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Lyon camp not foreign refugees

Rumors on social media about an alleged refugee camp near the Crittenden-Lyon County line south of Dycusburg are unfounded based upon research done by The Crittenden Press. Private, government and police sources confirm a small camp of individuals living on private owned property in northern Lyon County is not refugees and have not been placed there by the government. For more on the group, visit WatchmanReports.com/ WatchmanYahoo.

Tinsley selected Teen of the Week



Senior Emily Tinsley was recently selected as The Paducah Bank Teen of the Week.

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Distribution dates set for food bank

Crittenden County Food Bank has set its distribution schedule for 2017. Give-aways will be the fourth Friday of every month, save November and December. Because of the holidays during those two months, distribution will be moved up to the third Friday each month.

The schedule is as follows: Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15.

Distribution is from 8 a.m. to noon at Crittenden County Assistance Center located at 402 N. Walker St. Each month, the food bank distributes to about 200 families, feeding around 600 individuals in the county.

Meetings

- The annual meeting of **Fohs Hall Inc.** will be at 4:30 p.m. Monday at the historic building. New board members and officers will be elected. All members are invited to attend.

- **Marion City Council** will convene at 6 p.m. Monday at city hall. This will serve as the regular monthly meeting and the first for the new 2017-18 council.

- **Crittenden County Board of Education** will convene at 6 p.m. Tuesday for its monthly working session.

- **Marion Tourism Commission** will meet at 5 p.m. next Thursday at the Marion Welcome Center.

- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will convene at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19 at the courthouse for its regular monthly meeting.

Looking back

Top local stories of 2016

STAFF REPORT

Former Marion City Administrator Mark Bryant's arrest and dismissal from his job in city government leads off the list of top local stories from 2016.

Also making the list was a failed attempt to legalize alcohol in Marion; multiple infrastructure projects, and the loss of a community leader, retail shopping and an organization with a long history of making the county

better. While weather – winter storms, costly flooding and drought – made plenty of headlines, it didn't rank among our top 10 stories.

Bryant arrested

Bryant, 55, was a 10-year public official for the City of Marion when he was arrested on July 28, accused of helping Crittenden County Detention Center work-release inmates under his supervision to obtain drugs. An

investigation by Kentucky State Police alleged that Bryant was accepting packages mailed to his home and the city maintenance garage from relatives or friends of inmates. Inside those packages were socks, underwear and controlled substances, say court records. Bryant, the arrest citation says, gave those

items to work-release inmates who then smuggled them into the jail.

The tampering with physical evidence charge was filed because Bryant is believed to have destroyed mailing labels in order to conceal his actions from investigators. Bryant is also accused of buying synthetic marijuana on the in-

ternet and giving it to inmates.

The city fired Bryant shortly after his arrest. He has been free on \$5,000 bond.

In December, Bryant reversed his original plea of not guilty and a sentence of two years on each count was recommended by the commonwealth. Facing six years in jail, he will be formally sen-

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100 and counting

Drennan: No recipe for living a century

By **CHRIS EVANS**
PRESS PUBLISHER

If you're able to see Kenneth Drennan this week while he's celebrating 100 years on this planet, don't expect any sage advice about how to stay young or live longer.

For Drennan, a member of a family with genetic longevity, the path to a century of life has been void of wholesome eating, healthy regimens of exercise or any other cryptic formulas for earning a centenarian's badge.

He's gotten here almost effortlessly, yet Drennan's blueprint for

durability is almost certainly attributable to an active lifestyle. Despite his age, Drennan still maintains a nearly 300-acre farm, drives from his home in the

eastern part of the county to town every day for breakfast and enjoys the company of his pet dog.

"I don't think I'd be able to give any advice. People will just have to use their own judgment," he says about a recipe for long life.

In his driveway are a number of vehicles. He has three tractors and a couple of grain trucks that he maintains. Although Drennan leased his farm a few years ago, he still keeps the bush hogging done himself and built a new road on the farm a few months back so he can drive around and keep track of the crops.

It wasn't long ago his big John Deere quit running because of bad batteries. He replaced them himself and got back to work.

"I never thought about doing anything to stay healthy," Drennan said. "I do well to walk from the house out to the car. That's why I park close to



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

Kenneth Drennan, who turned 100 Wednesday, says he has followed no special diet or exercise regimen to reach the century mark, but attributes his longevity to genetics and staying active on his 300-acre farm.

the door."

His mantra is "live till I die" and he's doing a great job of it.

His wife, Geneva, passed away more than 10 years ago, so he keeps a dog around the house for company. His youngest daughter, Madeline, and son-in-law, Joe Henderson, live not far down the highway. They keep a close eye on him, but Drennan is still perfectly capable of living alone and caring for himself. He's outlived two other daughters, Marcia Davidson and Marilyn Travis.

It's a bit ironic that he chose to farm in his later years. He couldn't wait to get away from the family farm as young lad. Perhaps it's because following a mule with a double-

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America's centenarians witnesses to much change

STAFF REPORT

Kenneth Drennan is in growing, but still rare company by reaching 100 years of age.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, using U.S. Census Bureau data, reports the number of Americans living to the century mark in 2014 was 72,197, up almost 22,000 from 2000. But that still accounts for only 0.02 percent of the U.S. population.

Drennan falls into an even

smaller group, as more than 80 percent of centenarians are female and more than 85 percent live in urban areas. The 2010 Census counted only 596 Kentuckians having achieved 100.

There seems to be no one secret to reaching triple digits in age, but centenarian studies have revealed that those individuals had good health habits, high levels of cognition and a strong so-

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GOP takes full control of state government

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Kentucky lawmakers went back to work Tuesday, starting a 30-day legislative session that will be unlike any other in history.

For the first time ever, both chambers of the Kentucky General Assembly will have a Republican majority with a GOP governor. The party already controlled the Senate (27-11) and the governor's mansion, but last year's general election

flipped the House from a 54-46 Democratic majority to 64-36 supermajority for Republicans. It marks the first time in 96 years the GOP has controlled the House.

The shift will likely allow a number of Republican-favored measures to move through the entire legislative process, whereas in years past, they have died under Democratic leadership in the House. Some of those measures of than 160 bills

already filed include a proposal to require women to have ultrasounds before undergoing abortions. Increasing the minimum wage is not likely to see the light of day, while right to work legislation will take aim at unions and a prevailing wage measure will look to lower the cost of public construction projects.

GOP House Speaker Jeff Hoover said the aforementioned legislation pointed at

improving the economy and creating jobs will be the top priority, but he said he also expects the ultrasound bill to pass this year.

The change in House leadership already bodes well for western Kentucky. While House leadership is still void of anyone from the area, party leaders have appointed new committee chairs that include several lawmakers from the western end of the state. In fact, Rep.

Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, will serve as the chairman of the House Program Review and Investigations Committee. That committee is charged with reviewing operations of state agencies and programs to determine whether funds are being spent for purposes in which they were appropriated.

Other committee chairmen from western Kentucky

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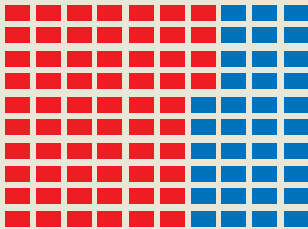
2017 Kentucky General Assembly

Jan. 3-6, Feb. 7-March 30
30 legislative days



Kentucky House of Representatives

Republicans - 64*
Democrats - 36



*First GOP majority since 1921



Your representation
Rep. Lynn Bechler
R-Marion

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Biography

Retired. Catholic. BS aerospace engineering, St. Louis (Mo.) University. Lions Club. Chamber of commerce. Parish council. Certified manufacturing engineer.

Service

House: 2013 - present

Kentucky Senate

Republicans - 27
Democrats - 11



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Sen. Dorsey Ridley
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Biography

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Service

House: 1987-94
Senate: 2004-present

Important dates

Legislative session

Part I: Jan. 3-6
Legislative leadership elections, committee assignments, rules of procedure adoption
Part II: Feb. 7-March 30

Legislative holidays

Feb. 20, March 10, 13, 28

Last day to introduce bills

Senate: Feb. 17; House: Feb. 21

Veto recess

March 16-27

Further information

Legislative Research Commission
LRC.ky.gov

Daily televised / video updates
KET / KET.org

Weekly Legislative Record
Crittenden County Public Library

Weekly Updates from Lawmakers
The Crittenden Press

Legislative Message Line
(800) 372-7181

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(866) 840-2835

Calendar (Meetings) Line
(800) 633-9650

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(800) 896-0305

Facebook good for nothing

Social media will be the downfall of humanity.

I know that sounds a little extreme to all those Facebook users who like to post pictures of your cat or the meal you are about to eat, but it's not your posts that worry me. No, you are hardly a threat to society.

Instead, it's the other social media users who utilize 21st century technology to conduct 17th century witch hunts and spread rumors, innuendo, extreme political and religious views and downright bigotry. Those people might have some explaining to do before crossing to the other side.

Certainly, we all will all have something to answer for, but one of the longest lines will surely be in the "Why I Think Social Media is the Best Way to Air My Opinions" lane.

In recent days, Facebook has been lighting up with comments and replies about a group of "undesirables" settled into a camp across the border in Lyon County. First, they were Syrian refugees – and we all know from our president-elect just how de-

plorable those people are. When their skin apparently appeared too dark to be Middle Eastern, they became Somalian refugees from the Horn of Africa.

All this, of course, was guesswork from local sleuths ready to remove all benefit of doubt without a thread of evidence. If it's on Facebook, it has to be true, right?

Turns out, they are not foreign refugees. (See Page 1.)

Short of burning these mysterious outsiders at the stake – though implications to similar acts of ill-conceived criminal justice seem to be a good idea to some – many Facebook users convicted this group or fanned flames of fear and ignorance. To be clear, there was similar talk around town, but those comments were not posted and recorded for the entire world to read.

With social media, discretion is often cast aside in favor of knee-jerk reactions. (See Donald Trump.)

What these people – and they are people, too, as in human beings – are doing in rural Lyon County is un-

known at this point by me, this newspaper or virtually anyone speaking with forked tongue on the issue. And really, what does it matter?

Without speaking to anyone from the group, it seems people are judging them based on skin color and an assumption they are Muslim.

