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NEWS

HEAT INDICES REACH INTO TRIPLE DIGITS

With high humidity and temperatures in the 90s, the heat index in western Kentucky crept into triple digits this week and is expected to return to dangerous levels over the weekend and into next week. In fact, the mercury is expected to reach into the 90s through at least July 23, according to The Weather Channel's long-range forecast.

COUNTY SEEKING LEPC CHAIRMAN VOLUNTEER

Crittenden Fiscal Court is looking for a volunteer to head up its committee that plans in preparation for emergencies, particularly those concerning hazardous materials.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the county is seeking a chairman for the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for Crittenden County. The committee meets at least twice a year and works with the judge-executive in bringing local businesses, community service organizations, local governments and first responders together to review and plan for emergency situations should they occur.

Anyone interested should contact Newcom's office at (270) 965-5251.

RUSHING NAMED DRUG TASK FORCE DIRECTOR

Greg Rushing has been appointed by his fellow magistrates to represent Crittenden Fiscal Court on the Pennyryle Narcotics Task Force Board of Directors.

Based in Hopkinsville, the task force was created 32 years ago to help battle the distribution of illicit drugs in the 11 counties it now serves, including Crittenden County. By adding an annual contribution of \$1,500 to the task force back into its budget, the county gets a seat back on the board.

Rushing, a former city and county law enforcement officer, previously represented the county on the board.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **Marion City Council** will meet at 5 p.m. Monday at city hall.
- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will meet at 8:30 a.m. next Thursday at the courthouse.
- **Crittenden County Board of Education** will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 23 at Rocket Arena.

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Pension pressure

Local health department facing insolvency

FROM STAFF, WIRE REPORTS

Back at the helm of Pennyryle District Health Department for only two months, Jim Tolley is faced with what may be the biggest challenge Kentucky's public health departments have faced since their creation – crippling pension contributions to shore up the state's underfunded retirement system for public employees.

With a required jump in pension obligations from 49.47 percent of payroll for health departments to 83.43 percent starting last week, the health department serving Crittenden County and those of the other

four counties of the district could be out of business by this time next year. The regional health department will be forced to pay in more than \$1.5 million to the pension system in the current fiscal year if lawmakers do not meet in special session and agree to roll back the contribution amount to 49.47 percent for another year.

Health departments, domestic violence shelters and agencies that assist survivors of sexual assault are all seeing the amount they contribute into the state's pension system on behalf of employees increase dramatically as new contribu-

tion rates took effect this month. To hopefully extend the life of local health departments, Tolley said staff openings in the district's five health departments will remain vacant and services will be affected. Elsewhere, Crittenden County School District has been forced to pay more for providing school nurses to offset increased pension costs at Graves County Health Department.

Tolley said the services offered by health departments are most utilized in poor areas

of the state, like the counties of the Pennyryle district.

"It makes vulnerable populations of persons more vulnerable," said Tolley, who was named interim director of the regional health department after Charles Hiter's departure earlier this year. "It's awful."

But the problem is statewide.

According to the Department of Public Health, Crittenden County Health Department as well as those in the sur-



Tolley

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Victory Gardens 'produce'ing



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Above, Faye Davis (left) and Chris Martin receive a few bags of fresh produce Tuesday morning from Kyle Hammons at the Victory Gardens tended by inmates from Crittenden County Detention Center. Meantime, (at left, from left) William Bullock and Gregory Allen weed one of the 28 plots planted in a variety of produce given away to the public from 9 a.m. to noon weekdays at the property accessible off the parking lot of Rocket Tire on Sturgis Road.

Bridge closed

Cottonpatch Road affected into next year

STAFF REPORT

A bridge in northern Crittenden County slated for replacement sometime in 2020 has been closed by a state inspector, removing Cottonpatch Road as a connector between Ky. 654 West and users of Riverview Park at the end of Ky. 387.

A bridge inspector with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) on Monday found the span over Hughes Creek to be

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Signage placed Tuesday off Ky. 654 West indicates the closure of Cottonpatch Road to through-traffic due to a condemned bridge.

'Hot, happening': Local growers eye hemp

STAFF REPORT

If Crittenden County is going to get into the hemp business, it's going to need some folks with a green thumb.

Growing hemp for grain, fiber or perhaps some of the more trendy products with purported therapeutic and medicinal value is not for your run-of-the-mill weekend gardener, says University of Kentucky Extension Specialist Tom Keene. Just fewer than a dozen

men and women attended about a two-hour program Monday night at the Marion Ed-Tech Center to learn about growing hemp as a cash crop. The event was sponsored by Crittenden County Extension Service. Local ag agent Dee Heimgartner is planning a followup trip to the UK Hemp



Keene

Production Field Day on Aug. 21 if there's further local interest.

What those attending this week's meeting with UK's hemp specialist learned was that Crittenden and Livingston counties are among only about 20 counties in Kentucky that haven't jumped on the hemp wagon that's seeing remarkable triple-digit growth in this state and beyond.

"Hemp is hot and hemp is

happening," Keene said.

There are a handful of growers in each of Crittenden's other neighboring counties, and the nearest processor is in Lyon County, according to Heimgartner. Keene says that growers should absolutely confer first with a processor, and if a contract is reached, he strongly recommends having an attorney review the deal be-

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Localized heavy rains swamp portions of Marion

STAFF REPORT

A deluge that dumped as much as a half-foot of rain on Marion in a 24-hour period late last week left several areas swamped around town, including Crittenden County High School.

About 6.25 inches of rain fell in town last Wednesday and Thursday, leaving storm drains and creeks swamped with runoff that backed up on lawns, inside buildings and even across roads. The water crept into the high school following an afternoon downpour on Independence Day that dropped more than 3 inches of rain less than a day after an equal amount was recorded in Marion.

A drainage ditch, often called Rocket



FACEBOOK IMAGE

A downpour in Marion last Thursday flooded the front lawn of Crittenden County High and Middle schools, with water backing up from Rocket Creek onto West Gum Street.

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rounding counties of Livingston, Lyon and Caldwell and 38 other counties across the commonwealth will not be able to remain solvent beyond the fiscal year that ends June 30, 2020. Another 22 have between 13 and 24 months.

Kentucky Health Commissioner Dr. Jeffrey Howard wants local health departments to drastically cut services, but says the departments need legislators to give them another reprieve from big pension bills that would put dozens of them out of business in the next 12 months.

"If we don't change something, these places are going to go bankrupt," agrees Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, who months ago supported an effort to delay the contribution increase. "Some have the money to survive, some do not."

Health departments offer an array of services, including children's immunizations, many of which cannot be obtained at private clinics; flu vaccinations; services that focus on women's and children's

health, including the Women, Infants and Children Program, or WIC; cancer screenings, Hepatitis C testing; sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment; smoking cessation help; family planning; free information on health subjects and more.

Talley said his agency doesn't plan to reduce services, but with staffing down to 35 across the five counties from 72 when he retired in 2013, those services may not be available every day.

