendations and will respond by early February.

Harmon's report also uncovered discrepancies with Kentucky's Voter Registration System. It identified numerous instances in which the voting registration and history records in the registration system were not accurate or produced inaccurate reporting.

Mary Sue Helm, who was interim executive director of the State Board of Elections under that state's chief election officer, Alison Lundergan Grimes, said the board is working to remedy the problems and review recommendations.

*(Editor's note: The Crittenden Press contributed to the Kentucky Today report.)*

## Police activity report

Arrests were up last month for Marion Police Department compared to December 2016, with 41 more coming in the last month of 2017 than the same period a year earlier. There were also eight more criminal investigations, comparatively. Below is an activity report for the city's police department, reflecting information from December 2017 compared with figures from the previous November. The following data are provided by Police Chief Ray O'Neal.

CATEGORY	DECEMBER 2016	DECEMBER 2017
Miles driven/patrolled.....	1,783	4,056
Criminal investigations.....	22	30
Domestics.....	15	12
Felony Arrests.....	2	17
Misdemeanor arrests.....	12	18
Non-criminal arrests.....	0	20
DUI arrests.....	1	3
Criminal summons served.....	3	2
Traffic citations.....	14	21
Traffic warnings.....	10	9
Other citations.....	23	62
Parking tickets.....	1	0
Traffic accidents.....	4	6
Security checks/alarms.....	68	48
Calls for service.....	225	224

2018 legislature now in session

The 2018 regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly gavelled into session Tuesday. The 60-day session will take up the biennial budget and pension reform, among other pressing matters. There are several ways to keep up with what's going on in Frankfort and share your thoughts with lawmakers.

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# UK research center expansion will help local farmers

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This year will see a major renovation and expansion project at the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center in Princeton, allowing for the construction of a new Grain and Forage Center of Excellence to serve farmers across western Kentucky.

While work is expected to begin in March, UK is currently accepting bids and hopes to attract area contractors to the project.

"We are hoping to receive bids from local contractors and subcontractors," said Dr. Chad Lee, director of the Grain and Forage Center of Excellence. "We really value being a good neighbor in the community and want to see local contractors be a part of this project."

Lee said the university posts all capitol construction projects online at UKy.edu/Purchasing/bidlist. Contractors can visit the site to view all specifications for the project and see what steps they must take to submit bids.

Contractors had until

Wednesday to submit questions about the project, but the deadline for sealed proposals is not until Jan. 18.

"We would like to receive bids from as many local people as possible — general contractors to cleanup crews," said Lee. "This project is something that you can point out to your children and grandchildren 20 and 30 years down the road and tell them you were a part of this project."

The Grain and Forage Center of Excellence is going to expand the capabilities at the Research and Education Center, which was established in Princeton in 1925 after interested citizens lobbied for an agricultural substation in the community.

The upcoming expansion, which is expected to be complete in 2019, will create more laboratories, meeting space and office space.

"And we expect to increase our ability to house graduate students and train undergraduate students through hands-on learning internships," said Lee.

## KDA funding boosts specialty crops

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) is seeking concept proposals for 2018 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program funding, Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles has announced.

"This funding is intended for projects that make Kentucky specialty crops more competitive in both domestic and foreign markets," Commissioner Quarles said. "Specialty crops make up a significant part of Kentucky's agricultural economy, and there is plenty of room for growth. We look forward to another round of creative proposals."

Specialty crops are defined as fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticultural products, nursery crops (including floriculture) and honey.

Applicants should describe how the project potentially affects and produces measurable outcomes for the specialty crop industry and/or the public. Single organizations, institutions, and individuals are encouraged to participate as project partners. All projects are subject to the availability of funds.

Preliminary proposals must be submitted by email to Josh Lindau at [joshua.lindau@ky.gov](mailto:joshua.lindau@ky.gov) no later than

the close of business March 1. Qualifying applicants will be notified and invited to complete a full grant application.

The KDA receives grant funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). The KDA conducts an annual competitive application process to award grant funds.

For more information about the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, go to [kyagr.com/marketing/crop-block-grant.html](http://kyagr.com/marketing/crop-block-grant.html) or contact Lindau at (502) 782-4115 or at the aforementioned email address.

cility will cover approximately 38,190 square feet.

"Renovations are needed to tie the current facility into the expansion and ensure that the renovated and expanded facility meets modern safety and energy efficiency standards," said Lee.

"This project includes upgrades and replacement of floor tiles, windows, ceiling tiles and grid, entrances, lighting, HVAC system, fume hoods, fire alarm and roof to the existing structure."

When complete, the new Grain Center of Excellence will include a large multi-purpose space, seed storage and handling room, seed/plant drying room, seed cold storage room, grinding room, research laboratories, general storage rooms, updated offices for faculty, staff, and students, food preparation rooms, conference room, smart classrooms, office administration areas and rest rooms.

A ground breaking ceremony is planned for March 15 at the UKREC and community members are welcome to attend.

environmental footprint of intensive agriculture.

"This will ultimately benefit Kentucky producers by providing new applications and technologies resulting in increased yields, reduced inputs

and higher economic returns," said Lee.

Through the construction project, the existing facility will be expanded by an additional 17,425 square feet, and renovations to the existing fa-

# Local man arrested for fleeing state police

STAFF REPORT

A Crittenden County man was jailed last week after attempting to outrun authorities, according to a Kentucky State Police report.

Travis R. Sosh, 35, of Marion was arrested Dec. 26 and jailed in Caldwell County on several charges, including felony fleeing and possession of methamphetamine. The arrest stemmed from an attempted traffic stop in Princeton for a missing license plate.

According to state police, just after 9 a.m., Sgt. Craig Engler observed a green Ford Ranger operated by Sosh on West Main Street in Princeton with no registration plate. When Engler attempted to stop Sosh, he reportedly dis-

regarded the lights and siren and accelerated northbound on Ky. 91, attempting to flee.

The pursuit continued several miles on the highway until Sosh lost control of the vehicle and crashed on Ky. 70 just outside of Fredonia. According to the state police officer's report, the man then attempted to flee arrest on foot but was eventually apprehended without incident.

Sosh is facing multiple charges related to the attempted escape, drug possession and traffic violations. He is charged with first degree fleeing or evading police in a vehicle and first degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine, first offense), both felonies. Sosh is also facing charges of second

degree fleeing or evading police on foot, driving on a DUI-suspended license (first offense), failure of owner to maintain required insurance (first offense), no registration plates, speeding 26 miles over the speed limit and reckless driving.

Sgt. Engler was assisted on scene by Kentucky State Police Sgt. Jon McGehee and troopers Brian Graves and Ben Sawyer and the Caldwell County Sheriff's Department.

In October, Sosh pleaded guilty in Crittenden Circuit Court on two previous felonies related to a June arrest on

DUI and drug charges after being found asleep behind the wheel of his vehicle at a Marion convenience store. He was given a pre-trial diversion – a voluntary program that when completed could lead to a dismissal of charges – that suspended a three-year sentence on the charges for five years. In court, he also pled guilty to misdemeanor DUI and possession of drug paraphernalia.

In May 2010, Sosh unsuccessfully sought the District 5 magistrate seat on Crittenden Fiscal Court in the Democratic primary.

## Salem Springlake audit good

STAFF REPORT

Salem Springlake Health & Rehabilitation Center has been rated deficiency-free in its most recent audit.

The transitional care center in Salem received a clean bill of health from the Kentucky Department of Health in its annual audit of skilled nursing facilities. The deficiency-free survey is the highest rating awarded.

"It's important our community knows our commitment to provide a transitional care atmosphere with quality care and the outcomes of our recent survey does just that," said Christine Higgs, director of nursing at the center.

She attributed the superior

survey rating to continued staff education and highly motivated leadership.

"Our team's focus is to ensure that the patient and family experience is satisfying and that we provide a service beyond just meeting needs," she added.

In addition to skilled nursing and rehabilitation services, Salem Springlake also offers long-term care, respite care and hospice support. It is operated by Columbus, Ohio-based Atrium Centers Inc. Atrium also operates Crittenden County Health & Rehabilitation Center in Marion, and employs more than 4,000 people at its 41 nursing centers in four states.

## UTILITIES

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four utilities – KU, which serves Marion and portions of rural Crittenden County; Duke Energy Kentucky; Kentucky Power Co.; and KU sister company Louisville Gas and Electric Co. (LG&E) – to respond within 10 days to the KIUC complaint and to begin tracking the tax savings. All provide electric service, while Duke Energy and LG&E also provide natural gas service.

"While the exact amount of the tax savings and resulting rate reductions cannot be determined with precision at this time, each of the (companies) should use its best estimate to determine the amount to be recorded...subject to review and adjustment as part of this case," the PSC said.

The second order directs three other natural gas utilities – Atmos, which serves Marion, portions of rural Crittenden County along U.S. 641; Delta Natural Gas Co.; and Columbia Natural Gas of Kentucky – and two water utilities – Kentucky-American Water Co. and Water Service Corp. of Kentucky – to begin recording their estimated tax savings.

The second order also di-

rects those utilities to submit within 30 days testimony on the impact of the federal tax cuts on their finances and to propose new rates reflecting the tax reductions.

The four utilities cited in the KIUC complaint are not being told to file such testimony, since they must respond to KIUC's proposed revenue and rate reductions. KIUC estimated that the tax cut would lead to rate reduc-

tions in the range of 4 percent to 7 percent, depending on the utility.

A procedural schedule in each case will be set by the PSC at a later date.

The PSC is an independent agency attached for administrative purposes to the Energy and Environment Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,500 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in Kentucky.

## NOTICE

A copy of the completed audit report of the Crittenden County Clerk, including financial statements and supplemental information is on file at the clerk's office at 107 S. Main St, Suite 203 Marion, Ky., and is available for public inspection during normal business hours. Anyone may obtain a copy of complete audit report including financial statements and supplemental information from the Crittenden County Clerk for personal use at a rate of twenty-five cents (.25) per page or copies of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KRS 424.220 are available to the public at no cost at [www.auditor.ky.gov](http://www.auditor.ky.gov).

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The Honorable Carolyn Byford, Crittenden County Clerk  
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Independent Auditor's Report

**Report on the Financial Statement**  
We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Excess Fees - Regulatory Basis of the County Clerk of Crittenden County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statement.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement**  
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**  
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Guide for County Fee Officials* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**  
As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Crittenden County Clerk on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

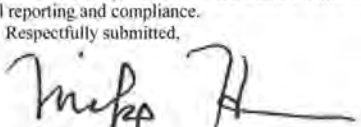
The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

**Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**  
In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the Crittenden County Clerk, as of December 31, 2016, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

**Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting**  
In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Crittenden County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2016, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**  
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 22, 2017, on our consideration of the Crittenden County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Harmon  
Auditor of Public Accounts

September 22, 2017  
State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs; and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, and property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at [www.auditor.ky.gov](http://www.auditor.ky.gov) or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126.

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# Livingston teen dies in Christmas Eve wreck

STAFF REPORT

A Smithland teenager died in a one-vehicle accident in southern Livingston County on Christmas Eve.

According to Livingston County Sheriff's Department, Aleascya L. "Aly" Campbell, 19, was westbound on Ky. 866/Paradise Road in a 2009 Nissan Altima when she reportedly lost control of the vehicle and crossed the eastbound lane of travel. The vehicle left the eastbound shoulder of the roadway and struck a tree.

The accident occurred between Country Drive and Newbern Road around 11:40 a.m.

Campbell, a 2017 graduate of Livingston Central High School, was pronounced deceased at the scene by Livingston County Coroner Jeff Armstrong.

A juvenile passenger in the vehicle was transported to Baptist Hospital in Paducah for treatment of her injuries.

According to her obituary from Smith Funeral Home in Smithland, Campbell was a student at West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah and member of Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Rivers, where she was the leader of the sign team and nursery volunteer. She played volleyball and basketball in high school.