If you had the chance to witness some of the Facebook comments, you might think you were back in 1955 Mississippi where a black 14-year-old named Emmett Till was lynched for allegedly flirting with a white woman. It also reminds me when Marion was astir just a few years ago when a dark-skinned man sure to be a terrorist wandered into town in the wake of 9/11. Turns out he was from Columbia; not exactly a hot-bed of radical Islam.

The point is, Facebook has made me all too aware that bigotry, xenophobia and fear of anything not white and Christian is alive and well among us. It's unsettling, especially when our President-elect is the poster boy for intolerance.

I wish I'd never looked beyond that posting of your holiday casserole.

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Daryl K. TABOR
Press editor
My 2¢ Worth

NEWS BRIEFS



ARTISTIC RENDERING OF NEW METHODIST HOSPITAL UNION COUNTY ER

Morganfield ER to grow

A \$4.9 million project has been approved by Methodist Hospital Board of Directors that will focus on the relocation and expansion of the emergency room at Methodist Hospital Union County in Morganfield to more effectively handle a larger number of patients. Breaking ground in spring 2017, the new ER is scheduled for completion by December. The project will nearly triple the space to 5,600 square feet; more than double the number of treatment rooms; and allow the staff to treat nearly 50 percent more patients. The current emergency room, built in 1970, has 1,937 square feet and features three treatment rooms and an eight-seat waiting area that shares space with an access hallway.

New feed rule now in place for farmers

In 2017, certain medications in animal feed may be administered only under the supervision of a veterinarian, State Veterinarian Dr. Robert C. Stout reminds Kentucky livestock producers. The change took effect Sunday.

"The Food and Drug Administration [FDA] has issued a new rule to address the problem of antibiotic resistance," Stout said. "FDA's stated purpose is to phase out the use of medically important antimicrobial drugs for food production purposes. The Office of the State Veterinarian will do whatever we can to help producers comply

with the new rule."

Producers must now have a Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) from a licensed veterinarian in order to feed medically important antimicrobial drugs – those that also are used in human medicine. Feed containing medically important antimicrobials may be used only for the animals and up to the expiration date specified in the VFD, and only for the purposes of treatment, control, and prevention of disease. Use of medically important antimicrobials for weight gain and feed efficiency is prohibited under the new rule.

The veterinarian of record must have a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship with the producer in order to write a VFD for that producer's animals. The producer's feed distributor must have a copy of the VFD before providing the VFD feed to the producer.

For more information about the new rule, go to the FDA website, FDA.gov. To contact the Office of the State Veterinarian, call (502) 573-0282, option 3.

Coal mining deaths record low in 2016

Coal mining deaths in 2016 were at a record low. There were only nine recorded across the United States, down from 12 the year before.

One of the fatalities last year came at Webster County

Jobless rates down in all but one Ky. county

Unemployment rates fell in all but one Kentucky county – Magoffin – between November 2015 and November 2016, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training. The November 2016 jobless rate for Crittenden County was also lower than the previous month's figure.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 2.6 percent. Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate at 12.2 percent. For the first time in nine years, only one county posted a double-digit rate.

Below are the jobless rates for select counties from the state's lowest in November to the highest, with rates for Crittenden and surrounding counties included between. Because of their relatively low sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted like monthly state and national rates.

In contrast to the monthly national and state data, unemployment statistics for counties are not seasonally adjusted. The comparable, unadjusted unemployment rate for the state was 4 percent for November 2016 and 4.4 percent for the nation. labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

AREA	NOV. 2016	OCT. 2016	NOV. 2015
Kentucky	4.0	4.6	5.3
Pennyrile Region	4.6	5.3	5.9
COUNTIES			
Woodford (1)	2.6	3.0	3.5
Crittenden	4.1	4.8	5.2
Caldwell	4.2	4.9	5.6
Webster	4.5	5.2	5.2
Lyon	5.0	5.5	5.8
Livingston	5.5	6.4	6.9
Union	5.2	6.1	6.9
Magoffin (120)	12.2	14.2	14.6

LETTERS

Writer appreciates child's Santa letter

To the editor:

Usually, I don't bother to read the Letters to Santa that were in the Dec. 22 edition of The Crittenden Press. But this year, I thought I'd read a few just for the fun of it.

Their little letters are so funny and sweet. Then, I came to this one that I don't know if it was written by a boy or girl – Kadence was all the signature read.

First of all, he asked Santa if he knows Jesus. Then he asked for other things. So I just couldn't read any further for a while. I just sat there with tears in my eyes.

Whoever the parents of this child may be, I would just like to personally thank them for raising a sweet, wonderful child who knows who Jesus is.

Elizabeth Millikan
Marion, Ky.

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Area Deaths

Marshall

Robert "Bob" Marshall, 66, of Salem died Thursday, Dec. 22, 2016 at Baptist Health in Paducah.

He developed a saddle business and homestead in Salem and accomplished many great achievements in his lifetime. These achievements included his being a world-renowned saddle maker, horse trainer, truck-restorer, multi-patent holder and he was known to be a professional businessman.



Marshall started out training horses during the daytime and at night walking down numerous isles of stalled horses fitting his handmade saddle trees to the horses' backs. He made cutting saddles and reining-horse saddles for the top trainers and competitors in the United States. Later, Marshall developed the famous "treeless" saddle. This saddle was developed to aid in the flexibility and comfort for both horse and rider. Barrel racers all over the world soon caught on to this light-weight, professionally-designed saddle and it became very popular among riders. Trail riders also desired his treeless trail saddles for its weight and comfort.

Surviving are his wife, Martha Dianne Marshall of Salem; step-daughter Amanda Holeman Guess (Chad) of Paducah; mother, Helen Louise Marshall of Vienna, Ill.; sisters, Martha Wilke of Belknap, Ill, Betty Faye Little of Marion and Linda Marshall of Ledbetter; three nephews; and seven nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father, Tilford Lee Marshall; and a sister Beverly Lynn Marshall.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 27 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremations Services with friend and pastor Israel Sanders officiating. Burial will follow at the Marshall Family Farm.

Doom

Jaivon Wesley Doom, 38 of Marion, Ill., died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2016 at his home.

Surviving are his mother, Charlotte Gass, Marion, Ill.; father and step-mother, Jerrold and Joy Doom of Marion; a brother, Brad Doom of Marion, Ill.; and a step-sister, Christy McKinney of Henderson.

He was preceded in death by a brother and stepfather. Services were Friday, Dec. 23 at Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church with burial in the Frances Cemetery.

Myers Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Obituary policy

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Brown

Thelma Lynn Brown, 87, of Marion died Monday Dec. 26, 2016 at Crittenden Health Systems. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.



Survivors include her sons, Bruce (Suzanne) Brown of Marion and Wayne (Joyce) Brown of Ed-dyville; daughter, Delores Sunderland of Carmi, Ill.; sister, Lois Canada of Princeton; grandchildren, Anthony and Shawn Brown, Nancy Mayers, Ashley Stewart, Jennifer and Michael Sunderland; several great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John G. Brown; parents, Bedford and Mammie Blake; sisters, Betty Glenn, Eta Mae Martin and Dottie Patton; and brothers, Lawrence, Oman and Austin Blake.

Services were Wednesday, Dec. 28 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with burial at Frances Cemetery.

Miller

Lou Ella "Ann" Miller, 91, of Salem, formerly of Dickson, Tenn., died Friday, Dec. 30, 2016 at Livingston Hospital in Salem.

She was a member of Marion Church of Christ.

Surviving are a daughter, Lynne Brunett (Gerald) of Salem; two grandchildren, Amy Brunett (Wayne Webb) and Angela Tye (Kevin); and two great-grandchildren, Xander Webb and Corbin Tye.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James H. Miller Jr.; sisters, Nettie Phillips, Irene Breece and Sadie Anglin; brothers, Sam, Sol, John, David and Grady Rial; and parents Thomas Jefferson Rial and Ida Mae Gordon.

Services were Monday, Jan. 2, 2017 at Dickson Funeral Home in Dickson, Tenn., with Bro. Fred Mayberry officiating. Burial was at Sanders Cemetery.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Erickson

Judi Le Erickson, 53, of Marion died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2016 at her home.

Survivors include her father, Clifford (Donna) Erickson of Sturgis; mother, Pearl Erickson of Franklin, Idaho; stepbrothers, Darrell Byrer of Smithville, Texas and Gearl Byrer of Phoenix, Ariz.

The family will hold a celebration of life at a later date. Memorials may be made to Rosebud Cemetery, c/o Gilbert Funeral Home, 117 W. Bellville St., Marion, KY 42064.

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Visit these Funeral Homes
myersfuneralhomeonline.com
boydfuneraldirectors.com
gilbertfunerals.com

Belt

Mary Lena Belt, 87, of Marion died Friday, Dec. 30, 2016 at her home in Marion. She attended Glendale Baptist Church and was retired from Siemens International in Marion.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda Hearell of Marion and her friend Charles Babb of Salem; sister, Kuma Little of Marion; brothers, James Holloman of Marion and Roger Holloman of Lola.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Belt; parents, Virgil and Eva Lynn Holloman; a sister; and a brother.

Services were Monday, Jan. 2, 2017 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Gideon's International, P.O. Box 304, Salem, KY 42078.

Davis

Anna Mae Davis, 85, of Marion died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016 at Livingston Hospital.

She was a member of Glendale General Baptist Church and worked for 20 years at Sturgis Clothing Factory where she made many lifelong friends. She and her family owned the 88 Dip in Marion for 10 years and she proudly worked at the voting polls for many years.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her greatest love in life was her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and she wasn't afraid to let it be known.

Preceding her in death was her husband of 56 years, Rev. J.W. Davis; parents, Nathan and Mae Brantley; six brothers; and a sister.

Survivors include her children, JoAnna (Charlie) Merritt of Marion, Doug (Paula) Davis of Henderson, Mary (Richard) Mitchell of Paducah, David (Jan) Davis of Smithland and Keith (Chris) Davis of Marion; grandchildren, Stacey McKinney, Bridget Terry, Chasity Clarke, Jeana Fulkenstein, Heather Johnson, Cartney Mitchell, Taylor Davis and Kayla Davis; and great-grandchildren, Lauren and Cole McKinney, Madison and Karlie Clarke, Aiden Fulkenstein, Clacie and Max Terry, Lucas, Heath and Landen Johnson.