Lawmakers knew the increase to non-governmental agencies and certain colleges would occur July 1. They passed a measure at the end of this year's legislative session to block the increase through the end of the 2019-20 fiscal year, keeping the agencies' pension contribution rate at just under 50 cents for every dollar of an employee's salary. The bill, vetoed by Gov. Matt Bevin, would have frozen the rate for a second consecutive year, giving health departments a reprieve to plan for an eventual leap in the contribution amount.

"We need it kicked down the road," Tolley said of the

pension contribution hike. "If nothing else, it gives us some time to plan."

Talley said today's worries did not happen overnight, with officials having taken measures in advance in anticipation that a pension increase could occur.

Local boards of health could choose to offset added pension expenses by increasing property tax rates, but few across the state appear eager to lean more heavily on taxpayers.

Using local tax dollars to fund public health would result in huge inequities, said Scott Lockard, director of the Kentucky River District Health Department, which covers some of the state's poorest and unhealthiest counties in eastern Kentucky.

"Communities that need public-health services the most, that have the highest poverty rate, that have the poorest health outcomes, also have the least ability to raise local revenue," Lockard said.

The governor has said he will call a special session to deal with the issue, but one had not been scheduled at press time. Bechler is optimistic the numbers

are there to approve the governor's plan that in its draft form offers to freeze the 2019-20 contribution at just under 50 percent.

A special legislative session to freeze the contribution rate would be welcome, Talley said.

A delay in calling a special session is a game of numbers, ensuring enough support is present in Frankfort when many lawmakers are on summer vacations or at conferences.

But more difficult decisions lie ahead, even if agreement is reached in a special session to spare health departments for another year. Bechler said fixing Kentucky's pension system, one of the worst funded in the nation due to decades of poor investments and inadequate payments into the system, will not come without pain to public entities. However, he said public health will not be ignored regardless of the finances of health departments, as the state is required to provide certain services.

(Editor's note: The (Owensboro) Messenger-Inquirer and Kentucky Health News contributed to this story.)

3-vehicle crash Sunday involves dozen people

STAFF REPORT

Speed may have been a factor Sunday night in a three-vehicle crash that involved a dozen people, reports Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy George Foster. The wreck occurred around 8:40 p.m. just outside of the Marion city limit on a rain-slicked U.S. 641. At least four were injured.

According to Foster, a 2002 Chevrolet Camaro driven by Christopher S. Haire, 18, of Marion was headed north into town on U.S. 641 when he lost control of the car and struck an oncoming 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe. The vehicles glanced head-on, knocking the Tahoe off the roadway and spinning the Camaro into oncoming traffic, where it struck a 2013 Chrysler 200 with five passengers. All three vehicles came to a rest just off the southbound lane.

All three occupants of the Camaro – Haire and Victoria A. Starrett, 17, both of Crittenden County, and Cezanne Lamprecht, 20, of Martinsville, Ind., were treated for injuries.

Lamprecht was taken to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Ind., by Air Evac Lifeteam for non-life-threatening injuries.

Foster reports Haire said he was driving 60-65 mph entering the curve just outside of town as the reason he lost control of his vehicle.

The Tahoe was operated by Roy Green and occupied by passengers Donna Green, 67, and Stacey J. Kilgore, 51, all of Fredonia; and Debra Bostick, 60, of Marion. Donna Green sought medical treatment.

Twenty-nine-year-old Carissa L. McDowell was driving the Chrysler, which was also occupied by Cody James, 34, Trinity D. Weatherspoon, 15, Zoey E. James, 5, and Adrienne O. James, 13. All five occupants are residents of Crittenden County.

Marion Police Department, Crittenden EMS, Crittenden County Rescue Squad and two wrecker services assisted at the scene.

The investigation is continuing by Foster.

KENTUCKY HISTORICAL MARKERS - SIGNS OF HISTORY

Kentucky Historical Marker Program

The Historical Marker Program is one of Kentucky Historical Society's (KHS) most visible projects. More than 2,400 historical markers, including 16 in Crittenden County, dot Kentucky's roadsides and town squares with reminders of historic people, places and events. KHS dedicated more than two dozen last year.

Each marker represents a local story, engaged Kentuckians and a bridge between the past and the future. Each one started with a desire to preserve local history and an application.

"The best thing about the marker program is that it is community driven. Instead of the Kentucky Historical Society determining what is important, local communities decide what matters to them and then work with KHS to commemorate it," said Amanda Higgins, community engagement administrator.

Anyone can apply for a historical marker. Start the process by identifying a marker topic. Next, conduct research, interpret your findings and submit an application. Find more information about marker criteria and step-by-step instructions in the Historical Marker Application, downloadable as a PDF at <https://goo.gl/8KJKQh>. A review committee selects new markers twice a year. Application deadlines are Sept. 1 and March 1.

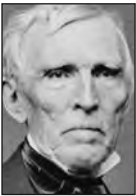
KHS administers the Kentucky Historical Marker Program in cooperation with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and in collaboration with local sponsors. Read more about the program at <https://goo.gl/F3hbYB>.

Origins

COUNTY NAMED, 1842

Location: Marion, Courthouse lawn, Main Street

Description: For John Jordan Crittenden, 1787-1863, one of Kentucky's great statesmen. 15th Governor of state. Attorney General under three Presidents. United States Senator five times. Noted for Crittenden Compromise, 1860, futile effort to avert Civil War and preserve the Union. Crittenden, the 91st county established in state, was formed out of eastern part of Livingston.



Frontier Days

A PIONEER ROUTE

Location: Mattoon, 4.5 miles northeast of Marion on U.S. 60 East

Description: The "Chickasaw Road," part of the old Saline Trace, used by Indians in pursuit of the vast herds of bison, deer, elk which came this way to the salt licks in Illinois. Flynn's Ferry began operating at the Ohio crossing of this trail in 1803, making it an important route of migration and commerce. Movement of Civil War troops was the last major use of this road.

CENTERVILLE

Location: U.S. 641 at Caldwell County line

Description: County seat, 1804, of the original Livingston County. A Presbyterian Church was started, 1797, by the Rev. Terah Templin. County seat moved to Salem, 1809. U.S. Army used earlier buildings as supply depot on the "Trail of Tears," Cherokee relocation, 1834 to '38. By Civil War days little remained of the town. Landmarks today are only the foundations and earth depressions.

WESTON

Location: At the intersection of Ky. 654 North and U.S. 60 East

Description: West-town, as early name implies, was most important river port for western Kentucky pioneers before Jackson Purchase opened in 1820s. Incorporated as a town in 1854. It developed around Flynn's Ferry at Ohio River crossing of the old Saline Trace. With the passing of the golden age of river trade, the town's prosperity faded. Site of Weston, 10 mi. north.

(Reverse) Vital Junction: George Flynn improved the north-south trace, previously used by animals on way to salt licks, into a wagon road. This intersection of the two main roads of that day, Weston to

Princeton and Caseyville to Marion, was vital to the free movement of troops during Civil War. Hotly contested by Confederate raiding parties and Union occupation forces until war's end.