Campbell is survived by her parents and four sisters.

The sheriff's office was assisted at the scene by Livingston County EMS, Grand Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, Livingston County Emergency Management and Livingston County Coroner's Office.



Campbell



Alexander



Underdown

## STORIES

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than any other topic in 2017. But perhaps the most surprising story of the year was the unanticipated resignation of Mickey Alexander as Marion's mayor.

### Mayor Alexander resigns

On Feb. 20, Alexander stunned council members and city staff with the announcement of his retirement from public office effective at the end of the month. On March 1, Councilman Jared Byford was appointed Marion's second mayor in the last 29 years.

Sixty-seven at the time of his resignation, Alexander had spent almost half of his life in city government, the previous 29 as mayor. From 1977 to his appointment as mayor in June 1988, he had also spent eight years as a Marion City Councilman. In 2014, Alexander won his seventh mayoral election.

Marion voters have not voted a sitting mayor out of office in a half-century. Alexander, who left to focus on his work as an Edward Jones financial advisor, became the fifth consecutive mayor of the city to walk away from the job, dating back to Sam Lipsomb, who resigned in August 1969.

Alexander would later be named Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year.

Last year was filled with several other changes in high-profile positions.

Jenni Gilkey became principal at Crittenden County Elementary School following Melissa Tabor's retirement after 14 years at the helm of the county's largest school.

Crittenden County Public Library Director Regina Merrick resigned her position. After 13 years of heading up the library, Merrick wanted to focus on her writing career and called it quits Dec. 31. Brandie Ledford, the wife of Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford, was named the new director.

In January, longtime board of education member Phyllis Orr resigned her elected post due to health reasons. The for-

mer elementary educator had served on the board for 15 years. Ryan McDaniel was named as her replacement.

### Magistrate Underdown dies

Glenn Underdown, who had been contemplating giving up his seat on Crittenden Fiscal Court due to his deteriorating health, never got the chance to step away. Underdown, 74, died Sept. 20. He had been a magistrate since 2002 and was a former Marion City Councilman.

The lone Republican magistrate on the six-member fiscal court, Underdown was remembered for his unwavering beliefs and dedication to what he felt was in the best interest of his fellow Crittenden Countians.

Gov. Matt Bevin filled the vacancy in county government by appointing Zach Bloodworth, also a Republican.

### Gridiron successes

While Al Starnes won't retire until the end of the current school year, he coached his last football game for the Crittenden County Rockets on Nov. 17 in a Class A quarterfinal against Campbellsville. It was an explosive year for the Rockets, with a passing and running attack that averaged more than 40 points a game in the regular season.

Starnes finished his career in Crittenden County with 175 wins, the most in school history. His teams have brought home six of the Rockets' eight all-time district championships. They have also played in six regional championship games under the outgoing coach.

To honor their contributions to the community, Starnes and his wife Angela, who is also retiring from the school system as athletics director and gym teacher, were selected by the Chamber of Commerce as grand marshals of the Christmas parade.



Starnes

### Lady Rockets make history

Also in sports, the Lady Rockets basketball team had a

season like no other.

The girls' team, under Coach Shannon Hodge, rode a wave of excitement to the quarterfinals of the Kentucky All A Classic state tournament. The team became the winningest girls' squad in school history with 25 victories.

The 2016-17 season marked the furthest a local girls' team has gone in tournament play since Marion High School made the Class A semifinals in 1928. It was the community's first state tournament success on the hardwood since school consolidation in the late 1950s.

### Business gains

In business, the community regained a dentist after a two-year void for the health care service. Dr. Rebecca Werner of Shelbyville, Ky., opened a once-a-week practice on South Main Street in the fall.

Also, First United Bank broke ground on its Marion Branch in December. The full-service bank on North Main Street will be the fourth in Marion and fifth for the Madisonville-based financial institution.

In health care, a shake-up at Crittenden Health Systems (CHS) and the announcement of Baptist Health's intention to shed management of Crittenden EMS made headlines.

### New CHS management

In early October, Rural Community Hospitals of America took over day-to-day management of CHS after inking an agreement with the hospital's board of directors. The Kansas City, Mo.-based group has begun to stabilize the facility's bottom line, according to CEO Terry Nichols.

The move was a bit of a surprise despite rumors of the hospital's demise. After less than a year, CEO Lea Ann Klarner resigned her position effective Oct. 2, clearing the way for RCHA to take over management.

Nichols has publicly and repeatedly tried to dispell assumptions that the hospital is near closing. In fact, CHS plans to add services to increase revenue and has already opened a walk-in clinic. (See related story on Page 1.)

### EMS management in limbo

The county's ambulance service is also facing a change in management. In December,

Baptist Health gave a 180-day notice that it would be giving up Crittenden EMS two years after signing a deal with the CHS board of directors and the county. The health care giant cited financial losses for the reason.

Board Chairman Charlie Hunt said the hospital does not intend to retake management of EMS, and that other providers have been in discussions about operating the ambulance service in Crittenden County.

The story is sure to make headlines in 2018, as the end of Baptist Health's run as management ends May 31. Nichols, Hunt and Judge-Executive Perry Newcom have all pledged that the county will not be without a quality ambulance service.

### Jail turns a profit

For the first time ever, Crittenden County's jail turned a profit. In October, Crittenden County Detention Center operated \$5,000 in the black. As far as can be determined, for as long as prisoners have been housed in the county, the jail had never generated more income than expenses.

The jail's revenue has been increased with the addition of beds and a steady effort to keep them all filled with state and federal prisoners, as well as those from other counties, all of which generate income for the county. Since opening in 2008, the now-172-bed facility has cost county government and taxpayers as much as \$400,000 a year to stay within its budget.

While a step in the right direction, Jailer Robbie Kirk has warned magistrates that this will not be a regular occurrence. (See related story on Page 12.)

### Country Club Drive woes

The City of Marion has grappled with its own financial struggles, and that was spotlighted in 2017 when the city council considered closing a crumbling Country Club Drive to through traffic ... in order to keep it open. Discussions were even had on returning the half-mile street to gravel.

The road is falling apart under the strain of heavy vehicles that utilize Country Club Drive along with Industrial Drive as a cutoff between U.S. 641 and U.S. 60 West. The road was never designed for such heavy traffic and is buckling under the weight.

This summer, the council voted to close Country Club Drive near the intersection with Chapel Hill Road in order to deter heavy traffic. This was met with resistance from the community at large, school system and parents of students at Crittenden County Elementary School, which is served by the city street.

The council eventually relented after closing the road temporarily to make repairs. Altogether, the city spent about \$100,000 in 2017 to make major patches to the roadway. But the road continues to deteriorate and presents the same problems in 2018.

The council has considered weight restrictions, permitting and other measures to deter heavy trucks, but enforcing new laws presents a hurdle. At the close of 2017, the council was considering placing an axle limit in order to limit heavy traffic.

### U.S. 60 claims three lives

Staying on the pavement, it was a tragic year on Crittenden County highways, with three fatalities recorded in 2017. In March, 21-year-old Logan Bingham of Marion was killed in a single-vehicle accident on U.S. 60 East. On Oct. 30, MaKaela Franklin, 27, of Salem died from injuries sustained in a head-on collision on U.S. 60 West. Just 16 days later, 21-month-old Liliana McConnell was killed in a single-vehicle crash on U.S. 60 East in the dangerous Rosebud Hill area of the highway.

### Great American Eclipse

Finally, a once-in-a-lifetime phenomenon with worldwide implications came to Crittenden County. On Aug. 21, a rare total solar eclipse cast darkness on a swath of the country from Oregon to South Carolina. Hopkinsville was the epicenter of the event, with two minutes, 40 seconds of viewing, drawing tens of thousands of people the world over to western Kentucky.

Planning for local events tied to the Great American Eclipse began with a flurry two years earlier in the hopes of attracting thousands to Crittenden County. Communitywide planning sputtered along the way, but the Chamber of Commerce pulled through with a small eclipse festival that entertained a few visitors to the county as well as local stargazers.

## HOSPITAL

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with billing," he said, illustrating the problem. "Health care doesn't stop until you get a fair and accurate bill. We were treating people up to five years."

Nichols said the hospital is in good shape, from staff to the buildings themselves. He said CHS employees had been working under less than ideal circumstances under previous administrations.

"One of the first things we did was come in and take care of staff," he said.

But there is still work to be done.

"From a facility standpoint, it's (where it needs to be), but we need to earn back the trust of the community," Nichols said.

Later at the fiscal court meeting, three names were

entered for consideration to fill a vacancy on the CHS board of directors. The board offered the fiscal court the name of Grant Rogers to replace outgoing director Tammy Owen. William McDaniel submitted his application directly to the county and Don Arflack, a Marion City Councilman and former hospital employee, entered his name at the fiscal court meeting.

Since the CHS board has not considered the latter two names, all three names will be sent back to the full board for a recommendation to the fiscal court. Magistrates will appoint a new director at their Jan. 18 meeting.

The hospital's board of directors currently consists of Chairman Charlie Hunt, Fred Stubblefield, Don Metheny, Nathan Boone and Valerie Newcom.



Nichols

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Andy & Brooke Hunt

**Paige Kathleen Rose Maynard**  
April 27, 2017  
**Parents:**  
Greg & Destiny Maynard

**Lucas Conway Miller**  
August 26, 2017  
**Parents:**  
Will & Shelby Conway-Miller

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September 13, 2017  
**Parents:**  
Rachelle Fitzgerald & Dustin Easley

**Chandler Brooke Epley**  
September 27, 2017  
**Parents:**  
Daniel & Caitlyn Epley

**Sawyer Ted Perryman**  
October 4, 2017  
**Parents:**  
Jacob & Sarah Perryman

**Beau Byford**  
Born October 23, 2017  
**Parents:**  
Jared & Amy Byford

**Ryder Matthew Blackburn**  
December 18, 2017  
**Parents:**  
Ryan & Staci Blackburn

# School days created lasting memories

Let's take a trip back in history and visit with some of our one-room schools. The country schools were not only a place for learning the three R's, but a place for social activities for the community to share in and enjoy. They were looked forward to by everyone.

Our first stop is at Enon School in February 1915. These fun times of yesterday are from the archives of The Crittenden Press.

### Enon School closed Friday Jan. 22, 1915

Our district numbers only 36 pupils, Alva Carson and Thomas Ford went every day. Pearl Snow and Bryan Ford took the examination at the close of the school and made good grades. During the school the Improvement League, assisted by the teacher, purchased a new organ and 18 new song books.

Notwithstanding the bad weather our parents went and took dinner the last day, and there was an abundance of food for all. After dinner the pupils rendered a short program consisting of songs, recitations and dialogues. Interesting talks were made by some of the patrons after which all joined in singing, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and school was dismissed.

Mrs. Alpha Kemp Todd was our teacher and we wish she would teach our school again next term. (written by a pupil.)

### Feb. 4, 1915. Belmont School closed Friday in spite of the inclement weather.

We had a number of visitors with us. Our recitations were few in number, as we had spent the time preparing for and taking the examination.

A number of contests were held in reading, ciphering and location of cities. Eugene Bebout, of the third grade, was first in his class in geography work. Lena Ethridge, of the fifth grade, won in rapid arithmetic work. Annie Bebout excelled in drawing. Burnie Crider read the highest number of Library books during the term and Nellie Brown was second in number.

A good time was enjoyed by all who attended this special day.

### Feb. 22, 1917 – Interesting Day at Weston School

The school was the scene of a home talent play and other events to amuse the large crowd in attendance. Our school closed here last Wednesday. A big crowd being present, they were amused by the older pupils of the school. The morning was spent talking and laughing and at noon a nice dinner was spread.