Services were at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 4 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Rosebud Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the West Kentucky Association of General Baptists, 813 Terrace Drive, Marion, KY 42064.

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Review of Area Deaths of 2016

Roll call of those we lost in 2016

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:

Ronald David Newcom, 57, Jan. 2
Larry Wayne Hodge, 55, Jan. 4
Marie Evangela Guess, 75, Jan. 12
Nina Elaine Gregory, 71, Jan. 13
Tony Armstrong, 56, Jan. 15
Stella Louise Aders Williams, 66, Jan. 14
Betty Sue Dunbar, 77, Jan. 15
Jordan Tyrae Loveless, 16, Jan. 16
Juanita Kirk Hansen, 80, Jan. 17
Juanita Frank Alvis Harrison, 97, Jan. 18
Leona Gregory, 90, Jan. 19
Elaine Cheryl Barnett, 60, Jan. 20
Jerry Dean Fricker, 72, Jan. 21
Johnnie Lou Conger, 83, Jan. 23
Melba Belt Clark, 100, Jan. 24
Clara Bell Brown, 88, Jan. 25
Alma E. Kelly, 82, Jan. 25
Darrell Glenn Jent, 71, Jan. 28
Georganna Thurmond, 87, Jan. 28
Debra Ann Marie Hagan, 47, Jan. 30
Cecil Jacobs, 74, Jan. 30
Dorothy Lucille Bigham, 83, Jan. 31
Mary Altha Berard, 75, Feb. 1
Boyce Dale Flener II, 53, Feb. 2
Thomas "Junior" Asbridge, 86, Feb. 5
Helen Roberta Woodyard, 95, Feb. 8
D.H. Stalion, Jr., 82, Feb. 8
Mary Catherine Mathieu Sorriso, 62, Feb. 11
Albert D. Heilman Sr., 73, Feb. 12
Cleveland O. Rogers, 83, Feb. 13
Doris L. Crouch, 81, Feb. 13
Hurst "Tony" Miniard, 50, Feb. 16
Gareth Wayne Hardin, 67, Feb. 20
John Edward Thomas, Jr., 84, Feb. 21
Mary Jewel Alexander, 88, Feb. 22
Lois Edna Mason, 95, Feb. 25
Jim Stephen "Steve" Harris, 60, Feb. 26
Baby Ruth Jackson, 75, Feb. 27
Gary Dale Brasher, 58, Feb. 28
Nina Ruth Gass, 80, Feb. 29
Allen "Pee Wee" Harris, 71, March 1
Alpha Ophelia Hodge, 88, March 1
Hazel Bea Hosick, 89, March 2
Mary Thomas, 85, March 2
Oscar F. Kloke, 86, March 2
Maryann Jackson, 56, March 3
James A. Myrick, 87, March 4
Harold W. Walton Sr., 64, March 4
J.D. Vaughan Jr., 87, March 5
Palestine Bozeman, 73, March 5
Robert Franklin Roberts, 77, March 6
Betty Joyce Middleton, 72, March 7
William Arthur Belt, 78, March 10
Margarette Elwanda McDowell, 91, March 12
James C. "Jim" Crider, 83, March 15
Roger F. Summers, 77, March 15
Donna Marie Downs, 71, March 16
Boyd Ray Casey, 85, March 21
Barbara Jean Whitt Dixon, 79, March 22
Pat Conger, 67, March 22
Michelle Terry, 54, March 22
Charles E. Hughes, 93, March 22
Edna Lee Johnson, 70, March 23
Dorothy Jean Gray Doom, 84, March 25
Ray D. Kearl, 88, March 26
Steve Manley, 59, March 29
John Franklin Hoffman, 53, March 30
Roy Little, 93, April 3
Martha Nell Byford, 88, April 7
J.E. Brasher, 81, April 7
Hershel Ray Croft, 77, April 8
Kenneth Edward "Jackie" Croft Sr., 87, Apr. 10
Evelyn Loraine James, 85, April 10
Bobby Glenn Thurman, 81, April 12
James Alvis Reed, 68, April 12
Ruth "Dot" Laird Meredith, 72, April 13
Edward Bridges, 90, April 15
Joseph S. Fritts, 70, April 16
Eileen Tabor, 91, April 17
Leonard "Wayne" Winters, 69, April 22
Jim Earl Dollins, 90, April 26
Wanda Mae McGrew, 91, April 27
Dr. Michael Gene Morrow, 67, April 29
Timothy Kyle Hamby, 53, May 1

James R. "Jimmy" Brown Jr., 81, May 2
Ephraim James Engle, infant, May 2
Douglas L. "Doug" Rorer, 75, May 2
Everett Ray Curry, 59, May 3
Charles D. Watson, 75, May 5
Shirley Mae Driskill, 73, May 5
Harold Bennett Shouse, 92, May 5
Donald Garner Brasher, 81, May 7
Linda Pearl Odom, 67, May 11
Martha Jane Robertson, 82, May 12
John James Autry, 35, May 12
Charles Edward Beard, 87, May 13
Mattie Louise Hardin, 86, May 17
Charles Monroe Brannam, 70, May 18
Schley J. "Slick" Frazer Sr., 73, May 19
Sally I. Millikan, 59, May 21
James Given Duncan, 70, May 23
Virginia Ruth McDaniel, 91, May 25
Guthrie H. "Gus" Hale, 88, May 28
Larry Allen Orr, 69, May 30
Jerry Collins Franklin, 63, June 6
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James Joseph Mathieu, 88, June 10
Velma Beliles, 73, June 10
Dennis Ray Sullenger, 63, June 13
Betty L. Lizak, 74, June 14
Mitchell "Mitch" Ray Johnson, 42, June 15
Madonna Brandon, 66, June 16
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Floyd A. Andrews, 61, June 16
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Janet Eileen Sunderland, 68, June 19
Jonathan Saalwaechter, 35, June 19
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Larry Wayne Franklin, 66, June 22
Garland Anderson, 64, June 22
Darrel Clay Higgins, 68, June 24
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William G. Tyner, 93, July 6
Chuck Crowell, 74, July 7
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Mona E. McDaniel, 93, July 8
Dr. Robert Marion Babb Jr., July 9
Barbara Lee Wight, 91, July 10
Betty Jean Slaton Janosi, 82, July 10
Oscar F. Kloke, 86, July 16
James Robert Blackburn, 85, July 13
Sandra Lee Steward, 65, July 16
Joyce Moxley Collins, 60, July 16
Joann Meeks, 83, July 17
Madux Wayne Copeland, 7, July 19
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Mariam Marvel, 104, July 21
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Keith E. Poindexter, 84, July 23
Christopher Aaron Gernigin, 29, July 23
Terry Ralph Jenkins, 57, July 23
Sandra Kay Autry, 67, July 28
Preston Bledsoe, 81, July 31
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Police activity report

In 2016, Marion Police Department patrolled enough miles to circle the globe almost one-and-a-half times. The following is an activity report for the police department, reflecting information from December 2016 and the entire 12-month period of last year. The data are provided by Police Chief Ray O'Neal.

CATEGORY	DECEMBER 2016	2016
Miles driven/patrolled	1,783	32,496
Criminal investigations	22	209
Domestics	15	156
Felony Arrests	2	29
Misdemeanor arrests	12	86
Non-criminal arrests	0	70
DUI arrests	1	16
Criminal summons served	3	37
Traffic citations	14	268
Traffic warnings	10	118
Other citations	23	257
Parking tickets	1	4
Traffic accidents	4	91
Security checks/alerts	68	934
Calls for service	225	3,407

CHANGE

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cial support system.

Whatever the reason for their longevity, America's oldest living citizens have seen phenomenal changes in society and countless life-altering innovations.

When Drennan was born, Woodrow Wilson was President and America was just weeks away from entering World War I. At that time, a veteran having served in the Civil War as a teenager would have been 20 years younger than today's surviving World War II veterans.

In 1917, there were only 48 stars on the flag, and Marion's Ollie M. James was serving as a U.S. Senator on Capitol Hill, the last person from here to serve in Congress. It had been only 75 years, since Crittenden

County was carved from Livingston County, and President John F. Kennedy was born.

Drennan entered the world three years before the first radio news broadcast, and today, news can be found 24/7 on satellite television and the internet. The first transatlantic flight, which took 23 days, had yet to take place, while in 2017 a person can fly to the opposite side of the globe in a single day.

In sports, Babe Ruth still played for the Red Sox and the Georgia Tech Golden Tornadoes were crowned champions of the football world. The NFL was still three years from forming. And the 2016-17 University of Kentucky basketball team under Coach William P. Tuttle went 4-6. Legendary Coach Adolph Rupp was only 15 when Drennan was born.

DRENNAN

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shovel plow was a bit more labor intensive than driving a tractor is today. As a young man, he left this parents' home on Cave Springs Road and went to Evansville, Ind., where he got a job as a carpenter. That really didn't suit him too well either.

"I was laying a hardwood floor and a man with Commercial Carriers was standing in the doorway. I said, 'I heard you were looking for a driver?' He asked, 'Are you a good driver?' And I said, 'I can drive a truck better than I can do

this."

He was hired on the spot and spent the next 40 years hauling cars. He drove 4 million miles without an accident.

After retiring from that job, he bought a water hauling truck and drove another 1 million miles delivering potable drinking water to Crittenden County residents before everyone had county water. He did that until about age 90, then turned to farming again.

Born at his family's home in 1917 during a snowfall that was "up to a horse's belly," Drennan has seen dynamic changes in every drawer of

life, but says prices for everything from food to fuel has been the biggest difference from then to now.

"I remember buying gas when it was 13 cents a gallon," he said.

His father, Virgil Drennan, had one of the first vehicles in the neighborhood. It was a Model T Ford. In 1931, his dad bought a flat-bed Chevrolet and Drennan, not yet old enough for a driver's license, started hauling materials for the contractor that was building Ky. 120. He would drive to the train depot in Marion, pick up a load of sand or gravel and take it to the construction site.

"We'd unload it with a shovel," he said.

"When I was a boy, the roads were all dirt. They didn't even have gravel on them."

His life has been touched by major events in history. He hauled military ambulances during World War II and can show you the high water mark in the Piney Creek bottoms during the 1937 Flood. Nowadays, the memories are less vivid, his hearing is dull and the days have wrinkled his face and hands, but Drennan maintains a healthy spirit, defying age and whether he realizes it or not, giving hope to others.