Civil War

COURTHOUSE BURNED

Location: Marion, Courthouse lawn, Main Street

Description: Twenty-two Kentucky courthouses were burned during Civil War, nineteen in last fifteen months: twelve by Confederates, eight by guerrillas, two by Union accident. (See map on reverse side.) The courthouse at Marion was burned by guerrillas in January, 1865. Building a total loss, though walls stood. County records lost. Courthouse again burned in 1870.

FORREST RECONNOITERED

Location: 1 mile northeast of Marion on U.S. 60

Description: Returning from reconnaissance and foraging mission to Ohio River, CSA Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest with cavalry here Dec. 1, 1861, learned of threats to and arrests of Southern sympathizers. While capturing a few instigators, regimental Surgeon S. M. VanWyck was killed. Forrest stayed here another day before returning to Hopkinsville. See map other side.



Statesmen

FAMILY OF JUDGES

Location: 251 W. Bellville St., Marion
Description: T.J. Nunn, 1846-1917, represented Crittenden and Livingston counties in 1890 Convention which framed present constitution of Kentucky. He was Judge of Kentucky's Court of Appeals, 1903-1914; resigned because of ill health. His son, C. S. Nunn, appointed to complete his father's term. C. S. was State Senator, 1920-24. T. J. lived in this house many years; C.S. born here.

A RENOWNED SENATOR

Location: 4 miles west of Marion at U.S. 60 West and Ky. 297

Description: Ollie M. James born 1871, three miles N.W. United States Representative, 1903-13, and Senator, 1913 until death, 1918. Chairman, Democratic National Conventions that nominated Woodrow Wilson for President, 1912 and 1916. Last speech, in Senate Feb. 1918, upheld Wilson's conduct of World War I.



"Liberty will be safe and Americanism secure." Monument in Marion Cemetery.

SEN. W.J. DEBOE

Location: South Main Street, Marion, U.S. 60 and Ky. 91

Description: Born 1849, eight mi. SE of here. Deboe was elected County School Superintendent and opened law office, 1889. State Senator, 1893-97. Elected by Legislature to U.S. Senate, 1897. He sponsored the 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which provided for the popular election of U.S. Senators. Marion Postmaster three years. Died, 1927. Over.



(Reverse) Senators from Marion: Marion's two U.S. Senators lived one block east at College and Depot Streets. The home of W. J. Deboe, first Kentucky Republican Senator, was on the northwest corner. Senator Ollie M. James, a Democrat, resided on southwest corner. Both were prominent political leaders. Their graves are in cornering lots in Mapleview Cemetery, 1/2 mile west. Over.

Iron Furnaces

CRITTENDEN FURNACE

Location: 2.5 miles north of Dycusburg
Description: Built a mile west by Gideon D. Cobb in 1847, 9 feet across inside, 30 feet high, charcoal-fueled, with steam-powered machinery. In 1855 made 1300 tons of iron. Named for newly formed county, it was last of several ironworks operated by the Cobb and Lyon families, who came to area about 1800, when Andrew Jackson told them of iron ore deposits here. See over.

DEER CREEK FURNACE

Location: 4 miles southeast of Tolu at the intersection of Ky. 135 and Ky. 1668
Description: Stood one mile south. It was a brick blast furnace, smelting iron ore from the numerous small pits still visible nearby, using locally made charcoal fuel, and having a steam-powered air blast. Built in 1850 by Alleniah Cole and Carey Allen Darlington, but operated only briefly. Land owned later by Hurricane Furnace, one mile west.

HURRICANE FURNACE

Location: 2 miles east of Tolu on Ky. 135
Description: Built 1/4 mile southeast in 1850 by Andrew Jackson, Jr. Also known as Jackson Furnace. As rebuilt in 1856, it was 34 ft. high, with a maximum inner diameter of 10 ft. In 6 months of 1857, made 1200 tons of iron from ores of the Jackson Bank, two mi. south. Its soft iron was prized by rolling mills. Operations ceased in the early 1860s.

Reverse on all three markers

Iron Made in Kentucky: A major producer since 1791, Ky. ranked 3rd in US in 1830s, 11th in 1965. Charcoal timber, native ore, limestone supplied material for numerous furnaces making pig iron, utensils, munitions in the Hanging Rock, Red River, Between Rivers, Rolling Fork, Green River Regions. Old charcoal-furnace era ended by depletion of ore and timber and the growth of railroads.

Churches

CHAPEL HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: West of Crayne on Ky. 688
Description: Organized in 1883 at the home of John A. Hill. Services were held

in an old school house until this building was constructed on T. M. Hill's land in 1884. Rev. A. J. Thomson was first pastor. Provision for the perpetual upkeep of the nearby cemetery was made in the will of N. T. Bigham. Presented by relatives of Chapel Hill members.

(Reverse) Pioneer Church: The frontier religious revival of the early 1800s led to Bethany USA Presbyterian church in 1803. This church moved to Marion in 1846; remained there until 1882 when a majority of its members seceded to the US church. The USA Presbyterian church was reorganized at Chapel Hill, 1883. Presented by relatives of Chapel Hill members.

PINEY FORK CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: Ky. 506 east of Marion
Description: "Considered first Cumberland Presbyterian church in Kentucky. Organized 1812 by a founder of the C.P. denomination, Rev. Finis Ewing. First structure made of logs; used as a place of worship and public school. Second building 1843; third structure built in 1867 of bricks made on the grounds. Present building constructed 1957. On this site great church camp meetings, held 1812-1955. Famous for two open-air tabernacles near one of the oldest roads in western Ky., Saline Trail, historically Flynn's Ferry Road. Two historical markers on grounds show continuous C.P. "Whosoever Will Gospel" ministry since 1812. Given by Piney Fork Cumberland Pres. Church."

Community leaders

DEANWOOD POST OFFICE

Location: Deanwood, 9 miles west of Marion on Ky. 120

Description: First established in 1873 as Iron Hill Post Office, located 1/2 mile west of present location. First postmaster James W. Woolf. Joseph M. Dean, appointed postmaster in 1874 and again in 1881, relocated post office to building in front of his home. Joseph N. Dean, son of Joseph M. Dean, moved post office into a building on present site; appointed postmaster in 1900.

(Reverse) Joseph N. Dean replaced the building with the existing one in 1910 and installed new post office boxes, which are now on display at Crittenden County Bob Wheeler Museum in Marion. The official name was changed to Deanwood in 1914, and the community is still known as Deanwood. Presented by the Dean Family.

F. JULIUS FOHS (1884-1965)

Location: 201 N. Walker St., Marion
Description: F. Julius Fohs was born in N.Y. but moved to Marion, Ky. in 1890. He graduated from Marion High School. Managed fluorspar mining operation, 1900-1904; served as assistant state geologist for Ky., 1905-12. Received honorary Doctor of Science degree from the Israel Institute of Technology for his assistance in the development of mineral resources, 1957.