Then the play entitled Mrs. Tubbs of Shanty-town was exhibited and created much laughter and amusement. Miss Lillian Bennett as Mrs. Tubbs, a very poor widow. Misses Mabel Gahagen and Angas Winders as Queenie Sheba, and Punky Dumps, her daughters, Romie Walker, Dick Rankin, and Frank Gahagen as Jimmie, Suffles Methusalem, and Billy Blossom, her sons, Ruby Sturgeon as Cling Vine a romantic old maid, her lady boarder, Miss Ruby Gahagen as Ellen Hickey, a neighbor friend, who knew one thing and that was to keep her mouth shut. Miss Beulah Walker, as Elmira, her daughter, Miss Winnie Walker, as Miss Maydell Campbell, the school Miss of Shanty-town, Charley Hughes as Tom Riordan the census taker and George Thorn, as Simeon Rubbles, a wealthy old widower who is hunting a wife.

It was an enjoyable day and the only cloud that rested on us was parting with our dear teacher. Miss Juliet Pope has taught us a fine school, the best we have had for many years. All the parents are pleased with what the children have learned and the children loved their teacher.

### October 11, 1917 – Box Supper at Post Oak.

Quite a number of people attended the box supper at Post Oak Friday night, and it proved to be one of the most enjoyable and entertaining affairs which have ever been

held at that place. In addition to the folks of the immediate neighborhood, a number of people gathered from other communities, including several prominent young ladies and gentlemen from Marion.

The program was short but interesting and the crowd showed their approval of the recitation by the enthusiastic manner in which they cheered the reciters.

There were 14 boxes of nice food which were sold to the highest bidders and a tidy little sum of money was realized which all will go for the improvement of the school.

As a fitting climax to the entertainment, a beautiful and delicious cake was brought forth and a beauty contest was held in order to see which girl should be declared the winner of the cake. The young ladies who participated in the contest were as follows: Miss Nancy Wynn of Union County, Miss Annie Boston of Marion and Miss Anna Howerton, a well-known young lady of her neighborhood. The affair attracted a lot of attention from the crowd, and it certainly proved to be an interesting contest. When time was finally called and the contest brought to a close it was announced that Miss Annie Boston was victorious having won the contest by a narrow margin over her nearest competitor, Miss Anna Howerton. Miss Boston is a nice looking and attractive young lady.

### Opossum Ridge Has Picnic.

On Friday Oct. 15, the Opossum Ridge School loaded into a new wagon and took plenty of dinner and started to the pinnacle for a picnic.

We had two trusty mules a competent driver and with old glory floating over us, we formed a jolly crowd. Such songs as "America," "Star Spangled Banner," and "Canning the Kaiser" were sung, amid much laughing and talking.

We reached our destination after a hard climb, we found ourselves on top of the pinnacle viewing old Crittenden with a new interest.

After dinner several games were played with much pleasure and along late in the evening we began to grow tired and started for home. We reached home late that night tired but happy.

### October 18, 1917. Copperas Spring School.

A very unique debate was held at Copperas Springs school house on Oct. 9. The subject being Resolved. "That I'd Rather Have A Clean Ill-Natured Woman Than a Dirty Good-Natured One." Rev. S. B. McNeely affirmed and Herman Boucher denied. The debate was an entertaining one with both sides giving good responses to their subject. The object of the debate was to get the people of the surrounding neighborhoods together in order to organize a moonlight school.

The end justified the means and the first session of school will open to all who wish to attend. Let's come one and all and make this school of mutual benefit. (When the Moonlight Schools first opened in 1911, it was to teach adults that were unable to read or write, they were taught at night in the one-room schools in which children were taught by day. They were called "moonlight schools" because classes were held on nights when the moon cast enough light for students to see the footpaths and wagon trails they often followed for miles to reach the school. Teachers volunteered their time to teach at these schools.)

### Feb. 15, 1917. Interesting Day At Sisco's Chapel.

School closed Feb. 9, and a good program was given to those present. A large crowd assembled at Sisco Chapel School for the close of the school year. M. C. Smart, teacher, had a very interesting program arranged for the occasion.

About 10 o'clock the congregation was called to order and the exercises began, preceding the music which was furnished by the following: Jonas Rushing, violin,



Children at Weston School (top photo) and Copperas Springs School always enjoyed end-of-year activities, which often included a box supper and performances for their family and friends.

John Jennings guitar, George Patmore and Miss Glenna Sisco organists.

Music recitation and speeches entertained the crowd until noon, when dinner was spread which had been prepared by the good people of Sisco Chapel.

Afternoon program consisted of a play of 20 characters, entitled "The Last Day in the School District." After this talks were given by the patrons and trustees, boasting of their good school and teacher. Three of Mr. Smart's pupils took the examination for County promotion certificates. All three passed, being Miss Glenna

Sisco, Messrs, Wallace Mayes and Grady Sisco. These pupils deserve credit for the good work they have done during the year.

We therefore wish to say that Mr. Smart has taught us an excellent school and we wish him and his good wife much success wherever they may go, and we can say for Sisco's Chapel that she is coming to the front by the work of the teachers, and intelligent working pupils.

These special days of the one-room schools were enjoyed by all and the memories would last a life time for the teachers, students and parents.

# Fewer unemployed since March 2001

Kentucky's November unemployment rate was 4.7 percent, according to the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS). The seasonally adjusted preliminary rate for November 2017 was down from the revised 5.0 percent reported for October 2017.

The preliminary November 2017 jobless rate was down 0.2 percentage points from the 4.9 percent

recorded for the state in November 2016.

"November's unemployment rate is the lowest recorded since March 2001," said University of Kentucky's Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) Director Chris Bollinger, Ph.D. "The decrease in the unemployment rate results partially from more individuals being employed this month and reflects the improvements in Kentucky's

job market. However, the estimates also suggest there were fewer individuals in the labor force in November."

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate for November 2017 was unchanged from the 4.1 percent reported for October 2017, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Labor force statistics, including the unemployment rate, are based on estimates from the Current Population

Survey of households. It is designed to measure trends in the number of people working. It includes jobs in agriculture and individuals who are self-employed.

In November 2017, Kentucky's civilian labor force was 2,061,760, a decrease of 273 individuals compared to the previous month. The number of people employed was up by 5,447, while the number unemployed decreased by 5,720.

# Fredonia Heritage Society solicits survey information

The Fredonia Valley Heritage Society will meet Thursday (tonight) at 6 p.m. at Fredonia American Legion Post 103 at the Buddy Rogers Park on Dorroh Street in Fredonia.

On the program will be "Caldwell: Igniting Voices," a survey of future needs of Caldwell County sponsored by University of Kentucky. One of the survey questions pertains to our heritage to determine what aspects of life in our county you cherish and feel should be protected or preserved for future generations. This goes hand and hand with our mission and goal of our organization. Anyone in the community is invited to come and take part. Janie Tomek will be the moderator with assistance from Linda Bennett. Also on the agenda will be refreshments and business meeting.

The Fredonia Valley Heritage Society is for anyone interested in learning more about the heritage and history of the Fredonia Valley and for those who want to see the history of our community preserved for future generations.

The society is in the process of compiling their third publication. This book will feature veterans from the Fredonia Valley. It

should be available for purchase within a few weeks. This book will be one you will definitely want for your library.

The fourth reprint of the society's first publication, "The History of the Fredonia Valley", is still available for sale. The beautifully bound hardback book is 552 pages and has 1,750 photographs, over 200 family histories, approximately 10,000 names, and includes historical accounts of the Fredonia Valley from the 1780s until the present. It covers an area within a six mile radius around Fredonia, including parts of Caldwell, Crittenden, and Lyon Counties. The cost is \$50.

The society's second publication entitled "In Pursuit of Art – The Talent of John F. Rice" is also still available for sale. It is a unique hardback book full of over 335 wonderful pieces of John Rice's art in full color with historical descriptions. His artwork reflects his love for the Fredonia Valley and its people and also includes art from his time in France and other locations. The cost is \$40.

If you are interested in purchasing a copy of either book, you may contact Pam Faughn at pamfaughn@att.net.

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# Exchanging what for your soul?

First, there are those in the religious realm who says man does not have a soul.

Yet, Jesus asked, “What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

It could not be any more clear that Jesus said we have a soul, and for it, we are responsible.

How appropriate this question to begin the New Year as many in our county, who started 2017 with us, are not here to begin this one.

God leaves each of us in this world to help someone, and my sole effort since 1960 is to try to help others. The primarily mission is to help them get to Heaven.

We all are well aware of the truth of the following: “It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”

When fallible people leave their one and only soul’s eternal destination on the teachings of another fallible human being instead of truly turning to Jesus for the new birth – then asking and receiving the infilling of God’s Holy Spirit to live in them, who Jesus says will teach us His Word and ways – they will always end up short changed, and usually to their own total loss.

The power of the Roman church’s sinful hierarchy during the Dark Ages was its chaining the Bible to its own pulpit, telling the people they could not understand it without their interpretation.

This persuasive claim has been carried out beyond the Roman church by

others who fail to tell people that the Holy Spirit and God’s plain word are to always be our teachers.

Ministers and Bible teachers are to always teach we are to be born again by naming our sins to God, asking for and believing His forgiveness and letting God change us. We cannot change ourselves. We must ask for and receive His Holy Spirit to live in us and study God’s Word, counting on the Holy Spirit to teach us His Word and ways.

They are to faithfully remind us of God’s Words, not trying to change them or putting their own interpretations on them.

Jesus said He would send the Holy Spirit after He returned to the Father, and some of the things His Holy Spirit would do for His followers are the following: Give us comfort, teach us all things, bring all things to our remembrances, guide us into all truth, show us things to come, glorify Jesus and give us power to be witnesses unto Himself. Find those in John 14:26; John 16:13 and Acts 1:8.

How very sad are all the differences and divisions among professed Christians around the world. Remember, that same Jesus told His Father in His High Priestly prayer John 17:11,12, “Holy Father, keep through thine own

name those whom thou has given me, that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name.”

He was not only talking of His disciples, “Neither pray for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou has sent me.” John 17: 20,21.

The pagan world looks on all the divisions named after men, acts, words and sees why Paul cried out against these sinful acts in 1st Cor. 3:1-9 explicitly saying division was sinful and that we were God’s people and God’s House, not to be named after any other.

So many living life, which is short at the longest, and sticking with tradition, or running after sinful pleasures, health- and soul-killing actions or money, whose actions Jesus’s words cry out to: “For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” Matt. 16:26.

•Editor's note: 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.



Rev. Lucy TEDRICK  
Guest columnist  
Religious and Political Views

# New benefits, insurance options in 2018

STATE POINT MEDIA

Ever wondered whether your insurance policy was actually working for you? You may be in luck, as your insurance plan may start to follow the same trends being adopted in other industries: simpler, more convenient and personalized products – all supported by the latest mobile technology.

This year, Stephanie Shields, a product marketing and development expert from Aflac, (American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus and American Family Life Assurance Company) says that policyholders can expect these “value-added services” to become less of a nice-to-have and more of a given:

- Telemedicine: Consulting with a physician and getting treatment online offers greater flexibility and may become essential to busy people.
- Fraud protection: Identity theft is likely top of mind for policyholders and businesses. Expect to see better fraud protection, including ongoing internet monitoring and full identity restoration after a data breach.
- Bill negotiation: The ever-changing health care system is often confusing to navigate. Ongoing education, as well as help understanding medical

bills, can ultimately mean greater access to efficient, affordable care.

Insurance providers will likely shift the customer experience to follow that of retailers and other industries. In 2018, expect to see insurers such as Aflac offer more cohesive insurance policies that combine multiple benefit types into one plan.