Receipts: 754				
Last Week: No Sale				
Year Ago: 994				
Compared to last week: No trend due to holidays. Sale consisted of 39 stock cattle, 95 slaughter, and 620 feeders. Feeders consisted of 24% feeder steers, 38% feeder heifers, 21% feeder bulls, and 26% of feeders were over 600 pounds.				
Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	250-300	279	149.00-166.00	155.02
11	300-350	320	142.00-153.00	149.26
2	300-350	300	161.00	161.00 Fancy
4	350-400	368	141.00-149.00	145.97
17	400-450	419	136.00-140.00	137.00
16	450-500	480	131.00-137.00	134.99
24	500-550	523	127.00-132.00	129.50
2	550-600	565	121.00-123.00	121.98
23	600-650	633	117.00-124.00	121.19
5	650-700	686	109.00-110.00	110.60
9	700-750	709	116.00-119.00	118.21
2	750-800	788	106.00-110.00	108.01
2	850-900	865	109.00	109.00
4	1000-1050	1032	90.00	90.00
Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	250-300	260	130.00	130.00
2	350-400	360	137.00	137.00
4	400-450	437	121.00-132.00	127.84
5	450-500	486	123.00-128.00	125.44
2	500-550	520	120.00-123.00	121.56
1	550-600	590	119.00	119.00
5	600-650	628	110.00-113.00	110.81
1	650-700	660	104.00	104.00
Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	150-200	175	165.00	165.00
3	250-300	274	126.00-134.00	131.27
17	300-350	322	130.00-140.00	134.47
12	350-400	375	127.00-130.00	129.66
16	400-450	418	122.00-131.00	125.97
28	450-500	477	119.00-128.00	120.99
10	450-500	463	130.00	130.00 VA
21	500-550	522	115.00-123.00	118.21
15	500-550	538	127.00-128.00	127.41 VA
12	550-600	577	114.00-116.00	115.84
11	550-600	592	125.00	125.00 VA
17	600-650	609	110.00-115.00	112.93
8	650-700	662	107.00-108.00	107.25
20	700-750	715	103.00-108.00	105.63
Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	250-300	275	117.00	117.00
10	300-350	341	120.00-129.00	125.29

6	350-400	370	120.00	120.00
5	400-450	426	120.00-121.00	120.21
6	450-500	482	107.00-115.00	110.49
12	500-550	525	108.00-113.00	111.86
2	550-600	575	111.00	111.00
1	600-650	640	104.00	104.00
2	650-700	655	100.00-102.00	100.99
Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	300-350	347	149.00	149.00
4	350-400	385	130.00-140.00	136.60
18	400-450	423	135.00-143.00	137.90
13	450-500	478	128.00-133.00	129.57
17	500-550	511	120.00-131.00	128.18
18	550-600	584	110.00-115.00	111.61
5	600-650	621	111.00-115.00	112.22
15	650-700	678	101.00-104.00	101.58
2	700-750	722	105.00	105.00
6	750-800	767	98.00-104.00	101.95
3	800-850	812	85.00-93.00	87.74
Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	350-400	365	122.50-124.00	123.51
3	400-450	426	117.00-123.00	119.04
3	450-500	478	115.00-119.00	116.34
4	500-550	528	111.00-119.00	115.95
4	550-600	570	105.00-113.00	108.69
6	600-650	627	98.00-109.00	105.39
1	700-750	730	90.00	90.00
1	800-850	805	80.00	80.00
Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	800-1200	1035	44.00-47.00	45.49
11	1200-1600	1436	43.00-48.00	45.77
4	1600-2000	1699	45.00-48.00	46.55
1	1600-2000	1600	42.00	42.00 LD
Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	800-1200	1116	46.00-52.00	49.68
1	800-1200	1140	55.00	55.00 HD
15	1200-1600	1340	46.00-54.00	50.33
Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	700-800	768	45.00	45.00
17	800-1200	1040	42.00-47.00	44.32
7	800-1200	1042	37.00-40.00	38.81 LD
4	1200-1600	1245	44.00-47.00	45.50
2	1200-1600	1290	39.00-40.00	39.52 LD
Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	1000-1500	1212	62.00-67.00	64.73
3	1500-3000	1762	64.00-72.00	67.76
1	1500-3000	1670	80.00	80.00 HD
1	1500-3000	1520	55.00	55.00 LD

Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Young				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	855	730.00	730.00
1-3 Months bred				
2	800-1200	1040	900.00-1050.00	982.93
4-6 Months bred				
1	1200-1600	1225	960.00	960.00
7-9 Months bred				
Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Middle-Aged				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	800-1200	1055	710.00-770.00	750.19
1-3 Months bred				
8	800-1200	1057	770.00-970.00	920.15
4-6 Months bred				
1	800-1200	1175	840.00	840.00
7-9 Months bred				
1	1200-1600	1525	1000.00	1000.00
7-9 Months bred				
1	1600-2000	1665	1080.00	1080.00
7-9 Months bred				
Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Aged				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	1115	610.00	610.00
7-9 Months bred				
3	1200-1600	1208	730.00	730.00
7-9 Months bred				
Bred Cows Small and Medium 1-2 Young				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	865	460.00	460.00
1-3 Months bred				
Bred Cows Small and Medium 1-2 Middle-Aged				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	800-1200	963	600.00-690.00	633.94
4-6 Months bred				
Bred Cows Small and Medium 2 Middle-Aged				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	800-1200	815	610.00	610.00
4-6 Months bred				

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November 11, 2016
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Life in Christ breaks ground for growth

STAFF REPORT

Life in Christ Church broke ground Sunday on a 14,000-square-foot expansion that will more than triple its current footprint. A new sanctuary, two classrooms and a youth area will be housed in the new addition, while existing space will be dedicated to children's ministries.

"We are excited," said Associate Pastor Sue McDonald, who along with her husband and pastor, Chris McDonald, have served at Life in Christ since 2008. "This has been bathed in prayer for a lot of years. We went to two services on Sundays, but we're at a point where we need a new building and it will also allow children's church and the nursery to grow, because it's busting at the seams."

Sunday morning attendance averaged 294 in 2015 and grew to an average of 351 in 2016. That is quite a change from the 50-person average attendance that the McDonalds inherited when they returned to their Crittenden County roots in 2008.

The current sanctuary seats 220. The new sanctuary will seat 400 and will include 1,400-square-feet of floor space designated for youth, plus a loft area, cafe and bookstore in the foyer of a new main entrance.

The McDonalds know weather will be a factor, but they plan for construction to be completed in time to host the church's 2017 Christmas Tea in the new sanctuary in early December. Work is being done by Jeff Graves Construction from Tennessee.

"It is incredible to see God's hand in this and believe it is the right thing. We've been praying for it for a long time, and one of the most exciting things is for the children's area – for them to have their own sanctuary and church, it's great for them to worship on their own level and to watch it all transform is amazing," Sue said.

Chris McDonald says much of the growth since 2008 is new believers, and they credit a great deal of that to



Church leaders broke ground this week on an expansion project at Life in Christ Church on U.S. 641 South. Pictured are (from left) Kent Martin, an elder on the project; Associate Pastor Sue McDonald, Pastor Chris McDonald, and church member Paul Belt Sr., who represents those who started the church here 45 years ago.

their Growth Track program, which is a three-week class led by the Chris Penn and Heather Penn. It helps new members assess their gifts and talents and in turn use them to become further involved in the church.

"It really breaks down what we do and why and who we are as a church and gives a personality profile to the individuals," Pastor Chris McDonald explains. "It helps people realize what they are passionate about."

Some of the talents revealed in the three-week program help people decide how they will serve, whether it is in praise and worship, children's church, on the welcoming team or in a variety of other ways.

"We tell everyone that you're welcome here. The deal is for you to accept us, not us to accept you," Sue said. "God has put giftings and talents inside people to be used for the Kingdom so when they learn what God created in them, they can use that."

Life in Christ does not offer traditional Sunday School, but has 12 small groups open to the community that meet outside of church and are based around various interests such as marriage, culinary, outdoors and others.

"We let people know that we think it is awesome you are here, but we want you to be sure this is where God wants you to be," Chris said. "There are a lot of good churches in this community, and if this is your home, great, but if your home is down the road, that is great, too."

"We tell them we're are part of the body, something bigger than you, and wherever you're called then that's where you need to be."

In addition to small groups and teams, Life in Christ offers a number of conferences each year, including a women's conference, men's conference and marriage conference – all of which Sue says have helped grow Sunday worship.

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With the new year upon us I would like to express my appreciation for the support shown to me in the past weeks and months. To all who took part in the festivities at the Tolu Community Center a few weeks back, I will never be able to repay the kindness shown to me and my family. To all who have sent get well cards, prayer blankets and prayed for my healing, I thank you.

It was once said years ago: To be without friends is the worst kind of poverty. I can say without a doubt I am one of the richest men in the world with friends like you. I am blessed.

My prayer for each of you is to have a very
Happy New Year!

May God Bless!
Ted Perryman

Weekly Devotion STEPPING STONES

By JOEY DURHAM
GUEST COLUMNIST

Today's devotion is "Signs of the Times...Perilous!" My text is 2 Timothy 3:1, where we see, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." (KJV) The apostle Paul was writing to Timothy, who was living in a difficult time in human history. The known world at that time was in turmoil, and those who were Bible believing Christians were under tremendous persecution from the Roman Emperor Nero. Paul encouraged Timothy to stand fast in the truth and remain faithful to God no matter what the cost, and Paul also shared some characteristics of the times in which we are living today. Please notice our text, as the chief of

the apostles makes this statement, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." The Word of God commands us as Christians to know this truth. Ignorance is not bliss when spiritual matters are concerned.

We should not be surprised at what is happening throughout this world and in our own country. God's Word specifically describes the character of the days we are living in and has forewarned us that they "shall come." They are inevitable because the heart of man is evil and Satan is the prince of this wicked world system and also the working power behind contemporary, emerging, Godless religion. The "last days" involve the time period just before the

return of Jesus Christ for His church. The Word of God describes the spiritual climate in these days as "perilous," or in other words, injurious, harsh, grievous, fierce, savage, and dangerous. It's not time to let our guard down or compromise with the enemy or sin. The senseless shootings, violent attacks against innocent civilians, increase of wars, and other instances of cruelty to humanity prove God's Word to be true. People need a new heart, to be made a new creature in Christ! Simply put, this world needs Jesus!