(Reverse) Fohs Hall: Julius Fohs had structure built and gave it to people of Marion, 1926. Located on lot where Fohs family lived. Fohs Hall, Inc., formed 1981 for perpetual preservation of Hall; to be used by citizens of Marion and Crittenden Co. as a community center and civic auditorium. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. Presented by Fohs Hall, Inc.





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The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet on Monday ordered the Cottonpatch Road bridge over Hughes Creek closed out of safety concerns. The bridge will remain closed until it is replaced, probably sometime next year.

BRIDGE

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unsafe and “closed the structure to all traffic due to load rating of the super structure,” said Cabinet spokesman Keith Todd. Signage was erected Tuesday morning to coincide with closure of the bridge. Last year, the bridge’s weight load had been dropped to a maximum of 3 tons, which is about the weight of a passenger car or small pickup, Todd said. Todd said an average of 126 vehicles use the Cottonpatch Road bridge daily. Newcom said the road along with Ky. 387 and Baker Hollow Road is part of a shortcut used by many people from Ky. 91 North to Ky. 365. It is also commonly used by members of the Amish community.

“This is a bridge that is scheduled to be replaced through the Bridging Kentucky Program, but is not scheduled for bid letting until (December),” Newcom said. “I would expect this closure to last several months, if not a year.” According to a news release from Todd, Newcom and KyTC engineers have initiated efforts to expedite construction of a new bridge. “Many families use Cottonpatch Road to pull campers and boats to the popular camping and fishing spot on the Ohio River,” Todd said of Riverview Park. Though an Amish buggy and horse weigh only a fraction of the load

carried by a vehicle, maybe 1,000 pounds according to Todd, the bridge has been determined to be unsafe for any traffic. “An unsafe bridge is unsafe for any traffic,” the spokesman said. KyTC is the bridge inspection agency for all publicly owned bridges in Kentucky. All bridges get a detailed inspection every two years with long-span river and lane bridges getting an extra walk-through inspection annually. The bridge over Hughes Creek is one of two bridges in Crittenden County included in the state’s 2018-20 Biennial Highway Construction Plan approved last year. In the plan, \$756,000 has been allocated for replacing the Cottonpatch Road bridge. Another \$1.225 million is set for work on the Ky. 91 North span over Crooked Creek just north of Marion.

According to the Federal Highway Administration, almost 4,500 of Kentucky’s 14,000-plus bridges, like the two slated for work in Crittenden County, are rated structurally deficient. Last summer, to renew focus on safety and protecting critical transportation assets, KyTC launched Bridging Kentucky – a statewide bridge program that will rehabilitate or replace more than 1,000 bridges, included the ones on Ky. 91 North and Cottonpatch Road. Bridging Kentucky is one of the nation’s most aggressive bridge rehabilitation and replacement programs. Over the first

two years of the six-year program alone, the Bridging Kentucky team will rehabilitate or replace nearly 400 bridges. This list of structures includes state, county and municipal bridges having fallen into disrepair and rated in poor condition. More than 60 of those bridges currently are closed to traffic, like the one condemned this week in Crittenden County. As part of its evaluation process, Bridging Kentucky will determine the appropriate approach to address each bridge’s needs. In many cases, the team can cost-effectively add 30 years of life to bridges through repairs. Where a full replacement is appropriate, new bridges will be designed and built with at least 75 years of useful life.



COURTESY OF BARKLEY HUGHES

Tolu celebrates 4th



COURTESY OF MANDI SHUECRAFT

Tolu celebrated American independence over the weekend with the community’s annual fireworks display that draws hundreds to the tiny river town. An aerial shot from a drone shows the streets, yards and fields around Tolu filled with cars before the display. No head count is available, but the event is believed to host a few thousand onlookers who travel to Tolu from around the region for the fireworks centered around the community center. One of the largest fireworks displays in western Kentucky is funded through donations and carried out with volunteer work. The celebration, usually on a Saturday near July 4, begins in the afternoon with fun and entertainment for all ages.

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FACEBOOK IMAGE
A downpour in Marion last Thursday flooded the front lawn of Crittenden County High School. Though water crept into the school, no damage was caused.

FLOODING

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Creek, that collects water from the northwest side of town and flows between the high school and its annex was unable to funnel water away from the school fast enough to prevent flooding from creating a short-term lake that covered the entire front lawn of the structure and its parking lot, allowing water to creep into the school. School district Maintenance Director Greg Binkley said the water caused an inconvenience but didn’t create any damage. “We had to sweep out some water, but that’s about it,” he said. Binkley said every few years a torrential rain creates the same problem, but a larger culvert placed under West Gum Street in front of the school about 10 years ago seemed to correct the problem ... at least for a while. He said water from the creek last week bottlenecked at the culvert and even left part of the highway covered for a

short period. The ditch feeds a small creek that drains into Crooked Creek just west of the school campus near Old Salem Road. Riley Tool & Machine on Moore Street also had water rise into the building. Elsewhere in town, a drainage ditch at Marion-Crittenden County Park was unable to handle runoff during the heavy rain, leading to damage to lower park drive. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said most of the damage at the park was to the lane between the high school and U10-12 field where gravel transitions to asphalt. Repairs were started Tuesday. Flash flooding appears to have been limited to the city. “We had very little in the county as most of the torrential rainfall was in town,” Newcom said. The Kentucky Mesonet weather monitoring station near Mattoon measured just more than 1.5 inches of rain last Wednesday and Thursday.

Backpack Drive

FOR CRITTENDEN COUNTY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Join us in our effort to provide students of all ages in Crittenden County with new backpacks for the coming school year.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is the courthouse open on Saturday? The office of circuit clerk is open by appointment only on Saturday. The sheriff's department is open 9-11 a.m. each Saturday. All other offices are closed.

When is the solid waste convenience center (trash repository) on U.S. 60 East open? Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. It is closed Sunday.

Do I have to have a dog license? Yes. Licenses are available for \$5 through county Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd at Crittenden County Animal Shelter on U.S. 60 East. Call (270) 969-1054 for information.



Sensory room at CRH on display

Jimmie Yates (right) shows Laura Cummings how a vibration mat works Sunday inside the sensory room at Cumberland River Homes (CRH) in Salem as the girl's grandmother, Melody Tabor, looks on. The mat was one of the many features of the sensory room, which can be highly effective for education, relaxation and stimulation for any of the roughly 30 individuals with autism, developmental and intellectual disabilities who reside at the facility. The non-profit CRH operates on Medicaid reimbursements and donations and sought \$38,000 in contributions to close the funding gap for its sensory room. Below, one of a number of large contributors, Farmers Bank & Trust Co. presented a donation of \$5,160 toward the sensory room. Pictured are Tyler Coleman of Farmers Bank, Sandy and Phillip Barnes and Jim Wring of Cumberland River Homes and Rose Dempsey of Farmers Bank. Cumberland River Homes opened in 2004, and its first residents located there in 2006.