## Beyond the Basics

You may find things that were once luxuries, such as 401K matching, Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) and even annual bonuses, are not as successful in meeting the expectations of today’s employees. As those expectations grow, successful businesses can continue to close the gap with such services as:

- Health advocacy: Access to round-the-clock personal health advocates who can answer health care and insurance-related questions.
- Financial and legal fitness: Access to financial and legal advisors who can educate consumers on the preparation of wills and other legal documents.
- College-advisory services: These might include resources to help lower college costs and navigate the admissions process.
- No more “one-size-fits-all”: Com-

munications from benefits providers may be more tailored to individual needs.

• Bite-sized communications: Concise information about workplace benefits, tips for using benefits to help protect financial security and better explanations of coverage combinations that are appropriate at various life stages.

• New format: While some benefits information will still be delivered in the typical booklet format, more businesses may consider using online articles, digital signs, brown-bag luncheons and town halls.

• Frequent communications: Employers may communicate about benefits throughout the year, or time communications to coincide with life events, such as employee anniversaries.

## Time Spent Smarter

In 2018, employers who have not yet adopted online platforms to manage benefits may do so. Advantages include year-round, convenient access to pertinent information and one-page views of all benefits options and selections, enabling you to identify any holes you may have in coverage.



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Area Deaths

Atwell

Katie L. Atwell, 72, of Marion died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017 at Baptist Health Paducah.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Atwell of Marion; daughter, Kelly Croft of Marion; sons, Ross and Steve Atwell, both of Marion; brothers, John Layne of Ledbetter and Russell Layne of Smithland; sisters, Elizabeth Travelstead of Ledbetter, Mary Bryer of Reed, Ky.; June Swinford of Ledbetter and Beverly Myrick of Ledbetter; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilson and Birdie Layne.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 23 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. A private graveside service was planned for a later date.

Stone

Millard E. Stone, 84, of Calvert City died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017 at Oakview Nursing And Rehab in Calvert City.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Calvert City.

Surviving are his wife, Anna Stone of Calvert City; a son, Loye (Jeanie) Stone of Marion; a daughter, Rita (Timothy) Binkley of Marion; a sister, Oma Jewell Lockridge of Katy, Texas; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were Sunday, Dec. 24 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Maplevue Cemetery in Marion.

Broach

Martha Ann Broach, 52, of Salem died Friday, Dec. 22, 2017 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

Surviving are her son, Brandon (Payton) Broach, of Burna; sister, Lela Thompson of Smithland; brother, Thomas (Mary) Reynolds of Smithland; mother, Daphne McGregor Reynolds of Burna; grandchildren, Braxton and Eli Broach; nieces, Rylan and Hallie Bryant; and nephew Cheyanne Allen.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Ross A. Reynolds and Harry Lynn Reynolds; and her father, Ross Cleon Reynolds.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017 at the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Randy Beals officiating. Burial was at Scott's Chapel Cemetery.

Swinford

Bonnie Mae Swinford, 73, of Fredonia died Saturday, Dec. 23, at Rivers Bend Retirement Center in Kuttawa.

She was a homemaker and was of the Holiness faith.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Franklin Swinford of Kuttawa; two brothers, Johnnie James of Fredonia and Doug (Anita) James of Princeton; and a grandson, Bayler Thomas Swinford of Smithland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Johnnie Glendle James and Eva Rae Haney James; and a son, Thomas Glenn Swinford.

Services were Thursday, Dec. 28 at Lakeland Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Eddyville with Bro. Gene Rickard officiating. Burial was at New Bethel Cemetery in Lyon County.

Millikan

David Keith Millikan, 49, of Marion died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2017 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

Survivors include his children, Seth, Teague and Raylee Millikan all of Marion; and a brother, Darron Millikan of Marion.

He was preceded in death by a son, Damon Millikan; parents, Otis and Sue Millikan; and a sister, Sandy Williams.

Services were Thursday, Dec. 28 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Maplevue Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Parkinsons Association.

Reynolds

Daphne L. Reynolds, 78, of Burna died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017 at Livingston Hospital in Salem.

She was a member of Dyer Hill Baptist Church. She enjoyed gardening, flowers and birdwatching.

Surviving are her daughter, Lela Thompson of Smithland; a son, Thomas (Mary) Reynolds of Burna; sister, Dorothy Louise English of Paducah; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ross Cleon Reynolds; a daughter, Martha Broach; sons, Ross A. Reynolds and Harry Lynn Reynolds; a brother, Thomas B. McGregor; a sister, Dorothy F. Bolte; and her parents, Vernon McGregor and Lela Louise Molott.

Services were Thursday, Dec. 28, 2017 at the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem with Bro. Randy Beals officiating. Burial was at Scott's Chapel Cemetery.

Hill

Robert E Hill, 78, of Marion died Monday, Dec. 25, 2017 at his home.

He was a member and elder at Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the UMWA.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Betty Hill of Marion; children, Eric (Dina) Hill of Marion, Christa (Bruce) Gibson of Robards and Joshua Hill of Marion; grandchildren, Shane Hill, Jacob Hill, Mason Gibson, Lance Gibson, Ashton Hill, Heath Hill, Kolby Gibson, Brendan Hill and Keira Hill; great-grandchildren, Sadie and Liam Hill; sisters, Betty Mayes Petty of Cunningham and Jeannie (Dale) Cunningham of Gosport, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Coy and Mayme Hill; four brothers and four sisters.

Services were Friday, Dec. 29 at Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Marion. Burial was at Piney Fork Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Maclin

David N. Maclin, 61, formerly of Marion, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017 at Paducah's Lourdes Hospital.

He was a warehouse manager with Southeast Correctional Center, a member of the Central Church of Christ where he was a song leader and was greatly involved with the West Kentucky Youth Camp in rural Crittenden County.

Surviving are his wife of 37 years, Joan Heines Maclin; two daughters, Trisha (Derek) Vaughn of Cleveland, Ohio and Nancy (Tyler) Wunderlich of Mayfield; two sisters, Helen Maclin of Louisville and Louise Williams of Kansas; two brothers, Neiman Maclin

and Donald Maclin, both of Louisville; and a granddaughter, Clara Rose Vaughn.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Natalie Maclin; and his parents, Neiman Columbus Maclin and Ann Brown Maclin.

Services were Wednesday, Dec. 27 at Milner and Orr Funeral Home in Paducah with Tyler Wunderlich and David Williams officiating. Burial was at Maplevue Cemetery in Marion.

Memorials may be made to West Kentucky Youth Camp, 301, Youth Camp Road, Marion, KY 42064.

Guess

Dale Lee Guess, 68, of Salem died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017 at Crittenden Hospital in Marion.

He was a retired carpenter and home builder. He attended New Union (Ditney) General Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Gloria Tabor Guess; sons, Chris (Rachel) Guess of Salem and Stanley (Misty) Guess of Elizabethtown, Ky.; sisters, Thelma Kirk and Audrey Crawford of Salem; brothers, Danny Guess of Sturgis, Darrell Guess of Salem and Glenn Guess of Marion; four grandchildren, Zackary and Jacob Guess, both of Elizabethtown and Devin and Kaylee Guess of Salem; three great-grandchildren, Joshua, Adam and Addison Guess, all of Elizabethtown; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by sisters, Hazel Bass, Barbara James and Nelda Sisco; brothers, Linford and Frankie Guess; and parents, Gene and LaVerne Hardin Guess.

Services were Friday, Dec. 29, 2017 at the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem. Burial was at Loveless Chapel Cemetery.

Riley

Reba Mae Riley, 85, of Burna died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2017 at Crittenden Hospital.

She was a member of Old Salem Baptist Church.

Survivors include her children, Gail (Terry) Williams of Marion, Raymond Riley; sons, Dale and Charley Riley; grandson, Ray Matthews; and parents, Luther and Wilma Hackney. Sisters, Betty Hunter of Salem, Phyllis Hodge of Marion and Grace Nell Stone of Marion; 20 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Riley; sons, Dale and Charley Riley; grandson, Ray Matthews; and parents, Luther and Wilma Hackney.

Services were Sunday, Dec. 31 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Caldwell Springs Cemetery.

Tommy Gaston

L.B. and Merril Gaston of Marion announce the death of their son, Tommy Barton Gaston Sr, 62, of St. Peters, Mo.

Gaston passed away Dec. 23, 2017 at his home. He was born Jan. 30, 1955 in Murray. He graduated from Crittenden County High School in 1972 and attended Murray State University. He was married to Michelle Gaston in 1984 and together they had three children, Tommy Jr., Jacob and Nicole.

Mr. Gaston was a paint specialist and store manager for Brod-Dugan & Sherwin-Williams. In his spare time, he enjoyed wood work and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He is also survived by a sister, Rita.

ROLL CALL OF THOSE WE LOST IN 2017

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

Otis L. Millikan, 84, Jan. 4  
Bettie Cannon Garcia, 76, Jan. 5  
Chad Micheal Lougee, 43, Jan. 6  
Meta Mae Schneckloth Foley, 68, Jan. 8  
Rebecca June Martin, 76, Jan. 9  
Rebecca June Walton-Martin, 76, Jan. 9.  
Mary Helen Hunt, 98, Jan. 10.  
Vernetta Myers Tabor Brown, 92, Jan. 11  
Kenneth Wayne Martin, 74, Jan. 12  
Josh "Frank" Franklin, 28, Jan. 16  
David Neil Koons, 72, Jan. 16  
Garnett T. Funkhouser, 77, Jan. 18  
Steven R. Spillman, 59, Jan. 17.  
Judith A. Clark, 73, Jan. 17  
Bettie Sue Stucker, 82, Jan. 21.  
Denny Davenport, 60, Jan. 21  
David John Lee, 67, Jan. 24  
Thomas A. Chandler, 70, Jan. 24  
Louis Clifton Bell, 77, Jan. 29.  
Sarah Margaret Cloyd, 89, Jan. 29  
Oma Evelyn Hamilton, 99, Jan. 30  
James Martin "Marty" Berry Jr., 54, Jan. 30.

Buddy Edward Hill, 76, Feb. 1  
James Arnold Redd, 59, Feb. 2  
Patti Nelson, 60, Feb. 3  
Phyllis Ann DeOre, 72, Feb. 3  
Elvis Franklin Fralix, 69, Feb. 4  
Carolyn Gail Hodge, 76, Feb. 4  
Jeremy Ryan Cummings, 33, Feb. 5.  
Margaret Christine Chittenden, 89, Feb. 7  
James Roy Tramble, 75, Feb. 8  
Judith Ann Hice, 73, Feb. 8  
Mary "Johnnie" Shewmaker, 88, Feb. 10  
Reba Nell Kersey, 79, Feb. 10  
Aaron Edward Nolan, 34, Feb. 14  
Douglas W. "Okey-Doke" Coleman, 63, Feb. 14  
Marcella Loveless Mathis, 78, Feb. 15  
Mary Helen Marvel, 89, Feb. 15  
Marcella Rose Hopkins, 62, Feb. 17  
Robert "Robby" Butts, 28, Feb. 20  
"Jacquie" Lawson Williams, 78, Feb. 24

Frankie Mae Croft, 92, Feb. 28  
Gregory Gerald Brantley, 59, Feb. 28

Peggy Jean Harris, 69, March 1  
Grace Evelyn Roberts 83, March 1  
Donna Lemon, 65, March 3  
Clinton Phillip Bigwood, 77, March 3  
Kenneth Orval Drury, 64, March 6  
Wilburn Taylor "W.T." Collins, 92, March 6.  
Maurice A. Woodall, 67, March 7  
Joyce A. Dunkerson McMican, 77, March 10  
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Mary June Jennings, 77, March 14  
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Timothy R. Downing, 36, March 21  
Martha Henshaw Smith, 82, March 22  
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Izabella D. Workman, 19 months, March 23  
Mildred Lavan Jones, 94, March 25.  
Louise (Agent) Reed, 84, March 25  
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Dorothy Helen Massey, 64, March 29