(Editor's note: Joey Durham, pastor of Sturgis Baptist Church, shares his views periodically in this newspaper. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

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Bro. Tommy Hodge, pastor
Sunday school 10 AM | Sunday worship 11 AM



Birth

Glore

Daniel Glore and Ashley Green announce the birth of a daughter at 4:30 p.m., Dec. 25, 2016 at Baptist health Paducah.

Paisley Ellen Glore weighed six pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Perry and Anna Glore of Eddyville and Amanda Cochran of Punta Gorda, FL.

Calendar

– The **Crittenden County Elementary School** SBDM will meet at 4 p.m., Monday in the library.

Extension events

– Private Applicator **Pesticide License Training** will be held at 3 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Extension Office. Reserve your space by calling (270) 965-5236.

– **Boosting Your Brain Power** Seminar begins at 10 a.m., Friday at the Extension Office. Space is limited please RSVP to the Extension Office by calling (270) 965-5236.

– **Morning Glories** Extension Homemakers will meet at the Extension Office at 9:30 a.m., Monday. All are welcome to attend.

– Eyes in the Skies **4-H Astronomy Club** will meet at the Crittenden County Public Library at 5:30 p.m., Monday. All children ages 9-18 are welcome to join!

– **4-H Council** will meet at 5:15 p.m., Monday at the Extension Office. Anyone interested in leadership in 4-H or anyone who is interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer is welcome to join to learn more about the 4-H program.

– **Challengers Extension Homemakers** will meet at noon Jan. 11 at the Extension Office. All are welcome to attend.

– **Evening Belles Extension Homemakers** will meet at 1 p.m., Jan. 12, at the Extension Office All are welcome to attend.

– Rockology, the **4-H geology club**, will meet at 3:30 p.m., Jan. 12 at the Clement Mineral Museum. All children ages 9-18 are welcome.

Senior Menu

The 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. Milk, coffee or tea is available each day. Reservations are requested by 9 a.m. Upcoming activities and menu include:

Thursday (today): Menu is Beef pot roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, squash casserole, whole wheat roll and peach cobbler.

Friday: Menu is Tuna and noodles, turnip greens, wheat roll and brownie. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

Monday: Menu is Frankfurt/sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, cornbread and vanilla pudding. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday: Menu is Sloppy Joe on whole wheat bun, hashbrown casserole, baked pork 'n beans, baked apples and raisins.

Wednesday: Menu is Italian chicken breast, stewed potatoes, broccoli soup, pears, whole wheat roll and crackers. Bingo begins at 10:45 a.m.

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

Submit your calendar item
Community calendar is designed for individuals, non-profit organizations and government entities to publicize meetings and events that may be of interest to the community. The Crittenden Press reserves the right edit or reject any announcement. To submit your item, call (270) 965-3191, email pressnews@the-press.com or stop by our office at 125 E. Bellville St.

Tinsley teen of the Week

By GENEVIEVE POSTLETHWAIT
THE PADUCAH SUN

Becoming a lawyer wasn't Emily Tinsley's first dream for herself, but she has a feeling it's the right one.

Her first dream was to be a paleontologist. She loved dinosaurs when she was little. After growing out of her dinosaur fascination, she thought she might like to be a pediatrician, but as she started taking more advanced science and math courses she realized that science and math just aren't her thing.

But writing, she liked.

"I realized that not only was I really good at writing, I liked it," she said. "I enjoy analyzing and presenting information. I really enjoy argumentative writing. I don't mind speaking in front of people. The more I researched, the more I thought: law. It kind of entails everything that I enjoy doing."

Tinsley, daughter of Roger and Pamela Tinsley of Marion, was The Paducah Bank Teen of the Week for the last week of 2017. Each Monday, The Sun features a different teen selected from nominees submitted by school counselors across western Kentucky and southern Illinois. A Teen of the Year will be chosen from the weekly winners and receive a \$2,500 scholarship.

Now a senior at Crittenden County High School, Tinsley has worked hard to prepare



Tinsley

herself for the demands of college and then law school.

Between serving as captain of her school's district champion soccer team, Student Council president, Energy Club president, school news team reporter, Future Business Leaders of America vice president, and FBLA Region 1 secretary, all while maintaining a near-perfect GPA, she doesn't have much downtime.

But she likes it that way.

"I don't like having free time. I like being involved and busy," she said. "When I'm stressed out, that's usually when I work the best. If I have too much time on my hands, I just feel like I need to be doing something."

Tinsley has lived in Crittenden County all her life. It's small — she's one of only 90 students in her

senior class — but her school and town's size allows her to be more involved in the community.

She volunteers regularly through her school clubs and church, and referees local little league soccer. She also works as the middle school dance DJ and Crayne Community Church custodian, both jobs she volunteered for on a whim and ended up enjoying immensely.

She credits her parents for her work ethic and drive to succeed. "They've been great role models. Neither of them attended college," she said, but they worked hard to provide for her and her younger sister and give them experiences that would keep them close as a family and inspire them to go after their passions in life.

Tinsley will attend Murray State University and study journalism and business in the fall and plans on going to the University of Louisville School of Law after that. She knows she has a lot of hard work ahead of her, but she's ready for it.

"I want to be somebody that others look at someday and say, 'She was a good person, and she worked hard.' I want to make my family proud, because they've worked so hard for me. It's important that I work really hard now so that I can help others in the future. That's why I do what I do."

Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Leet

Leets celebrate 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Leet of Shady Grove recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Leet and the former Glenda Fulks were united in marriage Dec. 31, 1966 in

Marion.

The couple have two children, Jeff (Julie) Leet and Jenny (Scott) Long, they have four grandchildren: Erika Leet, Alyssa Leet, Leah Long and Ethan Long.

New body part good Christmas gift in 2016

The orthopedic surgeon gave me a list of days to pick from. I told him I would talk to my husband first, then call his office with the date we selected. Having to have my knee replaced was a big decision. I had put off surgery until the cartilage was completely gone in my left knee and the right one wasn't far behind. Year after year, rheumatoid arthritis continued to do a number on me, but I would fight back as usual.

Although the feedback was overwhelmingly positive, removing a joint and replacing it with a man-made one gave me pause. Using figures from a study done by Mayo Clinic, an estimated 4.7 million people were living with artificial knees. The famous clinic was accredited for doing the first total knee in 1971, the year I graduated from high school. Research showed they had come a long way since then.

My surgery options were sandwiched between two major events: deer season and Thanksgiving Day. If you are part of a hunting family, you understand the importance of the fall gun season. It involves family and friends, campfires, camaraderie and a bonding experience among hunters that can last several weeks. I couldn't mess that up.

While considering my situation, I was sure my husband, an expert hunter, would be tagged out within a week. I figured two days before Thanksgiving would be perfect. The window of opportunity was narrow, but possible. Most all the guys would have their deer tucked neatly in the freezer by then. Some would be in the process of having their big buck mounted for the wall. Unless a monster came along, Eddie would take an eating deer. That shouldn't take long. We loved the venison we processed ourselves.

"Let's look at the calendar," I suggested when I explained the situation to him at breakfast the next morning. He sat down with a troubled sigh. I knew how he felt. Here we were again, facing another surgery.

First, I pointed out one reason for scheduling surgery for 2016 – my insurance deductible had been met for the year, a very crucial factor in today's world. Also, even though he had witnessed my pain and knew it had to be done, he would be my caregiver for several weeks. I needed his approval that it was the best possible time.

He stared at the paper for a few seconds. "I guess it's time to get it done."

I called the doctor's secretary and the date was set.

Meanwhile, putting the date behind us, rifle season arrived and hunting in our area took off full-force, many out-of-staters driving miles to leased property. Only one thing hampered this year's hunt — the weather.

Here in Kentucky, it felt like July in November. Hot and dry, the deer seemed to look for shady places to while the time away instead of chasing each other in a wild nature-induced pursuit. The foliage wasn't cooperating either. Green leaves held tightly to the trees with very little contrast in color. Odd described it best.

One day, as we circled the farm looking for signs that bucks were on the move, I commented on a powder dry spot on the ground. "Eddie, I don't remember ever seeing a scrape like this."

"No, me neither. That's because it's always wet and muddy this time of the year. It's got everything confused."

It bothered him that the deer weren't following normal patterns of nature.

Deep inside, a flag went up. Maybe I should rethink my plan. Eddie lived for deer season. I could put up with an aching knee a little longer. But my logical thinking brain said otherwise: He's a determined hunter; he'll have his deer by then; and, the surgeon assured me he would get the old joint out, a new one in, and I'd be walking by Thursday. It would fit neatly into my schedule just like I planned. I was worrying for nothing, as usual.

Two days before Thanks-

giving, I got my new knee. I went home as scheduled; however, the next week was a nightmare. Poor Eddie. His deer season was over for sure. How could anything hurt so badly? One well-meaning soul reminded me that I would forget all about the pain, "Just like having a baby," she said, referring to having my other knee done.

"Oh, no," I said. "There's no cute soft baby at the end of this. I won't have the other one done," I said. No way.

Now, a few weeks out, I am healing nicely and learning to walk heel-to-toe again instead of stiff-legged like Chester.

I've come to one disappointing conclusion: I might be a wimp after all. I know lots of people who have had their knees replaced and they have nothing but good things to say. Some even have both knees at once! No problem.

There is positive news at the end of the tunnel – research shows knee replacement implants are functioning well in 90-95 percent of patients 10-15 years after surgery. Hopefully, as time moves on, I'll get by on my new knee until it wears out, then have the courage to have the other one replaced. Looks like it could take several years!

(Editor's note: Linda Defew is a freelance writer from Livingston County who has had numerous works

Heritage meeting today

Fredonia Valley Heritage Society will meet at 7 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Fredonia Lions Club Building. Geoff Badgett will speak on the Revolutionary War.

Badgett is past president of the Stephen Trigg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. He has authored four books on the Revolutionary War, two of which are for children. One is being used in Murray schools as a resource. Badgett will share "Revolutionary War in the Trunk," using a collection of war items.

Also on the agenda will be refreshments and a business meeting.