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Ky., Crittenden cattle producers facing beef processing hurdles

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky, by most accounts, is the king of beef cattle production east of the Mississippi River. And the beef business is big in Crittenden County. The Commonwealth has around a million head of beef cattle, making it the largest beef cattle producer in the eastern U.S. and the eighth-largest beef cattle producer in the country, according to Kentucky Cattlemen's Association Executive Vice President Dave Maples. What it doesn't have, he says, are large feedlots necessary to fatten, or finish, the cattle for market. That requires many farmers in Kentucky, including owners of the 13,000 head in Crittenden County, to send their cattle hundreds of miles out of state for finishing and processing. It can be expensive and time-consuming for local farmers to ship cattle long distances for finishing. "It does cost a right smart," said Carol Hendrix, who has trimmed his inventory down to about 60 head, but over the decades has shipped cattle to the feed lots of Kansas, Iowa and northern Illinois to put on their last couple hundred pounds before slaughter. Maples called the situation "a barrier to Kentucky producers" at last Wednesday's meeting of the state legislative Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee. "Why can't we do it here? I have been told we cannot do it in Kentucky," he said. Finishing and fattening, in terms of cattle, is the final step of preparing the cow for slaughter. Hendrix, who has been active for years in Crittenden County Cattlemen's Association, said cattle can be fed cheaper with grazing and hay until around 800 pounds. However, putting the last 300-400 pounds on with corn feed

adds better taste and marbling to the meat, something retailers look for, according to the local producer. Too much mud and a lack of grain are at least two reasons Maples said he's been given as to why feedlots and processing won't work in the state, although he said large poultry houses and hog barns have been successful. Even Hendrix said he has had luck finishing a few head locally. Transporting cattle thousands of miles out of state for finishing and processing also affects consumers — many of whom are now interested in tracing the origin of their food, said Maples. "So what can we do? We've mapped out where the packing plants are. You look in our area; we don't have processing," he said. One solution may be to build a regional beef processing plant, Maples told the committee. So far, he said, Tennessee and Ohio have both shown interest in the idea. The state association's governing board has approved a long-range plan that sets out what Maples said are four core strategies to improve opportunities for Kentucky's beef industry. "So we're in a place where we can be a leader," he said. "I believe there's money to be made," said Hendrix, who is part of Crittenden County's \$4 million cattle business. Rep. Brandon Reed, R-Hodgenville, asked Maples what the Ken-

tucky General Assembly can do to help Kentucky cattle farmers remove transportation barriers to markets. Maples said Kentucky's interstate roadways and railroads are working well, but that lawmakers might want to look at creating "farm-to-market roads" to beef up access between rural areas and market locations. Representatives from the Kentucky Beef Network, or KBN — a division of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association — also spoke about their programs, many which have benefited from the state's share of millions of dollars in funds received from a master tobacco settlement with large tobacco companies in the late 1990s. The purpose of the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee is to oversee those funds. KBN Chairman Cary King told the committee that he is excited for Kentucky beef cattle producers as the demand for Kentucky beef by major retailers, specifically Kroger, is growing here at home. "I think we're at the point now with the grain that we have, we've got the byproduct from the bourbon industry, that we can build some of these barns (here) and finish cattle inside," said King. "I think we can keep those cattle here, learn how to feed them here economically, and then go through Kroger and sell them to the population that's so close to us. I think we're right at the point of making a big difference," he said.

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HEMP

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fore signing. Of course, nothing is guaranteed in farming. Everything is predicated on timing, weather, weeds and bugs, but under the right conditions hemp grown for Cannabidiol (CBD) can fetch over \$7,000 an acre, according to preliminary statistical data presented at Monday's meeting. If harvested for fiber or grain, the average price in the preliminary Kentucky study from 2017 was right around \$875 an acre. Growing for extracted oils is clearly the most lucrative, but it's also the most complicated for which to prepare, set, grow, maintain, harvest, cure and deliver.

Depending on how you plan to market your crop, hemp can be grown and harvested somewhat like hay or wheat. You can combine it for the seeds or cut and bale it for its rich fiber applications. Hemp is highly regulated by state law and always will be, Keene said, primarily because of its close kin to marijuana. Hemp as a commercial cash crop must contain THC levels at or preferably below 0.3 percent. THC is the active ingredient in recreational pot that gives users a high. As regulated, hemp grown for agriculture applications isn't good for smoking, Keene said.

"There is no way it's going to get you high," he pointed out. To grow hemp, you must have a license and complete a rather lengthy application process to get your permit, which includes a background



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Just fewer than a dozen men and women attended about a two-hour program Monday night at the Marion Ed-Tech Center to learn about growing hemp as a cash crop.

check and a mandated orientation program. You simply can't buy the seeds and start planting it, Keene advised.

He anticipates a two or threefold increase in the number acres planted in the coming year. Applications for a license to grow hemp are generally due around the end of November. Keene said the process takes a while and encourages anyone interested to begin the process about two months ahead of time.

The crop is closely monitored in the field and after harvest. Kentucky State Police largely provides the regulatory oversight once it emerges in the field.

Right now, pesticides and herbicides are not allowed to be used on hemp so growing it against competition from weeds, grass and insects requires meticulous planning and plant-

ing. "It has to be planted one-quarter of an inch deep. If you plant it too deep you've wasted your time and money," Keene said, explaining hemp should be grown on ground similar to where you'd expect to produce corn, soybeans or tobacco.

When Kentucky first began the legislative process to become a national leader in hemp production 15 or so years ago, Keene said the pioneers of modern hemp believed that its grain and fiber were what made it appealing for market. Nowadays, the alleged medicinal and therapeutic values from CBD oils, salves, soaps, creams and foods have trumped other applications. He said that in 2020, it's likely that 75 percent of hemp grown in Kentucky will be for its extracted oils. Nationwide,

he said that figure would likely be around 90 percent.

"Here in Kentucky, we still have a market for grain and fiber," he explained.

For more information about growing hemp, contact your local UK Extension agent or go online to KyAgr.com.

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Location, contact
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Recycling
Bins are available for paper, cardboard, steel/aluminum and plastics Nos. 1 and 2. Electronics may be recycled, but there is a small fee for disposal. There is also a mobile recycling bin that rotates to communities in the county. Glass is no longer accepted as a recyclable.

Availability
Marion Convenience Center is open from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. The center is closed Sunday and public holidays.



Youth invited to weekend flying event

STAFF REPORT

Young people from throughout the area are invited to experience the wonders of flight at no charge on Saturday as the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) hosts a Young Eagles flight rally at Marion-Crittenden County Airport in Crittenden County.

More than 2 million young people have been flown as EAA Young Eagles since 1992, making it the largest youth aviation education effort ever created. More than 50,000 pilots and 50,000

ground volunteers have made this program possible, introducing young people to the world of flight and sparking an interest for thousands of them to discover more about aviation.

Young Eagles flights are free of charge to all youth ages 8-17. Saturday's flight rally in Marion will be held at the airport on Airport Road about a mile west of Marion. It is scheduled to take place at 9 a.m.

A Young Eagles flight includes a preflight walk-around explaining the

parts of the airplane, a preflight briefing in the cockpit and a 15- to 20-minute flight over the local area.