Ollie D. Hearrell, 94, April 1  
Thomas Edward "Tom" Teer, 81, April 2  
Sarah Evelyn Rorer, 86, April 2  
Jerome Albert Deore, 78, April 2  
Perry Blaine "Peewee" Harris, 61, April 2  
Dennis "Ted" Perryman, 66, April 2  
David Murray Thompson, 65, April 3  
Mary LaDone James, 55, April 5  
Juanita Ruth (George) Fraley, 81, April 7  
Glenn Cox, 74, April 7  
Deborah Roudebush, 63, April 10  
Mildred Josephine Cullen, 98, April 14  
Charles H. Hicklin, 65, April 14  
John Collyer, 71, April 16  
Janice J. Pritchett, 70, April 17  
Atler Bunk Perryman, 7 months, April 19  
Elsie Cosby, 91, April 20  
Billy G. Vinson, 82, April 21  
Audrey R. LaBuda, 82, April 24.  
Linda "Jo" Nelson, 72, April 25  
Barbara Rose Stewart, 56, April 25  
James Doyle Conyer, 77, April 29.  
Louise Hunter Slaughter, 89, April 30  
Martha "Momfeather" Erickson, April 2017

Anna N. Nation, 93, May 2  
Stella E. Cullen Rudolph, 94, May 6  
Will Joe Tosh, 87, May 7  
Roy Vernon Gahagen, 90, May 12  
Herbert James "Bud" Boone, 84, May 14  
Shirley Ann Lewis, 74, May 16  
Zachary Allen Gentry, 28, May 18  
Billy W. Martin, 89, May 18.  
Sharon Ann LeVan McDaniel, 70, May 18  
Virginia E. Fralick, 84, May 22  
Ina Marie Conditt, 84, May 22  
Leo Daniel Asher, 96, May 23  
Charles "Runt" Johnson, 88, May 23.  
Robert Carl Cruce, 72, May 28  
Bettie Lou Mullersman, 85, May 29  
Lisa Ann Atwood Pace, 51, May 29  
G.V. Dunkerson Sr., 86, May 30

Nancy Brewer, 71, June 1  
Charles Edward Babb, 76, June 4  
Helen Springs, 99, June 5  
Harry Lee "Squeaky" Cowan, 74, June 6  
Jerry Glen Agent, 78, June 8  
Theresa Jane Meadors, 57, June 12  
Minos Cox, 95, June 12  
Joann Belt, 75, June 13.  
Ann Gretchen Stahr Newcom, 52, June 15.  
Harold "Tommy" Brown, 76, June 15  
Ritchie Steve Roberts Jr., 67, June 16  
Carolyn S. Bealmear Rhodemyer, 93, June 17  
Daniel Eugene "Poo" Rushing, 56, June 19  
Johnnie Richard Young, 81, June 20  
Billy Gene Shore, 77, June 24  
Lawrence T. "Shell" Marshall, 93, June 24  
Launa Cox, 92, June 28  
Capt. Garland Shewmaker, 83, June 30  
Trice C. McDonald, 83, June 30  
Sandra Kay Little, 77, June 30  
Patricia L. Barkley, 72, June 30

Rachel P. Millikan, 31, July 10  
Laura Ann Conrad, 64, July 10  
Glenn Roscoe Samuel, 67, July 11  
Reese Ainsley Haney, unknown, July 15  
Kimberly Cosby, 50, July 16  
Vestel Murray, 79, July 16  
Thomas Allen Jones, 71, July 17  
Thomas Allen Jones, 71, July 17

Opal Ethel Pigg, 92, July 19  
Frankie Quartermous, 82, July 21  
Ruth Clayden Chittenden, unknown, July 21  
Joseph David "Joe" Jackson, 50, July 25  
Verna Louise Robinson, 88, July 25  
Brenda Kay Cooper, 64, July 26

Charlotte "Candy" Ellen Ordway, 85, Aug. 1  
Franklin G. Croft, 80, Aug. 2  
Robbie Maxine Tabor, 82, Aug. 6.  
James Elmer Perry, 87, Aug. 7  
Lois Phillips, 84, Aug. 8  
Beverly Jewell (Wilson) Johnson, 82, Aug. 9  
Donna Jo Jones, 55, Aug. 12  
James Harold Walker, 82, Aug. 18  
Sherry Ann Kinnin, 63, Aug. 23  
Mary "Jeannie" Hamilton, 61, Aug. 23.  
Jonas J. Yoder Jr., 74, Aug. 26

Gloria Allen, 70, Sept. 1  
Benjamin Kyle Ramage, 37, Sept. 4  
Elmer J. Yoder, 85, Sept. 10  
Blonda Clement Minner, 98, Sept. 10  
Donna Jo Moore, 60, Sept. 13  
Francis D. "Frank" Pierce Jr., 79, Sept. 13  
Betty Sue Lloyd Denton, 86, Sept. 14  
Evalyn Carter, 77, Sept. 15  
Donald G. Thomas, 82, Sept. 15  
Mabel Agnes Harris Cullen, 98, Sept. 18  
Floya Marie Elam, 79, Sept. 18  
Harry Charles Black, 75, Sept. 18  
Linda Sue Padon, 74, Sept. 20  
Kenneth Glenn Underdown, 74, Sept. 20  
Dr. Charles S. "Stan" Hoover, 74, Sept. 24  
Larry Allen Easley, 78, Sept. 27  
William Veachel Starr, 98, Sept. 27  
Jerry Wayne McConnell, 80, Sept. 30

Agnes Irene Watson Myers, 77, Oct. 3  
Veda M. Syers, 89, Oct. 4  
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Clarice Coleman, 76, Oct. 5  
Harry Walker Gass, 90 Oct. 9  
Patsy Jean Locke Tabor, 73, Oct. 9  
Charles W. Rushing, Sr., 79, Oct. 11  
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Jeanette Ann Jones, 76, Oct. 13  
Helen M. Hunt, 83, Oct. 23  
Barbara Taylor Roberts, 81, Oct. 23  
Anita Faye Holland, unknown, Oct. 24  
Duane Anthony Fletcher, 58, Oct. 25  
Robin Dee (Haire) Sherill, 63, Oct. 25  
James "Jim" Morse, 70, Oct. 25  
Duane Anthony Fletcher, 58, Oct. 25  
Kenneth R. "Kenny" Malcom, 77, Oct. 26  
Dennis C. Brown, 65, Oct. 29  
MaKaela Joyce Franklin, 26, Oct. 30

Benjamin "B.F." Allen Sr., 80, Nov. 4  
Robert Vernon DeBoe, 80, Nov. 5  
Doris Edna Williams, 75, Nov. 6  
Brittany Nicole Stone, 27, Nov. 6  
Harold "Red" Hardin, 84, Nov. 6  
B. Michael Laughlin, 73, Nov. 7  
Ann Lonette Dunning Watson, 59, Nov. 7  
Wausecka Mae Newcom Fitzgerald, 92, Nov. 11  
Frances Louise Kirk, 88, Nov. 12.  
Lilianna McConnell, 22 months, Nov. 15  
Ernestine Earls, 83, Nov. 18  
Carmen Emery Butler, 90, Nov. 23  
David Alton "Speedy" Belt, 54, Nov. 23  
Dr. Blanton Osborne Croft, 84, Nov. 26  
Marvin Hunt, 83, Nov. 27.  
Calep Hackney, 28, Nov. 28.  
James Robert Cole, 80, Nov. 28

Donald L. Lynn, 72, Dec. 5  
Linda Sue Langdon Pace, 64, Dec. 5.  
Lena Sue Mills, 73, Dec. 6  
Rudell "Rudy" Wayne Kitchens, 75, Dec. 7  
Linda Sue Dickerson, 75, Dec. 11  
Carolyn G. Hinchee, 77, Dec. 13  
John O. Wood, 78, Dec. 13  
Ben W. Jent, 75, Dec. 13  
Marie Barnes, 93, Dec. 14  
Tony Ray Myers, 56, Dec. 14  
William Edward Riley, 54, Dec. 15  
Dillard Curtis, 88, Dec. 17  
Mary C. "Dolly" James, 84, Dec. 17  
Katie L. Atwell, 72, Dec. 21  
Mildred E. Stone, 84, Dec. 21  
Martha Ann Broach, 52, Dec. 22  
David Keith Millikan, 49, Dec. 23  
Bonnie Mae Swinford, 73, Dec. 23  
Tommy Gaston Sr., 62, Dec. 23  
David N. Maclin, 61, Dec. 24  
Robert E. Hill, 78, Dec. 25  
Daphne L. Reynolds, 78, Dec. 26  
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## Flu hits area early, hard

A widespread outbreak of influenza has affected countless Crittenden County families during recent weeks.

Nurse practitioner Lee Anna Boone at Family Practice Clinic said most individuals testing positive for the flu did not receive the flu vaccine. Most common complaints are fever over 101 degrees, body aches, chills and coughing.

Boone said this late-December outbreak came at a different time of year than in recent memory.

"Flu season is primarily October through May, and the past few years we have had a late early spring flu season," said Boone.

She said the presence of the flu virus among so many families seems to be more severe this year. Boone said that could be attributed to two things – the early arrival of the typical flu season or the fact that more families have been together during Thanksgiving through New Year's holidays and therefore sharing the virus.

Medical professionals encourage frequent hand washing to keep flu germs at bay.

## Wyatt named branch manager

A Caldwell County native has been named manager of the Peoples Bank's Marion branch.

Jeffrey Wyatt, who will also work in the Marion Sales Center, is a graduate of Murray State University with a degree in business.



Wyatt

Bank president and CEO Terry L. Bunnell said Wyatt has many years experience in the semi-conductor business and agriculture.

"He brings a strong business background and customer service experiences to the bank," Bunnell said. "His energy and enthusiasm are positive attributes that will benefit the bank as we continue to grow our presence in the Marion market."

# Schools prepare for NTI snow days

STAFF REPORT

With winter break over for Crittenden County students, Superintendent Vince Clark says district and school leaders are prepared for potential snow days to ensure learning continues even when school can't.

"This is the second year we have instituted our non-traditional instruction (NTI) days," said Clark. "A Rocket Way Snow Day allows students to continue working on familiar concepts and instruction even when we can't hold school due to weather

or illness."

Clark said the district has 10 NTI days at its disposal, but he does not plan to use all of them.

"We know the best place for learning is in the classroom," he said, "where our teachers are facilitating instruction and guiding students through questioning and engagement. Depending on the severity of the winter season, we will make a sound judgment as to when to activate a Rocket Way Snow Day, but it is our desire that the usage of these

is kept at a minimum."

Last year, the district used only two NTI days, due to a mild winter. One was weather-related, while the other was used due to widespread absences associated with the flu and other illnesses that struck the schools.

A rash of illnesses to close out 2017 was not enough to call off school for recovery. While all three schools saw dips in their attendance the last two weeks of the first semester, Clark said the district attendance stayed

above 89 percent, leading to the decision to stay the course and close schools for the winter break on Dec. 20.

"Attendance is monitored closely," said Clark. "It's our hope that the break (gave) our students and their families time to get over some of these viruses that have plagued our buildings."

To prepare for potential NTI days, students at both Crittenden County Elementary and Crittenden County Middle schools were sent home with snow day packets on their final day before

break. The packets contain instructions for completion, along with needed resources, in the event a Rocket Way Snow Day is issued.

Meantime, high school students have snow day work downloaded on their district-provided Chromebooks. Day users at CCHS were provided packets.

Parents will be notified of an NTI day via the district's One Call system.

## Senior Menu

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

– Thursday (today): Menu is Mexican lasagna, buttered broccoli, garlic breadstick and Jell-O cake..

Friday: Menu is barbecued chicken, macaroni and cheese, green bean casserole, wheat bun and baked apples with raisins. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

Monday: Menu is ham and bean soup, hot spiced beets, buttered spinach, pear crisp and cornbread. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday: Menu is tomato chicken parmesan with noodles, cucumber salad, whole wheat roll and peach cobbler.