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. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every odd numbered month.

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SATURDAY
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TUESDAY
Lady Rockets at Dawson Springs
Rockets host Dawson Springs
CCMS Rockets at Webster

Rocket Statistics

Following are statistics for Crittenden County's boys' basketball team as the squad finished December:

SCORING		
Player	Gms	Avg
Gavin Dickerson	11	12.2
Logan Belt	10	11.1
Bobby Stephens	12	10.9
Will Tolley	12	8.1
Preston Turley	9	5.1
Sawyer Towery	12	4.6
Hunter Boone	9	2.2
Devon Nesbitt	10	1.5
Tyson Steele	9	1.3
Sean O'Leary	5	1.8
Erik O'Leary	4	1.8
Jayden Carlson	5	0.8
Gave Mott	3	2.0
Braxton Winders	2	3.0
Tyler Boone	1	2.0
Cody Belt	1	0.0

REBOUNDS		
Player	Gms	Avg
Gavin Dickerson	11	6.2
Logan Belt	10	4.1
Will Tolley	12	4.1
Preston Turley	9	3.8
Bobby Stephens	12	3.3
Sawyer Towery	12	2.5
Hunter Boone	9	2.2
Devon Nesbitt	10	2.2
Tyson Steele	9	1.3
Sean O'Leary	5	1.2
Jayden Carlson	5	1.0
Gave Mott	3	1.0
Braxton Winders	2	1.0
Erik O'Leary	4	0.8
Tyler Boone	1	0.0
Cody Belt	1	0.0

THREE-POINT SHOOTING		
Sawyer Towery	9-26	35%
Gavin Dickerson	3-10	30%
Logan Belt	12-50	24%
Bobby Stephens	8-35	23%
Hunter Boone	2-12	17%
Will Tolley	1-21	5%

FREE THROW SHOOTING		
Bobby Stephens	41-52	79%
Logan Belt	23-30	78%
Will Tolley	30-42	71%
Gavin Dickerson	35-62	57%
Sawyer Towery	6-11	55%
Devon Nesbitt	7-13	54%
Preston Turley	10-21	48%

ASSISTS		
Bobby Stephens	3.8	
Will Tolley	2.2	
Gavin Dickerson	1.8	
Sawyer Towery	1.1	

Lady Rocket Statistics

Following are statistics for Crittenden County's girls' basketball team as the squad finished December:

SCORING		
Player	Gms	Avg
Cassidy Moss	12	18.6
Madison Champion	12	8.8
Amanda Lynch	12	8.3
Kiana Nesbitt	12	6.8
Mauri Collins	12	4.5
Nahla Woodward	9	2.0
Meredith Evans	12	0.6
Matthia Long	6	0.5
Chandler Moss	8	0.4
Shelby Summers	4	1.0

REBOUNDING		
Player	Gms	Avg
Cassidy Moss	12	9.0
Kiana Nesbitt	12	6.0
Madison Champion	12	3.5
Meredith Evans	12	2.3
Amanda Lynch	12	1.8
Mauri Collins	12	1.7

THREE-POINT SHOOTING		
Cassidy Moss	13-38	34%
Amanda Lynch	2-7	29%
Madison Champion	1-7	14%

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Deer Archery Sept. 3 - Jan. 16
Turkey Archery Sept. 3 - Jan. 16
Raccoon Hunting Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Squirrel Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Fox Hunt/Trap Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Rabbit, Quail Nov. 14 - Feb. 10
Raccoon TrappingNov. 14 - Feb. 28
Bobcat Nov. 26 - Feb. 28
Canada Goose Nov. 24 - Feb. 15
Snow Goose Nov. 24 - Feb. 15
Dove Dec. 17 - Jan. 8
Duck Dec. 5 - Jan. 29
Crow Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Coyote Night Feb. 1 - May 31
Youth Waterfowl Feb. 4-5
Goose ConservationFeb. 16 - March 31

Young team causing gray hairs

Kiddie Corps searching hard for wins, making no excuses

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County's basketball team is getting younger by the game which is putting a few more gray hairs on the coach's head.

The Rockets started the season with only a couple of projected senior starters and as things have progressed, the rotation is going even further into the lower classes. Preston Turley, just an eighth grader, is now in the starting lineup of what is generally a sophomore-laden team.

"That's just where we're at," said Rocket coach Denis Hodge. "We'd like to be junior and senior loaded every year, but we're not."

Crittenden went 4-8 in 2016 and opened the 2017 with its ninth loss and third in a row – a 78-58 loss Tuesday at home to Hopkins Central.

Although the team's seniors – point guard Bobby Stephens and guard Will Tolley – are among the top scorers and statistical leaders, the youngsters on the squad are having to pull a huge load. Sophomore center Gavin Dickerson leads the team in scoring and rebounding. That's not surprising. He earned a starting spot last year as a freshman.

"He was the first freshman I ever started," Hodge said.

Now, the middle schoolers are being called into play. In addition to Turley getting plenty of playing time, eighth-grader Gabe Mott is seeing quality minutes at guard. Both have promising futures, but are the first middle schoolers to be used in such roles at CCHS in many years.

"It is very important to understand that we're not going to accept the fact that we're young as an excuse for not being successful and winning," the coach said.

Hodge's team went through the holiday break with a 2-2 record in two different tournaments, including their own. The Rockets have continued to struggle a bit in their half-court offense. Shooting below 30 percent as a team, Crittenden is having trouble keeping pace when opposing teams score 60 or more points.

At the dawn of a new year, Coach Hodge makes no bones about it, his lineup will change as the team evolves.

"Every position is wide open right



now," he said. "We need to get more points out of our guards. We know that."

Hopkins Central 78, Crittenden 58				
Hopkins Central	21	46	67	78
Crittenden County	19	28	40	58
HOPKINS CENTRAL - Putty, Porter 23, Barnhill 24, Slate 9, James 2, Bean, Mann 2, Burgett 8, Wagoner 5, Smith 5. FG 30. 3-pointers 5 (Barnhill 2, Porter, Burgett, Wagoner). FT 13-21. Fouls 17.				
CRITTENDEN - Stephens 14, Tolley 14, Dickerson 11, Belt 12, Steele, Towery, Nesbitt, Turley 7, Winders, Mott. FG 18. 3-pointers 3 (Tolley 2, Dickerson). FT 11-22. Fouls 18.				

Carlisle 57, Crittenden 56				
Crittenden County	6	20	40	56
Carlisle County	16	26	40	57
CRITTENDEN - Stephens 18, Tolley 8, Dickerson 14, Belt 4, H.Boone 2, Turley 10. FG 20. 3-pointers 2 (Stephens). FT 14-29. Fouls 9.				
CARLISLE - Wilson 22, Elder 4, Thomason 7, McGee 3, Anderson 29, Dewese 2. FG 22. 3-pointers 8 (Wilson, Thomason, McGee, Anderson 5). FT 5-8. Fouls 23.				

Ballard 75, Crittenden 49				
Ballard Memorial	25	45	63	75
Crittenden County	6	18	33	49
BALLARD - Marinelli 16, Williams 18, Grogan 5, Jones 3, Bledsoe 6, Chandler 10, Heard 10, Yates 2, Collier 2, Suiter 3. FG 34. 3-pointers 1				

Opponents foil CCHS Holiday Classic

Crittenden County lost to Ballard Memorial and Carlisle County in its Crittenden Holiday Classic last week. Pictured above are Rockets Bobby Stephens (2) and Logan Belt (14) working on the perimeter against the Carlisle Comets. At right is Rocket guard Devon Nesbitt passing into the lane. Coach Denis Hodge said his team didn't play well in the loss to Ballard, but took a tough Carlisle team to the limit before losing by one, partly because of missed opportunities at the foul line, including several in the fourth period.

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(Suiter). FT 6-15. Fouls 15.
CRITTENDEN - Stephens 11, Tolley 9, Dickerson 9, Belt 6, Nesbitt 1, H.Boone 5, Turley 4, Mott 2, Winders, E.O'Leary, Steele, Towery, S.O'Leary, T.Boone 2. FG 17. 3-pointers 2 (Stephens, H.Boone). FT 13-19. Fouls 14.

Crittenden 65, Fulton 58, OT				
Crittenden Co.	10	27	39	55
Fulton City	15	23	40	55
CRITTENDEN - Stephens 13, Tolley 10, Dickerson 14, Belt 25, Steele, Towery 2, Nesbitt, Boone, Turley 1. FG 18. 3-pointers 2 (Stephens, Belt). FT 27-33. Fouls 22.				
FULTON - Ferrell 12, Alexander 10, Carr 3, Murphy 5, Walker 27, Hathaway, Bre.Walker, Malray. FG 21. 3-pointers 6 (Ferrell 2, Alexander 2, Walker 2). FT 7-23. Fouls 24.				

percent in the final period. "We were getting the shots we wanted. Some were at point-blank range. They just wouldn't go in," Hodge said. Those offensive lapses have largely been the culprit in the Lady Rockets' few losses this season. Otherwise, coach Hodge says the team's chemistry is improving and she likes the way it's playing as the new year begins.

Crittenden 62, Hopkins Central 51				
Hopkins Central	13	26	38	51
Crittenden County	14	28	48	62
HOPKINS CENTRAL- Ikeard 13, Hughes 12, Medlen 2, Baxter 8, Tow 2, Moore 3, Atkins 1, Hardy 10. FG 21. 3-Pointers 3 (Baxter 2, Moore). FT 6-9. Fouls 18.				
CRITTENDEN- Moss 21, Champion 18, Lunch 5, Collins 10, Nesbitt 8, Evans, Woodward. FG 22. 3-Pointers 2 (Moss, Champion). FT 14-26. Fouls 10.				

Carlisle 60, Crittenden 40				
Carlisle County	14	28	39	60
Crittenden County	11	23	34	40
CARLISLE - Crider 4, Coffey 7, Carrico 21, Henderson 6, Smith 2, Edging 10, Stephens 8, Garrett 2. FG 24. 3-pointers 3 (Carrico). FT 9-14. Fouls 15.				
CRITTENDEN - Moss 21, Lynch 7, Champion 8, Nesbitt 2, Evans 2, Collins, Woodward, Summers, Ch.Moss, Long. FG 14. 3-pointers 3 (Moss). FT 9-11. Fouls 16.				