Parent/guardian permission and release forms must be signed prior to each flight. In case of inclement weather, efforts will be made to reschedule flights.

The local EAA chapter has hosted multiple Young Eagles events at the airport.

More information is available online at EAA.org/YoungEagles.

Organ donation highlighted July 14-27

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Circuit Court Clerk's Trust for Life (TFL) supports national efforts to educate multicultural communities on organ donation through social media during ECHO Donate Life. From July



Guill

14-27, Donate Life America begins the annual campaign focused on making the message of organ donation one of diversity and inclusion. The goal of ECHO Donate Life is to empower multicultural communities to save and heal lives by registering as organ, eye and tissue donors when they get their driver's license or online.

"The goal of this campaign is to equip people with tools and resources to have meaningful conversations about donation and transplantation," Crittenden Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill said.

For more information, call (866) 945-5433, email info@trustforlife.org or visit TrustForLife.org. To join the Organ Donor Registry online as a donor, go to RegisterMe.org.

"There are no age or health requirements to joining the Organ Donor

Registry. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join when you renew your license at my office. Every 'Yes' gives hope to children like Aubree," Guill said of Aubree Layne, a 6-year-old Kentucky girl, who at 6 months old received a heart transplant.

Crittenden Hospital joins opioid fight

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Community Hospital is among 93 hospitals in the state to join Kentucky Statewide Opioid Stewardship, or KY SOS. Kentucky Hospital Association's KY SOS focuses on reducing opioid overprescribing and improving safe opioid use by offering hospitals education and resources on how to attain the highest level of performance on opioid stewardship and battle the state's opioid epidemic.

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LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 95.5 ACRES - \$188,612 - Property has a diverse mix of habitat types, good trail system, numerous entry points along road frontage, hunter friendly topography, a creek and planted pines.

CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 127 ACRES - \$307,900 - Property has a diverse mix of habitat types, a good trail system and no road frontage. Loaded with deer sign! Property also has a good population of wild turkeys.

CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 88.445 ACRES - This deer, turkey and waterfowl hunting tract is perfect for itself. CRP income generates over \$12,000 annually. Several box blinds stay with the property.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 233 ACRES - \$649,000 - Superb hunting tract with a nice lodge, CRP income, diverse blend of habitat types, gently rolling topography and a proven history of big bucks! 00

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 100 ACRES - \$222,500 - This farm is set up for livestock but is also a great hunting property. The property has several ponds, a rock bottom creek and several awesome building sites.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 40 ACRES - \$90,000 - This is an established livestock farm with great views from the hilltops. The area is known for big bucks. There is a small pond on the property and a gated entry.

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

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 457 ACRES - \$1,199,900 - Well-kept hunting property with a cozy home, nice yard and spacious shop. Three ponds, elevated blinds, feeders and tree stands are all located on the farm.

CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 134 ACRES - \$321,500 - Superb hunting tract known for big bucks and big beards. Rolling topography with an ideal layout for hunting deer and wild turkey. Gated entry with internal road.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 277 ACRES - \$629,000 - This hunting tract generates an excellent income through tillable acreage and a hunting lease. The property is full of natural whitetail and wild turkeys.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 255 ACRES - \$1,726,000 - This large acreage hunting tract has a diverse mix of habitat types and topography and income from the tillable. Site of historic Crittenden Springs.

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America haters are being raised that way

Those who disrespect our country and our military should be forced to live in North Korea, or perhaps one of the other third-world countries I've been in, for an indefinite time. They shouldn't ever be allowed to know if they'd ever get to come home again. Maybe they should be placed on the front lines of a vicious war.

Several of those with disrespectful attitudes were recently elected to our United States House of Representatives. Two of them are female muslims and one is reportedly a former barmaid.

Our homes and our country are suffering from spoiled brats, people who have not been trained to love and obey God or to stand on their own two feet.

The Bible tells us, "Train up a child in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it."

When children are not raised to work, to under-

stand how to do a job well and to be responsible for their own actions, they are being personally destroyed. And, they will destroy others.

These children will grow up being unhappy. They will not know how to hold a job, maintain a marriage or their own health.

Spare the rod and spoil the child is a direction from God. No one wants to be around anything that is spoiled. When something is spoiled it gets tossed out.

Spoiled children grow up angry, not knowing why people don't want to be around them. They tend to make miserable as many others as they can, because of their own misery.

If only parents could realize they aren't doing their children favors by not disciplining them. But, discipline must be meted out with love.

One of my sisters taught me a great deal as I watched her discipline her two sons and daughter. All three turned out to be models in love and respect for their parents, and everyone else. They became great workers and great parents to their own children.

Very early on, when one

did something wrong, or disobeyed, she put them on her lap and explained why what they did was wrong. Then she gave adequate punishment, and every time they would come to her in their tears for loving and she always gave a full supply.

When a child does something wrong and gets punished for it, they automatically want to know they are still loved and accepted.

In our culture that Satan has ruined too many times our "society" tells parents they will damage the child if they make them mind and are disciplined appropriately. Because of that, a whole generation is being damaged.

Satan has also succeeded in most of the nation's educational system, in dumbing down our citizens so they will be easily controlled.

Communism has succeeded in taking American history out of our school curriculum and putting in too much false information.

Most "millennial" graduates are showing their brat-ish nature by downing America, conservatism, Christianity, respect and

they are even displaying hatred for those they disagree with. They have no sense of responsibility for their actions, or the cost of anything. Socialists always want everything for nothing. They never respect the cost of the freedom given to them. They're hostile to the very people who have put their lives on the line, giving them that freedom. They do not understand the sacrifice of the Pilgrims, and the suffering of the founders of this best nation on earth.

If parents do not train their children to love God with all their heart, soul and mind – and their neighbors as themselves – they are training them for hell.

May God deal with all the sinners in this nation, so He won't have to destroy it.

"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Psalms 9:17.

Sister Lucy Tedrick is a longtime local minister who has written a column for this newspaper for more than 20 years. Her opinions are her own do not necessarily reflect those of the newspaper.

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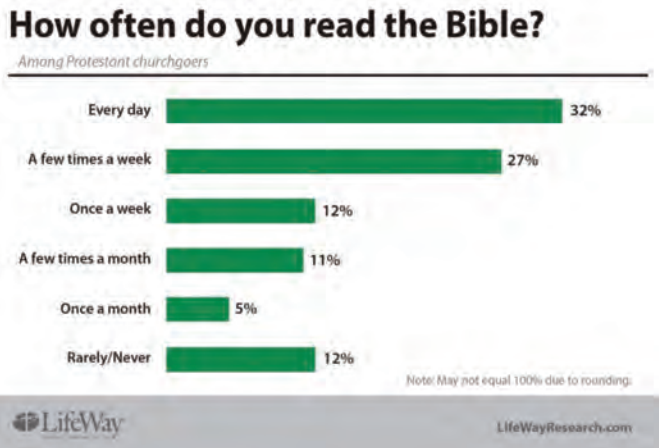
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Frances Community Church hosts revival

Frances Community Church will host revival starting this weekend. It will be held July 14-17. Sunday school is at 10 a.m., with worship following at 11 a.m., on Sunday. The evening services are at 6 p.m. Bro. Vic Hill is the evangelist.