Jan. 10: Menu is meat balls with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, whole grain biscuit and pears. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability. PACS provides milk, coffee, tea or water each day.

Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center. The center is a service of Pennyryle Allied Community Services.

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



## STLP makes shelter donation

Crittenden County Elementary School's Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) delivered donations to the Mary Hall Ruddiman Shelter just prior to the Christmas break. Boxes and bags filled with dog food, cat food, dog and cat toys, cleaning supplies along with \$270.54 in monetary donations were accepted by shelter volunteer Kristi Beavers (right). Pictured front from left are Riley Kirby, Kodi Stoner, Elliot Evans, Aly Yates, Mary Rachel Stephens, (back) Kirsten Smith, Bryan Chaney, Jonah Reddick, Logan King and Carson Yates. The STLP club sponsor is Mary Ann Winders.



Judy Jones (right) visits with well-wisher Sherleen Dahl on her last day at Conrad's Harvest Foods Friday.

## Jones bids adieu to grocery store

STAFF REPORT

After more than 26 years in the grocery business, Judy Jones has retired from Conrad's Harvest Foods.

She began working at Conrad's Food Store in June 1991, outlasting dozens of other employees and seeing a few ownership changes.

"I'm looking forward to it," Jones said during a retirement reception at the store Friday, her last day. "The customers – that's what I'm gonna miss the most. Many of them have become friends."

Several of those friends and former co-workers stopped by to wish her well in retirement Friday. Peggy

Escue, who along with her husband Larry owns the grocery store, said Jones will be sorely missed.

"She's our go-to person," Peggy Escue said, adding that she could count on Jones to be in at 5 a.m. each weekday to help open the store. "You don't find them like her anymore."

No doubt, regular grocery shoppers will also miss what Jones brought to work every day – a smile and friendly voice in the checkout line. Jones said she didn't have many plans for retirement other than spending more time with a new great-grandbaby.

will meet at noon, Jan. 10 at the Extension Annex.

## Extension events

– Morning Glories Homemakers will meet at 10 a.m., Monday at the Extension office.  
– Challengers Homemakers

# Kentucky workplaces safer than ever

Kentucky is a safer place to work than ever before.

Officials from the Kentucky Labor Cabinet late last month hailed recent reports by the federal government that show the lowest rate of nonfatal incidents recorded in the Commonwealth's history.

According to the latest data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Kentucky's rate of recordable nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses dropped to 3.4 per 100 full-time em-

ployees in 2016 – down from a rate of 3.7 in 2015. This marks the lowest rate since the federal government began collecting this data in 1996, when Kentucky reported an incident of 8.4

In addition, according to BLS data, there were 92 work-related fatalities in Kentucky in 2016, down from the 99 fatalities in 2015. Work injuries involving transportation and material moving occupations accounted for the highest amount of fatalities in both

2015 and 2016.

"This achievement has only been possible by employers and employees who have embraced a culture of safety in their workplace," said Labor Secretary Derrick Ramsey. "These reports clearly show that Kentucky is moving in the right direction, but there is still much work to be done. Our mission at the Labor Cabinet is to prevent injuries from occurring in the first place by educating employers and employees about workplace

safety so that the 1.9 million men and women working in Kentucky return home each day safe and sound."

According to the BLS report, approximately 2.9 million nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses were reported nationally by private industry employers in 2016 – resulting in 48,500 fewer injuries from the prior year. This produced a national injury and illness rate of 2.9.

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### District Standings

#### 5th District Basketball

Boys		
Team	Overall	District
Livingston Central	9-6	3-0
Trigg County	6-5	2-1
Lyon County	1-9	1-2
Crittenden County	2-8	0-3

Girls		
Team	Overall	District
Livingston Central	8-7	3-0
Crittenden County	6-6	2-1
Lyon County	8-3	1-2
Trigg County	5-7	0-3

### Upcoming Games

**Friday**  
CCHS hosts Lyon County, DH

**Saturday**  
Rockets at Community Christian  
Lady Rockets at Paducah Tilghman

**Tuesday**  
Rockets at Dawson Springs  
Lady Rockets host Dawson Springs

### Dossett All State

Crittenden County High School junior Ethan Dossett was selected as a Kentucky All State Honorable Mention football player. Dossett finished the season as the state's No. 6 receiver with 70 catches for 1,273 yards and 13 touchdowns. He led all receivers in Class A.



### Sindelar is bowl MVP

Princeton's Elijah Sindelar turned in an MVP performance in the Foster Farms Bowl last week, leading his Purdue Boilermakers to a 38-35 victory over Arizona. Sindelar had 33 completions, 396 passing yards and four touchdown passes. All of it came on a torn ACL that required knee surgery a few days later. His coaches revealed only after the bowl win that Sindelar had been playing on a bad knee. Most local football fans remember Sindelar as a four-year QB at Caldwell County. He was named the Foster Farms Bowl Offensive MVP.



### Hunting Seasons

Bow Deer/Turkey	Sept. 2 - Jan. 15
Raccoon Hunt	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Fox	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Squirrel	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Rabbit	Nov. 13 - Feb. 10
Raccoon Trap	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Quail	Nov. 13 - Feb. 10
Canada Goose	Nov. 23 - Feb. 15
Bobcat	Nov. 25 - Feb. 28
Duck	Dec. 4 - Jan. 28
Dove	Dec. 23 - Jan. 14
Free Youth Deer	Dec. 30 - Dec. 31
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 3 - Feb. 4
Coyote	Year Round
Coyote Nighttime	Feb. 1 - May 31

### Umpires wanted

The Second Region Pennyrile Umpires Association is looking for umpires for the 2018 season. Anyone interested should email area coordinator Matt Bell at matt.bell@webster.kyschools.us or call (270) 871-6956 for more information and to learn about pay and qualifications.



Sheila Truitt of Marion bagged this nice buck during the November rifle season. It was a non-typical 18-pointer that weighed 223 pounds.

# District showdown Friday at Marion

STAFF REPORT

When Lyon County comes to Rocket Arena Friday night, Crittenden County will be looking for a chance to avoid the district cellar.

As the second round of Fifth District action tips off this week, the Rockets and Lyons are fighting to avoid a first-round post-season matchup against the league's top seed – right now that's Livingston Central.

Lyon (1-9) has the worst record in the Second Region. Its only win came last month at home against Crittenden County. The Lyons won that game by five, and it was very close down the stretch after the Rockets trailed by 16 at one point. The Rockets can potentially force at least a tie for third place with a victory at home this week.

One key to winning the game for CCHS will be controlling Lyon senior Gabe Board, who had 30 in the last meeting and averages 17. Crittenden was able to slow him down in the last half in that December meeting by applying steady pressure with freshman guard Gabe Mott.

Lyon has welcomed the return of Matthew Brown, who sat out some games early on, including the narrow Lyon win over CCHS at Eddyville. Brown is a big guy, standing about 6-foot-3, who gives the Lyons an inside presence it lacked in early December. He is a senior and has averaged three points and three rebounds over the last five games since returning to the lineup.

Crittenden County (2-8) went 1-2 in games over the holidays. The Rockets pulled off certainly their biggest win of the season just before Christmas, beating Ballard Memorial 71-63 on Dec. 21 at Marion. At the time, Ballard had one of the best records in the First Region. They have since cooled to 6-4 overall.

In holiday tournament play in Tennessee, Crittenden lost to Stewart County, Tenn., and Cheatham County, Tenn. Neither game was close.

For the Rockets, senior Logan Belt and junior Sawyer Towery have emerged as the top offensive producers. They average a dozen points apiece. Freshman center Preston Turley is scoring nine a game and get-



Freshman Gabe Mott drew the assignment of guarding Lyon's top scorer during the second half of their meeting last month in Eddyville. Board had eight field goals in the first half, but just two in the last half as he finished with 30 points.

ting a team-high seven rebounds. Mott has been a big scorer lately, raising his averaged to just below double digits.

Crittenden 71, Ballard Memorial 63				
Crittenden	20	38	51	71
Ballard	10	19	41	63

CRITTENDEN – Towery 11, Mott 17, Belt 21, Steele, Turley 10, S.O'Leary, Winders 2, T.Boone 2, H.Boone 8. FG 22. 3-pointers 7 (Towery 3, Belt 2, H.Boone 2). FT 20-28.

BALLARD – Marinelli, Grogan 8, Griffin 13, Chandler 15, Jones 1, Donlow 2, Heard 24. FG 25. 3-pointers 1. FT 12-27.

Stewart County 74, Crittenden 36				
Crittenden	13	19	28	36
Stewart Co.	10	36	53	74

CRITTENDEN - Mott 8, Belt 7, Turley 11, T.Boone 3, H.Boone, E.O'Leary, S.O'Leary, Winders 2, Carlson 2, Steele 3. FG 14. 3-pointers 2 (Belt, Steele). FT 6-12.

STEWART – Summers 2, McElroy 5, Kyle 17, Rose 23, Cooke 3, Bramlett 16, Nolan 2, Dennis 3, Tilson 2, Beecham 1. FG 27. 3-pointers 10. FT 10-12.

Cheatham Co. 61, Crittenden 45				
Crittenden Co.	9	21	31	45
Cheatham Co.	15	31	49	61

CRITTENDEN – Mott 12, Belt 8, T.Boone 2, Turley 12, H.Boone 2, E.O'Leary 3, Winders 2, S.O'Leary, Carlson 2, Steele 2. FG 18. 3-pointers 2 (E.O'Leary, Turley). FT 11-21.

CHEATHAM – Caldwell, Martin 2, Mayberry 7, Binkley 2, Gill 11, Carters 14, Fletcher 10, Lee 9, Barber 6. FG 23. 3-pointers 8. FT 7-11.

# Lady Rockets need another W vs. Lyon



Crittenden's Madison Champion is averaging over 16 points a game, but had just one the last time the Lady Rockets played Lyon County.

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's girls' basketball team needs to win a key Fifth District showdown Friday at home against Lyon County in order to remain in legitimate contention for the regular-season's league crown.

Coach Shannon Hodge's girls beat Lyon 36-28 at Eddyville last month in a game that wasn't perhaps as close as the score might indicate. Crittenden is 2-1 in league play and Lyon is 1-2 as the second round of the regular-season district schedule begins this week.

Noteworthy from that game, which could make predicting this week's outcome more difficult, are a couple of key points. Crittenden's leading scorer, senior Madison Champion, had her worst offensive production of the season. She scored just one point in the last Lyon meeting despite averaging 16.1 for the season.

Meanwhile, Lyon played the last encounter without senior Hannah Holloman, who averages 10 points.

The Lyons have played better basketball since losing to Crittenden. They have won five of their last six against largely marginal competition.

Meantime, Crittenden hasn't been overly impressive, finishing 1-2 at the Martin Tenn., Lions Club Tournament over the holiday. Crittenden beat Memphis Manassas 58-50 and lost 60-39 to Liberty Tech of Jackson, Tenn. The Rocket girls were showered in the tournament opener by Dyer County, Tenn., 76-27. Dyer (11-5) is one of the better

teams in western Tennessee and finished runnerup in the tournament, losing to Martin Westview in the title game.

Martin, Tenn. Lions Club Tournament				
Crittenden 58, Manassas 50				
Manassas	14	23	36	50
Crittenden Co.	18	28	41	58

MANASSAS – Milan 12, Moore 2, Scott 5, Jones 9, Famley 22. FG 17. 3-pointers 3. FT 13-21.

CRITTENDEN – Collins 10, Champion 20, Moss 7, Summers 8, Woodward 9, Long, Guess 4. FG 20. 3-pointers 3 (Collins 2, Champion). FT 15-32.