Crittenden 64, Ballard 38				
Crittenden County	11	20	45	64
Ballard Memorial	10	18	26	38
CRITTENDEN - Moss 18, Lynch 17, Collins 4, Champion 13, Evans, Nesbitt 8, Woodward 4. FG 27. 3-pointers 3 (Lynch 2, Champion). FT 7-13. Fouls 21.				
BALLAD - Walker 9, Calvin 8, Tyson 3, Dowdy 2, Robinson 5, Newton 7, Buchanan 4. FG 13. 3-pointers 2 (Walker, Newton). FT 10-21. Fouls 13.				

Casey County 71, Crittenden 61				
Casey County	12	35	48	71
Crittenden County	11	21	37	61
CASEY - Cravens 27, Lee 23, Duggins 9, Horne 6, McGowan 3, Wilkes 1, Ratliff 2. FG 22. 3-Pointers 6 (Cravens 3, Lee, Horne, McGowan). FT 25-30. Fouls 14.				
CRITTENDEN- Moss 23, Collins 12, Nesbitt 12, Lynch 8, Evans 2, Champion 4, Woodward, Summers, Ch.Moss. FG 25. 3-Pointers 2 (Moss). FT 9-19. Fouls 22.				



Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge has seen almost everything in her 24 seasons as head coach, but she's a bit miffed at what happens when her squad faces Lyon County. Friday night, Crittenden gets a second shot at the Lady Lyons after losing – unexpectedly – to them last month at Marion.

third best record and last week Henderson sports writer Kevin Patton pegged the Lady Rockets as a darkhorse in the regional chase.

A win at Lyon would go a long way toward refinding Crittenden's confidence to fill the shoes of a legit contender. The Lyons have dominated the Lady Rockets over the past four seasons, mostly because they had more talent. This year, that is not so true.

"We have got to break that mental hex," coach Hodge said. "It's all us. We have to get over it. Put (Lyon) in another color uniform,

and ..."

Hodge stopped short of finishing her thought, but everyone knows what she's thinking. Crittenden County has the team to compete at a high level in the region. The girls need to get over a few stumbling blocks to be able to achieve more. One of those hurdles is Lyon, but other challenges are closer to home. Crittenden struggles offensively at times. In the fourth period against Carlisle County over the holidays, the Lady Rockets shot 17 percent in what was a close game until that point. Carlisle made 60

Alexander-Walker ‘phenomenal’ talent

Nickeil Alexander-Walker has one word to describe what type of player his cousin, Kentucky signee Shai Alexander is.

“Phenomenal. Phenomenal. Phenomenal. Phenomenal,” said Alexander-Walker, who is the Kentucky signee’s teammate at Hamilton Heights Christian Academy in Chattanooga. “He sees the floor great. He is really starting to score a lot more.

“He is really unselfish. We have to tell him to get to the basket and score and take over. He does that well but that’s not his tendency to be selfish. He is just not like that.”

What about off the court? “Off the court, that is my brother. He brings you up. You can’t be sad around him. A lot of emotion, but great to be around. Nice person, never mean. His smile brings smiles to other people,” Alexander-Walker said.

Shai Alexander is a 6-5 guard and one of five players in UK’s 2017 recruiting class. He played at the Marshall County Hoop Fest last month and is scheduled to return to Marshall for another holiday event Feb. 17-18 along with another UK signee, Las Vegas forward P.J. Washington.

The two cousins are from Canada and knew each other well growing up.

“If not my house, it was his house every weekend together,” Walker-Alexander, a guard heading to Virginia Tech, said. “Sometimes we were together like every day in the summer. We grew up like brothers, not cousins.

“We went hard against each other growing up. It’s good that we got that but it never turned into fighting. It was tough, though, and made us who we are today. We just feed off each other. We know each other but he’s easy to play with. He makes you look good. That’s the best thing about playing with him.”

John Calipari has had two Canadians — Jamal Murray and Trey Lyles — turn into NBA first-round draft picks after just one year at Kentucky. Both are having productive NBA seasons now.

“I would love to maximize my potential like they have done,” Shai Alexander said. “I actually played against Jamal a little bit in high school back in Canada and I got to watch Trey at Kentucky. They are both really good and when you go to a place like Kentucky it just helps you get better.”

All-American LB commits

Paintsville linebacker Kash Daniel verbally committed to Kentucky early along with two other in-state Army All-Americans, Landon Young and Drake Jackson. None wavered in their commitment. Getting to play in the TaxSlayer Bowl last week more than justified the faith he had in coach Mark Stoops and the UK program.

“Throughout my whole recruiting process I heard, ‘Don’t go to UK. It’s nothing but a basketball school.’ For a while there when I first got here, it kind of seemed like

that,” Daniel said. “The first two losses this season did not help that either.

“Once we started winning and got people back in the stands and could see how much this team has grown over this year, I don’t have one regret with coming here. I love this university, love the people, love our coaches, love my teammates and everybody involved in this program. We’ve had a good year and can make it even better when we win this bowl game.”

‘Camp Cal’ extra work

The semester break always gives Kentucky coach John Calipari extra time to work with his players in what he refers to as “Camp Cal” each year.

Freshman De’Aaron Fox didn’t anticipate the extra practices being easy, but he’s more worried about the weather.

“My biggest adjustment has been handling a college schedule and with this weather, it’s hard for me to get to class,” Fox, who is from Houston, said. “In high school you were always in one building and it was warm. Now you are walking through 30 degree weather, or worse, and it is different. It’s difficult for me. I am used to 100-degree weather.

“I have seen snow and been in snow but I am not used to it. I am not going to say I hate snow, but I would rather be warm than cold any day of the week. Cold is not my favorite thing, so that worries me more than anything Coach can put us through.”

Women play with eight

With only 11 players, including walk-ons, on the roster and just eight that play regularly, how does Kentucky Hoops coach Matthew Mitchell balance pushing players in practice to get better versus making sure the players have enough energy for a long season?

“It is a real opportunity to learn as a coach and try to figure that out. That is just a work in progress. You are trying to figure out how to practice them and it is a different way then we have had before,” Mitchell said.

He said despite demanding, tough practices, it has been more of a “mental” battle for the players than it has been physically.

“We have to do a good job as coaches of letting them know that you have more than enough to get the job done. The team (Washington) that sent us home last year (in the NCAA Tournament) played five people, six tops and every now and then got a seventh player in there. So we can do it, you just have to have that belief,” Mitchell said.

“So as a coach, we are trying to work our way through that and it is a different team but every year is always different and you always have to figure out the best way to get that particular team to perform. We are practicing really hard.”

Mitchell has even found a way to spin how having fewer



PHOTOS BY VICKI GRAFF (RIGHT), LARRY VAUGHT (ABOVE)

At right, freshman De’Aaron Fox has made some dazzling moves on the court, but he says his toughest transition to college basketball has been handling the cold weather in Kentucky. Above, Kentucky signee Walker Wood, center, had an emotional thank you for his parents when he received the Paul Horning Award as the state’s top football player from Hornung (left).

players has helped in practice.

“You don’t have as many people to get reps so you can move through things and the time that you are out there on the court isn’t as long,” Mitchell said.

Interior key to postseason

Before the season started, Kentucky Radio Network analyst Mike Pratt told me he thought the development of UK’s interior players would determine the success John Calipari’s team would have in postseason play.

With Southeastern Conference play underway, Pratt readily admits the bigs have not progressed as quickly as he expected.

“Cal will never say that, but it’s true,” Pratt, a former UK All-American, said. “Bam (Adebayo) is really trying and starting to get his rhythm and feel down. I see him getting it. He looks comfortable and that’s what is important. Until you are comfortable, you feel hesitant. Some guys just take longer than others to get it. But I do like where Bam is going.

“Isaac Humphries has shown flashes but has been inconsistent. Same with Kenyan (Gabriel) and Sacha (Killeya-Jones). But they still have a lot of time to develop and I think they will all get it.”

QB wins Hornung Award

Lafayette quarterback Walker Wood won the Paul Hornung Award given by the Louisville Quarterback Club to the state’s top high school football player. His acceptance speech was quite moving.

“My mom and dad are two great people. My mom is tough, and I have to mention she is also beautiful, loving and would go to the end of the world for me,” Wood, a Kentucky signee who will start classes next week, said. “There are a lot of things I could not have done without her.

“My dad is funny, smart and tough. He’s been a great example for me. He gets up and works hard every day. He does not let a day go by without putting all he has into that day. He made his mark on me.”

He was just as eloquent and thoughtful thanking his coaches and teammates, including four linemen he brought to the awards luncheon with him. He even

thanked the high school custodians for what they did for him during his high school years.

Cal mum on bow-outs

It’s not often that one can ask John Calipari a question that he will not have some kind of opinion about. However, recently he did balk at answering a question.

Calipari was asked what he thought about several key college football players not playing in bowl games to avoid injury and what he would do if one of his players decided to do the same thing.

“I haven’t thought a whole lot about it. I saw a couple of those situations where players are doing that. You think about it. You don’t want to get hurt before this stuff, and I can understand it, but I would probably have to think about it a minute,” Calipari said.

“I just kind of glanced at it. ‘Wow, interesting.’ But I haven’t spent any time really dissecting or, ‘Here’s why, here’s why not,’ to where I could think through. Give me some time. If you ask me that in a couple of weeks I’ll have a better answer.”

Could it happen in college basketball? Yes. Many feel it did last season when LSU declined a NIT bid to end the career of freshman Ben Simmons. However, many speculated that Simmons had already decided not to play in the NIT to avoid injury — and he did become the No. 1 overall pick in the NBA draft.

Not sure I could envision a player shutting his career down going into the NCAA Tournament, but I could see great players on really bad teams deciding enough was enough and bailing out to avoid the chance of injury.

Loss sends message

After Kentucky lost at Louisville, Kentucky coach John Calipari insisted having to play more half-court offense than what the Cats had in other games this season.

Senior Mychal Mulder hinted that the Louisville loss did send a message to UK about its half-court offense.

“We’re really good at getting up and down the court, flying, getting transition baskets. When a team wants to play like that in the half court you need to understand what a good shot is, what we’re going to run, how we’re going to play. Just in



case you don’t get that transition bucket it’s like, what do we go to now?” Mulder said. “I feel like we’ve worked on that and we’re prepared for that.”