Enon Baptists hosting Jesus Funday

Enon General Baptist Church will host a Jesus Funday Fun-fest from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, July 13. There will lots of activities including a bouncy house, face painting, crafts and games to entertain kids. Lunch will be served at noon followed by a short devotional.

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Animal shelter report

Crittenden County Animal Shelter could have opened a petting zoo with the animals taken in last month, per the monthly report submitted to Crittenden Fiscal Court by Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd. Besides the normal dogs and cats taken in each month, the shelter picked up a duck, 11 roosters and three pigs, all in Marion. The animals were kept one night at the shelter, giving the owners an opportunity to reclaim the critters.

INFLOW	STRAY	SURRENDER	TOTAL
Crittenden dogs.....	8.....	5.....	13
Crittenden cats.....			5
Crittenden pigs.....			3
Crittenden roosters.....			11
Crittenden ducks.....			1
Livingston dogs.....	2.....	9.....	11
Livingston cats.....			0
Lyon dogs.....	4.....	9.....	13
Lyon cats.....			0
OUTFLOW	TOTAL		
Dogs to rescue.....	25		
Dogs reclaimed by owners.....	9		
Dogs, pups adopted.....	14		
Dogs euthanized for aggression.....	3		
Cats to rescue.....	8		
Cats adopted.....	3		
Pigs reclaimed by owners.....	3		
Roosters given to farmer.....	11		
FOOD, LITTER	AMOUNT	VALUE	
Dog food donated.....	347 lbs.	\$120.75	
Cat food donated.....	70 lbs.....	\$40.00	
Cat litter donated.....	40 lbs.....	\$9.00	
Cat litter purchases.....	8 bags.....	\$35.10	

The shelter brought in \$2,210 in May through donations and fees for adoption and reclamation.

KentuckyWired moves toward better internet access across state

STAFF REPORT

Though it has been plagued with its share of problems, the state's KentuckyWired project reached another milestone, placed the last of 20 local telecommunications huts across the state. The final hut was installed in Henderson, near U.S. 41 and the Henderson bypass on June 27. The huts, housing communications equipment vital to the KentuckyWired fiber optic network are located primarily at state police posts and Kentucky Community and Technical College campuses.

"I'm excited to see KentuckyWired's infrastructure beginning to be built out in northwest Kentucky," said Sen. Robby Mills, R-Henderson, who represents Crittenden and six other counties in Frankfort. "Access to reliable, low cost internet service is one of the keys to attracting the high paying jobs our communities desire!"

KentuckyWired is a state-run project constructing high-speed fiber

optic cable in every county. It connects government offices, universities, community colleges, state police posts, state veterans homes and state parks.

Along its 3,000-mile path, private companies can connect to the network and lease its fiber.

This will enable private internet companies to expand their service farther out into more remote areas. Similarly, cellular companies will be able to lease capacity to connect to more cell phone towers throughout the Commonwealth. KentuckyWired should attract companies to build in Kentucky, enhance education and healthcare opportunities, and boost economic investment and job growth.

More than half of the 3,000 miles of fiber cable is in place, and the "backbone" of the first portion of the network, Lexington-to-Louisville-to-Cincinnati, is done. The entire KentuckyWired network is projected to be completed in 2020, although portions of the network may be activated earlier.



Mills

AREA DEATHS

Long

JoAnn Long, 87, of Marion died Thursday, July 4, 2019, at Crittenden Community Hospital in Marion.

She enjoyed being with her family, playing cards, fishing and shopping. She was a member of Marion Church of Christ.

Long is survived by four sons, Wayne (Lori) Long of Ledbetter, Steve Long of Salem and Robert Long and Ronald Long, both of Marion; two daughters, Janice (Mike) Johnston of Hopkinsville and Teresa (Scott) Kayse of Marion; three sisters, Connie Cowan of Marion, Bonnie Penn of Owensboro and Sue Belt of Marion; two brothers, Terry Young of Salem and Stanley Young of Marion; 19 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Long; a son, Stanley Long; two sisters, June Driver Norman and Mona Blake; two brothers, Richard Young and James Young; and her parents, Johnnie and Annie Rustin Young.

Funeral services were Monday at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem with David Williams officiating. Interment was in Salem Cemetery.



Long

Dugan

Janet Louise Dugan, 74, of Marion died Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion.

She was a member of Pleasant Grove General Baptist Church and had worked in health care housekeeping.

Dugan is survived by several cousins, Rick Hill and Rich Hill of Indiana; David Hill and Ross Hill of New Jersey; Carol Bernard, Donna Poole and Diana Collins of Illinois; Jackie Larson of Kansas; Gary McPherson of California; Reggie Hill of Arizona; and Larry Hurst and Terry Hill of Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walton Eugene "Curly" and Robbie Carlin "Dot" Hill Moore.

Funeral services were Saturday at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Deer Creek Cemetery in Crittenden County.



Dugan

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I-24 Exit 4 ramps shut

STAFF REPORT

Entry and exit ramps at the Interstate 24 Paducah Exit 4 interchange closed Monday to allow ongoing construction of a new double crossover diamond (DCD) and other improvements along U.S. 60. Ramps connecting I-24 and U.S. 60 at the Exit 4 interchange are expected to remain closed for up to five weeks.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will provide notice when night closures of U.S. 60 start around July 22. Until then, traffic signals along U.S. 60 at the ramp ends have been taken out, reducing the likelihood of backups.

Traffic on U.S. 60 is expected to move to the new DCD configuration after the first couple of nights of paving in late July. The contractor is required to re-open U.S. 60 and the ramps at the Exit 4 interchange by Aug. 12.

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Extension

– Take a mini **road trip to Sturgis**. Tour a raised bed garden and eat lunch at Country Fresh Market, visit the Sturgis Antique Mall and explore options about reusing items for container gardens. Trip departs the Extension Office at 10 a.m. July 16 and returns around 3 p.m. Pre-register by calling the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236.

– The **Diabetes Support Group** will meet at 10 a.m., July 19 at the Extension Office.

– Two **salsa canning classes** will be held July 16 at the Extension Annex. The first class will be offered from 1-3 p.m., and a second one from 6-8 p.m. There is a \$1 charge for the class, which will count toward a Community Christmas credit. Please call the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236 to register.

Calendar

– **Crittenden County High School SBDM** will meet at 9 a.m., Friday in the high school conference room.

4-H events

– **4-H Project Days** are a good time to get ready for the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair. Create art projects and they will be entered into the county fair. Must RSVP for classes. Call the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236. Classes are continue through Friday and July 23. Some class sizes are limited. Call for details.

– **Rifle Team** meets every Thursday at 6 p.m., at the Extension Park. This is for children 9-18.

– **Trap Team** meets every Tuesday, at 6 p.m., at the Extension Park. This is for children 9-18.