Liberty Tech 60, Crittenden 50				
Liberty Tech	14	27	39	60
Crittenden Co.	11	17	24	39

CRITTENDEN – Collins 6, Champion 10, Moss 3, Summers 6, Woodward 11, Duncan 3, Perryman, Guess. FG 14. 3-pointers 2 (Woodward, Collins). FT 9-15.

Dyer County 76, Crittenden 27				
Crittenden Co.	7	17	24	27
Dyer County	24	51	64	76

CRITTENDEN – Collins 11, Champion 6, Moss 2, Summers, Woodward 5, Long 3, Duncan, Guess, Hayes, Perryman, Easley, Keller, Binkley. FG 6. 3-pointers none. FT 15-24.

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# Dodgers scout joins baseball clinic lineup



Tippin

Los Angeles Dodgers scout Rick Tippin has been added to the lineup for a winter baseball clinic scheduled for 9 a.m., until noon on Saturday, Jan. 20 in Marion.

Tippin is a former professional baseball player with the New York Mets and former coach at Western Kentucky University and Paducah Community College. He also was a baseball camp instructor for 17 years at the University of Kentucky.

In addition to Tippin, former major leaguer Gene Roof will be a featured instructor and presenter at the clinic.

Roof is currently a coach for the Detroit Tigers.

The event is sponsored by Crittenden County youth baseball. It will be held at Crittenden County Fairgrounds Lions Club Building, weather permitting. If weather does not permit, it will be moved to Crittenden Elementary School gym.

Cost will be \$10 for any player or coach. This clinic will be appropriate for girls and boys from age 7 to high school level and youth coaches. There are discounts available for families or teams.

Players are encouraged to bring their bats as there will be opportunities for individual instruction with Roof, Tippin and others assisting with the clinic.

For more information, contact Chris Evans at (270) 704-0435.



Roof

# Players wanted for 3-on-3 basketball

Crittenden County's basketball program is hosting a fundraising event that is sure to capture the imagination of hoops fans. It is billed as King of the Court and will be a 3-on-3 battle for up to \$1,000 cash.

The event will be Saturday, Jan.

27 at Rocket Arena and no current high school or collegiate players are allowed. The first team to 40 will win and advance in the single-elimination tournament.

Cost is \$100 per team. Mail entries to Crittenden County High School c/o Denis Hodge, King of

the Court, 519 1/2 West Gum Street, Marion, KY 42064. Entry deadline is Jan. 24.

Watch for form and rules at The-Press.com or contact Denis Hodge at (270) 704-0643 or denis.hodge@Crittenden.kyschools.us.



# Sports anchor Mizelle plans to be her self on air

Making a move to Lexington to work for WKYT-TV was an easy decision for sports anchor Kailey Mizelle.

"I think it is a great sports town with Kentucky football, and of course Kentucky basketball, along with high school sports, horse racing. It's really a central location to a lot of great sports teams and things, and the fans are so passionate about sports," said Mizelle. "So I at least kind of knew what I was getting into when I came here."

She was happy to join a sports team that included Brian Millam and Lee K. Howard. She did not know Howard but had worked for the same TV station in Lubbock, Texas, where he once worked and knew about him.

"I knew I was joining the ranks of some really good sports minds," Mizelle said.

She also knew anchor Rob Bromley was retiring after 40 years at the station.

"We only got to work together for a month but I was so excited to spend that time with him," Mizelle said. "You are never going to replace a guy like Rob. Never come into that thinking you are that replacement. No one is going to place Rob. He was very unique in the way he was sportscaster as we all are."

"When you go to a station where this person is kind of a legend in sportscasting, you don't try to replace them. Just try to be yourself. The best advice I got when I was younger was not to be someone else. Just be yourself. The viewer tunes in to watch you and the contacts you provide. If you try to be someone else, you are not giving the viewer what he or she is looking for, which is you and your personality. I am just excited to show my personality and be myself and hope the viewers enjoy."

Mizelle is from Winter Haven, Fla., and had an older brother and a younger brother. She says she was just "one of the guys" playing sports with them growing up a "tomboy" because of the family's love for sports.

"In high school I was a cheerleader. But we actually paid attention to the game of football. When we cheered, we were not just rally troopers. We were really athletic, too. We trained with the women's basketball team, and they won the state championship two of the four years I was in high school," she said. "I played soccer and different things when I was young. I was around baseball the most of all the sports because my little brother played college baseball and my dad coached him until he was in high school."

Mizelle loves baseball and has worked or covered several minor league teams. Several major league teams

had spring training near Winter Haven and she laughs as she recalls times her dad would sneak her out of school early to take her to a spring training game.

"He taught me the game. We would sit in the outfield eating hot-dogs and he would tell me everything and that's where my love for the game comes from," Mizelle said. "I am passionate about baseball. I met my husband working for a baseball team."

Her mother was a drama teacher with an English background when she switched to teaching high school journalism and taking over the TV production program at the school. Mizelle liked what her mom was doing and eventually anchored her own middle school and high school news show. She even won awards for some of the newscasts.

"My teachers always said I could talk, so I thought why not make a career out of

doing that. There is a lot more to being a TV anchor than just talking, but that's how I got started. I have been editing video since I was 11 years old," she said.

She also learned another valuable lesson at an early age —

no story is too small to tell. That's why she says interviewing coach John Calipari or a T-ball player both demand the same respect and treatment.

"Everybody has a story and I am passionate about telling different stories," she said. "Sports is about telling stories. The reason people enjoy things is the story. Sports is more than just the score. It's about a story, the players, the coaches and what they went through to get where they are going."

She hopes that passion comes through to WKYT-TV viewers. She doesn't pretend to be Erin Andrews or Sam Ponder, two successful national sports personalities. She's just Kailey Mizelle.

"I put a lot of personality into my sports. When I am on air, I am myself. I am not a robot. I am just trying to be myself and hope people enjoy what they see," the WKYT anchor said.

## 'Out of the Blue'

There is so much to like about "Out of the Blue," the documentary about Kentucky's 1997-98 championship season that is now available on DVD.

I was lucky enough to cover that 1998 championship team that we all know as the "Comeback Cats" because of the team's propensity for falling behind — something it did by double digits in the final three NCAA Tournament wins against Duke, Stanford and Utah.

Cameron Mills, a player on the 1996 and 1998 UK championship teams, and Dick Gabriel, a veteran UK journalist who is a producer

at WKYT, did a terrific job showing the heart and character of the team and coach Tubby Smith with this documentary.

This was a team few expected to win the title like UK had won in 1996 or just missed in 1997 — both under Rick Pitino. This 1997-98 UK team didn't overwhelm foes with talent and first-year coach Tubby Smith had to live in Pitino's shadow.

That's why "Out of the Blue" was picked for the documentary's name because many felt that's where UK came from after a Feb. 14th home loss to Ole Miss to win the title. But Scott Padgett explained it even better.

"We were the group of the left behinds," Padgett, now the head coach at Samford, said. "If we had been those other guys (on the previous two UK teams), we would have already been gone (to the NBA)."

The 1996 championship team was overloaded with talent. The 1997 team that lost to Arizona in the title game also had big names. But the 1998 champions had a team that learned how to play together and cared about winning more than anything else.

"That's almost what we called it ... The Left Behinds," Mills said about the documentary's title

Left behind or not, that 1997-98 team has a special place in Kentucky basketball history and this documentary is only going to make that even more obvious to fans of all ages.

## Michigan recruiting

Kentucky recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow says 2019 is going to be a "strong" recruiting year in Michigan and he hopes adding Michigan prep standouts Marquan McCall and Deandre Square to this year's recruiting class will help UK reach into the state for more players next season.

McCall, a two-way lineman in high school who hopes to play defense at UK, wants the same thing.

"Hopefully they see Kentucky is not just a basketball school but also a football school, too, and kids will want to commit and come down," McCall said. "There are a lot of great players here in Michigan, including a lot that people don't even know about."

Kentucky signed 20 players. McCall doesn't know many of his future teammates personally but he knows enough about Square.

"That's my boy. He is a great player. He's going to play wonderful," McCall said. "If you need somebody to get on you, he could do it."

Marrow credited UK secondary coach Steve Clinkscale for UK's recruiting success in Michigan this year.

"Before we hired Clink, I had Ohio, Pennsylvania and Detroit because Detroit was close to where I went to school at Toledo. I coached there," Marrow said. "I knew when we got Clink, he did a good job when he was at Illinois and Cincinnati. We got some good players out of there (Michigan) and I think we are going to stay there."

## Volleyball

Just when coach Craig Skinner thought the Ken-



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**Above, Kentucky volleyball coach Craig Skinner is proud that his team had the highest GPA of any team at UK this semester. At right, Marquan McCall hopes more players in Michigan do what he did and come to Kentucky to play football.**

tucky volleyball team couldn't do anything else to surprise him, it did. The team finished the first semester with a 3.62 grade-point average, the highest of any of the 20 athletic teams at Kentucky.

High grade-point averages are not new for the volleyball team. Skinner says his team typically has between a 3.3 and 3.4 GPA and once got to 3.6.

"I was really excited to be the best in the (athletics) department. That was the first time that has happened," Skinner said. "It's not something you sit down and shoot for, but it's a huge honor. You certainly don't recruit kids based on GPA. You recruit based on character, work ethic. You do want to see that they care what their career will be about after volleyball."

The team had terrific competition for playing time this season because of the depth of talent Skinner amassed. He doesn't think that competition carries over to academics.

"I don't think they know what each other gets grade-wise," Skinner said. "We don't encourage them to compete against each other in the classroom. We just encourage them about how to be better each semester."

Skinner knows he's a bit spoiled by having four or five athletes per semester have perfect 4.0 grade-point averages. He does use that as a recruiting advantage. He makes sure that academic advisor Amy Craiglow meets recruits and their families on



campus visits. The team GPA is an "important" piece of the recruiting process.

"I am just so proud of what our team did academically," Skinner said. "It says so much about our program and the way we try to do things. Sure, we want to win and win a national championship. But we also want to prepare our players for careers after they leave us and this shows we are doing that."

Skinner was not surprised Nebraska, the team that beat UK in the Eight Eight, won the national title over Florida, the team UK shared the SEC championship with this year.

"I felt Nebraska was the best in the regionals and they really took Florida out of what they wanted to do," Skinner said. "I felt we could compete with any team in the country, and we showed

that."

His team starts offseason workouts next week and returns a solid nucleus for next year.

"We got a lot of talent and competitive kids back and great pieces coming in," Skinner said. "Getting the pieces to match up and what type system want to run so you start playing your best at the end of November is what we have to figure out."

## Quote of the Week

"He hasn't been with us too much but that kid is a stud. He's in the training room, he's up here more than most of the guys here trying to get that extra work in," Kentucky quarterback Stephen Johnson on freshman quarterback Walker Wood and his effort to get healthy enough to get on the practice field.

# 1 in 4 Ky. vehicle recalls ignored, costing drivers

STAFF REPORT

With a new year underway, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) urges travelers to add an important task to their to-do lists to stay safe on the road: check for unrecalled vehicle recalls.

By visiting CheckToProtect.org, drivers can conduct a free search for open recalls on their specific car using their Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). A search using the vehicle's year, make and model yields a list of potential open recalls. Authorized dealers will repair recalls for free.

According to state officials, 25 percent of vehicles in Kentucky have unrecalled recalls.

Kentucky is the first state to partner with the National Safety Council to bring awareness to motorists about Check to Protect, a national campaign to encourage drivers to search the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) open recall database. The campaign launched in June. KyTC said in a news release it wants to see those numbers increase in Kentucky, the state with the eighth-highest open recall rate

in the nation.

"Of the 4 million registered vehicles on Kentucky roadways, one in four has recall repairs that need to be addressed," said John-Mark Hack, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Vehicle Regulation. "Unfortunately, there's no warning light on a dashboard alerting drivers of recalls. Our efforts are important in encouraging drivers to take the initiative to check if the vehicle they use daily requires a free repair."