Mulder said the loss also enabled UK’s freshmen to see what that atmosphere at road games will be like during SEC play.

“Going to Louisville, you understand they hate you over there. So now coming on the road you get an idea of what kind of intensity those gyms are going to have for you,” Mulder said. “You walk into those gyms and all their fans want to beat you so bad. It’s a huge, intense game no matter where we go.”

Quote of the Week

Paul Hornung played high school football at Flaget in

Louisville before going to Notre Dame and winning the Heisman Trophy. Paul “Bear” Bryant was Kentucky’s coach then and tried to recruit Hornung, a standout running back.

“He wanted me at Kentucky. He was in my home more than me my senior year,” Hornung said. “I thought he was trying to marry my mom. He was a big flirt just like me. I did not know what was going on with him there so much.”

(Editor’s note: Larry Vaught, a former sports writer at The Advocate-Messenger in Danville, Ky., now covers UK sports on VaughtsViews.com blog and his weekly column appears in many newspapers across Kentucky.)

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tenced Feb. 9, but will likely be eligible for parole in early 2018 based on the non-violent nature of the offenses.

Fallout from the arrest began soon after it made



Bryant

headlines, with 11 individuals filing for election to the six Marion City Council seats, promising to clean up city government. Several members of the community also stepped forward at an August city council meeting to express their concern about how government was run in the city, and with the council's blessing, Linda Schumann formed a citizens audit committee to look into concerns of possible improprieties and misappropriation.

Some instances of Bryant perhaps overstepping his authority as city administrator have come to light since his dismissal, but no other major concerns have been made public. The citizens committee has not released any findings. Last month, CPA Jeff Walker said a formal audit of the city's 2015-16 spending found no wrongdoing.

Bryant's story was selected the top story by the staff of The Crittenden Press and voters in an internet poll at The Press Online. The story received 54 percent of the votes in the poll.

City sewer upgrade

A state mandate for the City of Marion to clean up its wastewater treatment system first made headlines in the summer and continued at the fore of council discussion throughout the year. That will likely continue in 2017 and beyond as the project to upgrade the system and build a new sewer plant, estimated at a total cost of \$12 million, moves forward to completion by July 2021.

What will be the most costly infrastructure project undertaken by local government was ordered by Frankfort after repeated violations of environmental regulations – 98 to be exact – saw raw sewage dumped from an insufficient 40-plus-year-old treatment facility at the northern edge of town. Failure to follow a strict timeline from the state could cost the city fines of \$10,000 for each violation in the future. The city has negotiated one \$10,000 fine down to half that, but officials don't expect such leniency in the future.

To finance construction of the massive project, the city council implemented an environmental assessment fee on all water/sewer bills. The surcharge increased the minimum bill by almost 25 percent and is graduated based on usage.

In December, the city agreed to an option on land in Industrial Park North owned by Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. (CCEDC). If the 15-33 acre site is suitable, the city would pay \$5,000 per acre, but likely would need only 15 acres to build a new treatment facility.

Ranking second in the online poll, this story garnered 20 percent of the votes.

Alcohol referendum

In late 2015, a petition headed up by Tyler Collins for a vote to legalize alcohol sales in Marion was submitted. The petition to sell liquor by the drink in Marion restaurants seating at least 50 people was verified in early 2016 and an election was scheduled for March.

While opinions on the matter differed throughout the community leading up to the vote, the public discourse was relatively



Collins

quite, at least compared to a divisive countywide alcohol referendum in 2000 that failed miserably. On March 22, city voters by a narrow 298-245 margin elected not to allow alcohol sales in Marion.

After the election, Collins, who was a resident of the Washington, D.C., area, vowed to continue the fight to legalize alcohol sales in his hometown, perhaps calling for another election before the year was out.

"I'm gonna keep on hitting you guys until you give in," he told The Crittenden Press shortly after results were announced, referring to the

county's voters.

However, another petition for alcohol sales never materialized in 2016.

This story was voted third by online voters, receiving 11 percent of the vote.

Schools facility plan

A local committee charged with planning the future of school construction in Crittenden County wants to see a complete overhaul of the high and middle school campus. Last month, the local school board approved the new facilities plan, which is ordered by the state every four years.

The overall \$31.2 million proposal calls for moving middle-schoolers into the current high school made available by constructing a \$12 million wing onto Rocket Arena to serve as the new high school. The 68-year-old section of the current middle school would be razed and the remainder would be renovated as a new central office.

Building the new school would require the football field to be moved elsewhere on the campus, with plans to add an oval competition track encircling the gridiron. Eventually, a new middle school would be built as another wing off Rocket Arena with a new cafeteria constructed there to serve both of the relocated schools. The proposal would then call for the middle school's two-story home to be turned into a center for vocational and other specialized training.

Lastly, a new cafeteria would be built at the elementary school and the bus garage would be rebuilt.

The facilities planning committee has not hidden the fact that carrying out the first phase of the blueprint for the future – the new high school – would require a 5-cent property tax increase. The board of education is far from deciding on any new revenue, but will use 2017 to weigh the community's interest in improving educational opportunities for the county's students.

With 8 percent of the online vote, this was rated fourth among visitors to our website.

New U.S. 641 paving

Making the list of top stories for many years running, construction of a new U.S. 641 from Marion to Fredonia again cracked the list. This time, the news was a bit more positive, as paving of the 5.2-mile section of new road began in the fall, almost five years after a ceremonial ground-breaking kicked off the state project. As of today, it has been 1,785 days since that event.

Originally planned as a four lane, the asphalt being put down will accommodate a so-called Super 2 – two lanes with extra wide shoulders. That's not what local officials ultimately want, but after decades of pushing for a new road, the surfacing is a welcome site.

Two lanes are being put down in the \$13.8 million project as a cost-saving measure, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet officials said.

Construction at the eventual junction of the current and new U.S. 641 near Coleman Road just south of Marion has also been noticeable. A diversion road will first be built to accommodate traffic while the roads are tied together. The target date for completion of the overall project is July 1, 2018.

This story rounded out the top five as voted on by internet users, earning 5 percent of the clicks.



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A perennial top story with each January's look back at the previous year, construction of a relocated U.S. 641 in 2016 again made the list of top news. Above, a crew with Rogers Group Inc. lays down base layers of asphalt in early November on the new Super 2 highway that will run from Marion to Fredonia.

Jail expansion

Expansion at Crittenden County Detention Center to add money to the jail's bottom line was completed in the summer. The restricted custody center (RCC) housed inside the former Bob Wheeler Museum next to the detention center has 39 beds for holding revenue-generating state inmates, adding to the 133-bed facility built in 2000.

The RCC was advocated by Jailer Robbie Kirk as a way to reduce the amount of money Crittenden Fiscal Court infuses each year to keep the jail running in the black. Housing community level inmates at the RCC who are used for work release programs frees up space at the jail to house additional state and federal inmates. With the additional beds, revenue from holding those prisoners is expected to be about \$2 million per year.

Property assessments up

Property values for agricultural lands saw a big jump in 2016 following a state-ordered reassessment. While the additional tax revenue is good news for local government, the increased value put a hurt on farmers.

Kentucky mandates that counties re-evaluate their property values every four years, and 2016 was the first time since 2008 that the county's agriculture property assessments have gone up. Crittenden County PVA Ronnie Heady said a sluggish economy kept values from rising in 2012.

Local agricultural landowners began paying anywhere from 60 to 85 cents more per tax acre based on soil class. For some taxpayers, their 2016 tax burden was more than twice the previous year's. There are about 225 farms in Crittenden County accounting for more than 212,000 acres.

The more valuable land allowed the fiscal court to lower its property tax rate by a half-penny and the school district to drop its levy by 1.5 cents.

Shopko closing

In early November, it was announced that Marion's largest retailer would be going out of business. Shopko corporate headquarters in Wisconsin said they would be closing the store this month "based on sales and profit performance" as well as other market factors.

The corporation remains strong, adding almost 30 new stores nationwide, but the company found the Marion location no longer sustainable. The store on Sturgis Road reopened as Shopko four years ago this month after opening as Pamida in 2001. Shopko offers customers an array of brands and merchandise from groceries to electronics and clothing.

The closure puts about two dozen full- and part-time employees out of work. No final closing date has been announced.

There are no prospective

tenants for the soon-to-be-empty building at present, but local officials have said they will help shop the structure for a new owner.

Legion disbands

One of the county's oldest organizations announced it would be disbanding after 92 years. Officially shutting down Ellis B. Ordway American Legion Post 111 closes the book on the Greatest Generation's collective contribution to the community.

Organized shortly after World War I and named for the county's first casualty in that war, the Legion for decades was home to dozens of World War II veterans who banded together as former brothers-in-arms in the world's greatest conflict.

At its height, membership grew to 370. When the announcement of its disbanding

was made in the spring, it was down to only 46 members, many of whom were no longer active. The lack of interest forced officers to reach the decision to all it quits.

In recent years, the Legion has been noted for its Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies at the Mapleview Cemetery War Memorial in Marion. But the organization through the decades was much more. They sponsored a summer baseball team, hosted a festival at the former Grady Field behind the current National Guard armory in Marion, offered a beauty contest, sponsored Girls State and Boys State that sent a respective youth to Frankfort to see the workings of state government and much more. Until recent years when the City of Marion took over the responsibility, the aging veterans of the Legion also took care to place the American flags on utility poles for patriotic holidays.

Veterans and former members of the local post plan to continue hosting the two annual services at the cemetery.

Gareth Hardin dies

Beloved community leader and prominent businessman Gareth Hardin, 67, died Feb. 20 at the age of 67 as a result of complications from cancer. He was remembered for his fairness and trustworthiness.

A former president and CEO of Farmers Bank & Trust Co. in Marion, Hardin had also been chairman of CCEDC, a soldier in the National Guard, a teacher and had served in a number of other capacities during an esteemed career. He was a civic champion and a widely recognized ambassador for Marion and Crittenden County.

Hardin helped form the local economic development apparatus that fostered industrial and business growth in a small town during an era when many were drying up. Although retired from the bank, he was still serving as chairman of Farmers Bancorp.

Besides serving as a leader in his church and at the bank, Hardin also served as a director for the Chamber of Commerce, Pennyrile Area Development District, Madisonville Community College Foundation and a number of other civic groups.



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