In under two minutes, motorists can enter their VIN online at CheckToProtect.org for a full report on the recall status of their vehicle. The 17-digit VIN can be found in the lower left corner of a car's windshield, on the inside of the driver-side door or on a vehicle's registration card and possibly on insurance documents. If a recall is identified for the vehicle, drivers can call their local dealer to schedule a free repair.

Neglecting recalls could lead to costly vehicle damage and can jeopardize the safety of motorists on the road, the news release said.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE AS AMENDED

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AN ORDINANCE GRANTING FRANCHISEE, THE NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO ERECT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE IN, UNDER, OVER, ALONG, ACROSS THE STREETS, LANES, AVENUES, SIDEWALKS, ALLEYS, BRIDGES, HIGHWAYS, EASEMENTS DEDICATED FOR COMPATIBLE USES AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AND THE SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONS THERETO, TOWERS, CABLES, AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, OPERATING, MAINTAINING AND REPAIRING CABLE SERVICE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS REGULATING THE SAME AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION OF THE COUNTY.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing ordinance provides for authorization of a franchise agreement with Mediacom Southeast LLC. Public comment concerning the franchise agreement will be received at this meeting.

A complete copy of the ordinance may be reviewed at the office of the County of Crittenden, Kentucky at 107 South Main Street, Marion, KY 42064.

COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN, KENTUCKY

By/s/

Carolyn Byford, Fiscal Court Clerk

Bids shall be received at the office of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court until 8:30 a.m. on January 18, 2018 at 107 S. Main St., Ste. 208, Marion, KY 42064. Local Ordinances may be obtained by contacting the Judge Executive's office at 270-965-5251. (2t-27-c)

### notice

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TIFFANY STEWART, DEFENDANTS  
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Notice is hereby given that on January 10, 2018, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") will file an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission"), Frankfort, Kentucky, pursuant to KRS 278.020(1), 807 KAR 5:001 Sections 14 and 15, and 807 KAR 5:011 Section 6(2)(b) seeking an Order granting KU Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for the full deployment of Advanced Metering Systems ("AMS") across its Kentucky service territory and approving its proposed AMS Opt-Out Special Charges. In its application, KU will notify the Commission that the changes to the Special Charges Standard Rate tariff sheets are proposed to become effective on and after February 9, 2018; however, because KU anticipates the Commission will suspend the proposed changes in the Special Charges tariffs to conduct an investigation of the proposed changes, KU will ask the Commission to approve the proposed changes to be effective on June 1, 2018.

KU will propose a cost-based opt-out charge structure for customers who desire to opt out of AMS. The proposed charges will be new and optional; customers who do not desire to opt out of AMS will not have to pay the charges. The proposed opt-out charge structure will consist of a \$72.71 opt-out set-up fee and a \$32.45 recurring monthly fee.

Complete copies of the proposed tariffs containing text changes and proposed rates may be obtained by contacting Kentucky Utilities Company at 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 1-800-981-0600, or visiting Kentucky Utilities Company's website at www.lge-ku.com.

Notice is further given that a person may examine this application at the offices of Kentucky Utilities Company, 100 Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky, and may also be examined at Kentucky Utilities Company's website at www.lge-ku.com. A person may also examine this application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at http://psc.ky.gov.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission, by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by sending an email to the Commission's Public Information Officer at psc.info@ky.gov.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates to be proposed by Kentucky Utilities Company, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of the notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

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# Freedom Waste seeks residential rate bump

By DARYL K. TABOR  
PRESS EDITOR

Residential trash customers in the county could soon be paying more for pick-up, but elected officials may seek a new garbage collector.

At the December regular meeting of Crittenden Fiscal Court, Freedom Waste Service owner Joe Buchanan approached magistrates about planned changes to the pricing structure of its non-exclusive franchise agreement with the county. Proposed changes would move monthly residential rates to \$17.50, a \$2.50 increase.

Freedom Waste is also asking the fiscal court to either buy the company's compactor used at Crittenden County Convenience Center or rent the unit at \$350 per month. The compactor is currently offered at no cost to the county.

The changes are necessary due to a rise in the cost of

manning the solid waste collection business, Buchanan told the fiscal court.

"These rates are necessary due to the increased costs with workers compensation insurance and rising costs of employees," he said. "It's a challenge to find good quality people with a CDL."

Rate changes would take effect April 1. All other rates, including commercial collection, will remain unchanged if a new year-to-year franchise agreement is approved by the fiscal court. But the county could pursue other possibilities.

"I think rebidding it might be an option," said Magistrate Donnetta Travis.

Under non-exclusive franchise agreements, waste haulers must abide by specific service standards and requirements. The county's agreement prohibits competing trash collectors from collecting

residential garbage, but Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said no other commercial haulers have shown an interest in servicing Crittenden County's mostly rural population.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said purchasing a new trash compactor for the convenience center would run about \$25,000, but rebuilt units can be found for about \$5,000.

Freedom Waste's agreement with the county ended Dec. 31, but continues as is until it or an agreement with another company is renewed. Magistrates will look at the issue at their regular meeting later this month.

There were a handful of other matters taken up at last month's meeting.

**Sheriff, clerk budgets OK'd**  
Magistrates OK'd both the county clerk's and sheriff's

staffing budgets for 2018.

Sheriff Wayne Agent's was approved for \$93,000 to pay three field deputies and one office deputy, which is up just a bit over last year to compensate for raises.

Agent's office is responsible for policing the county's almost 400 miles of rural roads and 6,000 or so residents outside the City of Marion as well as collecting property taxes and handling court duties. The sheriff said he is lucky to have deputies dedicated to their jobs when they can go elsewhere for more money and better benefits.

He said his field deputies could go across the alley to Marion Police Department to make more and have 100 percent of their insurance paid. The county pays 75 percent of its employees' health insurance.

To help lighten the load, Agent is able to employ the volunteer services of special deputies and constables for some law enforcement, court duties and serving papers.

His total budget approved was \$258,560.

Meantime, County Clerk Carolyn Byford's salaries and wages were approved for \$127,000 to pay four full-time and two part-time office workers. The figure is \$5,000 more than last year to account for raises. The overall budget shows \$1.89 million in revenue.

**Returned incentive**  
The fiscal court accepted \$40,000 into a special fund set aside for economic development. The money comes to the county due to Siemens' inability to maintain the required additional employment of 50 workers at its local plant, something attached to state assistance for 2013 construction of an annex at the South Main Street facility. Newcom said the money is added to \$51,000 already in the fund and can be used only for the purposes of economic development, such as helping a plant add another service or production line.

**Road material bids**  
Annual bids were awarded for a variety of road-related services, including paving

and debris removal.

Hopkinsville-based Rogers Group submitted the only bid for asphalt paving in the county. Meantime, Crown Contracting and Paving in Princeton was awarded the bid for chip seal.

Rogers Group and Lafarge Aggregates were each awarded bids for gravel and stone. Rogers Group maintains a quarry in Crittenden County. Lafarge has quarries in Smithland, Fredonia and Cave In Rock, Ill.

Belt Construction was given the bid for snow and debris removal and tree cutting along roads. Newcom said the supplemental service to that of the county road department is rarely used.

**FedEx reimbursement**  
The county received a \$900 reimbursement from FedEx for damages to the parking lot at Crittenden County Detention Center in the fall. According to Newcom, the delivery driver ignored warning tape stretched across the entrances and drove onto freshly sealed and striped pavement.

## November jail revenue dips, but per-day income ticks up

By DARYL K. TABOR  
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Following the first-ever month of operating in the black, Crittenden County Detention Center income dipped a bit in November. Total housing revenue at the jail was \$192,037 for the 11th month of 2017, down just more than \$6,000, according to Jailer Robbie Kirk's monthly report to Crittenden Fiscal Court on Dec. 21.

In November, the jail returned to operating in the red after a \$5,000 surplus in October, but that had little to do with the dip in revenue. Kirk said a large debt payment on the 10-year-old facility and an additional pay day were on the books that were absent in October. But operating in the black is not typical for jails, Kirk said.

"The jail should be in the red," the jailer explained, adding that corrections is simply one of the necessary costs of criminal justice. "It's not a profit business."

Despite the dip in November revenue, per-day income was actually higher than in the previous month because October revenue was spread across one more day – 31.

Since he took office in late 2014, Kirk said monthly revenue has risen significantly.

"In three years, housing has almost doubled for any specific period, comparatively," he said.

Federal housing dollars were about the same as the month prior, but state housing rose more than \$10,000 to \$133,884.

Income from Prisoner Transport Service of America (PTS) fell by almost \$14,000 to only \$780. This comes after an October incident where three inmates escaped custody of the private company, including one locally. However, the daily housing rate for prisoners from PTS has increased from \$42 to \$60.

Kirk has also negotiated a higher daily housing rate for inmates from other Kentucky counties, moving it up \$7 to \$32.

Meantime, the state prisoner housing rate remains \$31.34. But CoreCivic, a private company, has contracted with the Kentucky Department of Corrections to house those same inmates for \$57.28 daily at the Lee Ad-

### County jail census

Each month, Crittenden County Jailer Robbie Kirk provides the fiscal court with an inmate census and housing income report from the previous month. The following data were provided at last month's fiscal court meeting:

<b>Inmate count as of Dec. 21</b>	
State inmates.....	136
Federal inmates.....	41
Other counties .....	3
Crittenden County .....	20
<b>Total inmates.....</b>	<b>200</b>
Weekenders/work release .....	2
Out to court.....	0
<b>Actual total inmate bed count.....</b>	<b>202</b>
<b>November housing income</b>	
State housing.....	\$133,884.48
Housing days.....	4,272
Daily housing rate.....	\$31.34
Federal housing.....	\$56,573.48
Federal transport payments .....	\$4,241.48
Housing days.....	1,246
Daily housing rate.....	\$42.00
Prisoner Transport Service of America.....	\$780.00
Number of days.....	13
Daily housing rate.....	\$60.00
Other county housing .....	\$672.00
Housing days.....	21
Daily housing rate.....	\$32.00
Weekend/work release .....	\$128.00
Housing days .....	4
Daily housing rate.....	\$32.00
<b>Total housing .....</b>	<b>\$192,037.96</b>
<b>November Crittenden County inmate report</b>	
Housing days .....	521
Daily housing rate.....	\$25.00
Average daily population.....	17.37
<b>Cost of Crittenden County inmates.....</b>	<b>\$13,025.00</b>

justment Center in Beatyville.

"We provide the same thing," Kirk told magistrates. "I don't understand that."

Kirk said any potential loss in state inmates due to the new private-public partnership for incarcerating up to 800 offenders at the Beatyville facility could be offset by an increase in federal inmates, which bring in \$42 daily per prisoner. And unlike state inmates, the local jail is not responsible for the medical needs of federal prisoners.

Kirk has yet to employ ankle monitoring for Crittenden County inmates after the fiscal court in the fall approved the less-expensive home incarceration alternative for non-violent local offenders. In November, the average daily population of local inmates was just more than 17. That is edging closer to a point where Kirk may

begin using the GPS-based monitoring system.

"When it gets over 20, we'll start to look at it," Kirk said.

The jailer also spoke to the early December escape of a local inmate while receiving treatment at Crittenden Health Systems after being transported by ambulance from the jail to the hospital. He said inmates are typically shackled during transport, but for some reason, the prisoners was not placed in restraints by the deputy jailer.

"He should have been shackled and handcuffed," Kirk said. "That will not happen again."

The inmate, Ryan Parker, had not yet been booked into the facility after being escorted there from district court proceedings. Upon arriving at the jail, Parker reportedly fell in the floor and had earlier said he tried to overdose at the courthouse.

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