Senior Center

The Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day, and is \$3 for those 60 and older and \$5 for those under 60. Reservations are encouraged two days in advance but are taken up to a week in advance.

Volunteers are always needed at the senior center. If you would like to volunteer your time, contact director Jenny Sosh at (270) 965-5229.

Menu and activities for the following seven days include:

Thursday - Menu is oven fried chicken, new buttered potatoes, buttered broccoli, wheat roll and pears.

Friday - Menu is frankfurter with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, peach cobbler, cornbread and margarine. Bingo will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Monday – Menu is meat balls with gravy, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, whole grain biscuit and pears. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday – Menu is sweet and sour chicken, brown rice, seasoned peas, spring roll, chocolate pudding and fortune cookie.

July 17 – Menu is spaghetti, broccoli salad, Mandarin oranges and garlic breadstick. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

PACS provides milk, coffee, tea and water each day. Aging coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center.

For more information, call (270) 965-5229.

Drive-In days
Rohrers, Johnsons
brought car hop, ice
cream to Main Street

With the recent tearing down of the old coin operated laundry mat on Gum Street, it brought back many memories for Mrs. Margaret June Johnson. She and her late husband James were half owners of the first businesses that located in a new building there in 1950. Mrs. Johnson was kind enough to share some of her memories with us about this much remembered place in our town and in her life.

Here are some of the interesting and fun things she shared about that time in their lives.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten
Passages

The Johnson's co-owned the new businesses with Nolan and Mary Rohrer. James and Margaret Rohrer were brother and sister.

The building that was constructed was a large block building on the corner of U.S. 60 East and Moore Street. It housed a much needed rented frozen food locker. The purpose of building a frozen food locker in Marion during this time was to help local people have a place to keep their fresh meat after being processed at home, and also fresh fruits and vegetables they had grown. The larger home freezers had not come into being yet, and all anyone had at home was the small ice cube compartment in their home refrigerators.

The Johnsons would also have their G. E. appliance store and electric business location here. At the time, few people in Crittenden County had electricity. Mr. Johnson was an electrician and he

supplemented the store's G. E. and Maytag appliance sales by wiring homes. After their homes were wired, families could shop at Johnson & Rohrer Electric for their new ranges, refrigerators and wringer washers.

The building also had a really nice dining room, plus the drive-in outside, a lunch counter and an ice cream plant.

The dining room was open for gourmet dining from 6-10 p.m., with the main cooking done by Mrs. Mabel Phillips. The restaurant was a wonderful place to dine, and the food was

well known for being delicious. Mrs. Phillips' homemade pies were a much anticipated for dessert to finish off the meal.

The restaurant was also known for its plate lunches, which were prepared each day by Hilda Dunning. Mrs. Dunning could prepare some delicious plate lunches and many people visited daily for these.

The drive-in part of the restaurant was populated heavily by the young people every night. The Johnsons and Rohrers hired lovely young girls to wait on these customers. All you had to do was drive in around the windowed front and soon one of these girls would be out to take your order. They returned with your order on a tray attached to your window, and you could eat in your car. It was a favorite eating place for date night, and also a good place to see who was dating who that



The wonderful picture shared by Margaret June Johnson, is of the grand opening of their new businesses in 1950. Standing behind the new counter (from left) are lunch time cook Hilda Dunning, night time cook Mable Phillips, owners, Nolan Rohrer, Margaret June Johnson and Bruce Nunn, who was in charge of the ice cream freezer department. At left is a picture of James and Margaret June Johnson in their furniture store in 1977.



miles around until the ice cream trucks started coming to town, and this was the end of the local homemade ice cream at Rohrer's Drive-In.

week. Families also enjoyed this curb service, as it was called.

Margaret remembers many of their everyday customers that would come in for lunch and the ones that came most every night to eat in their nice dining room. R. C. and Louise Hamilton were favorite regulars that would be there for dining, and the young waitresses would also like to wait on them. R. C. always showed their gratitude by leaving their waitress a nice tip, which made up a part of their salary.

Another fond memory at the restaurant was a large, colorful jukebox that was in the restaurant. It took a nickel to play the popular tunes of the day. The jukebox was a must have item for any popular eating place.

Another special feature of this place of business was the ice cream department. Bruce Nunn was in charge of making fresh ice cream daily. Besides being a favorite in the eating facilities, it was also sold by the quart and half gallon to anyone wanting to purchase larger quantities. Their product was known as R & J Ice Cream. Margaret said this ice cream was popular to buy for

The restaurant had a good business for several years as it was located on the only route between Paducah from Evansville. Even folks from Princeton traveled to Marion then took U.S. 60 to Paducah. All this traffic had to pass right in from of the drive in restaurant, and it was always busy with folks eating and purchasing ice cream. It would soon be 'the' place to stop and eat and then continue on your trip.

The Johnson and Rohrer families took turns keeping the curb-service diner open on weekends and rented freezer drawers at the locker plant. After three years of running all three business, the Johnsons decided to divide the business and in 1954 they moved their appliance store to 117 North Main where their rental store is today. In 1977 Johnson's Furniture and Electric Co., had its grand opening at their new store building across the street, where it's still an important part of the community today, with their family in charge of the business.

The Rohrers kept the frozen locker plant and the very popular drive-in restaurant open for sev-

eral more years. Some-time in the mid 1960s the eating section of the business was closed and turned into a coin operated laundry. As more and more families purchased the large home freezers, the need for a rented frozen food locker business was also not needed as much.

I know when this old building was being torn down, even though it was in a bad condition, it was still sad. It brought back a time in many of our lives when we were young and carefree, and it was a favorite gathering place. I saw on Facebook – yes, sometimes it can share good things – where many, many people had memories of the place, whether they ate there, met their friends there and a lot memories working there as a car hop. All were good memories and these are a good thing to share.

Thank you Margaret June Johnson for sharing your memories and your wonderful picture for all of us to see and recall that wonderful time in our lives. You are a beautiful lady, inside and out.

(Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com).

Tumblers compete at nationals

Thirteen gymnasts from Marion's Tumble Extreme competed in the national USTA event this summer. Several earned high marks, including a first-place tumbling finish by Colton Duncan in the 6-under division. Duncan also placed third in double mini and 5th in trampoline.

Other results are as follows:

Riley Summers, 5th tumbling, 4th double mini, 5th trampoline
Payton Maness, 2nd tumbling, 8th double mini, 19th trampoline
Rianna Maness, 2th tumbling, 9th double mini, 22nd trampoline
Aubrey Hollis, 16th tumbling, 10th double mini, 28th trampoline

Allie Hollis, 22nd trampoline, 3rd double mini, 3rd trampoline
Nora Hollis, 21st tumbling, 10th double mini, 15th trampoline
Molleigh Crumpton, 29th tumbling, 24th double mini, 9th trampoline
Grier Crider, 19th tumbling, 11th double mini, 34th trampoline
April Dismore, 15th

tumbling, 7th double mini, 11th trampoline
Ella Geary, 10th tumbling, 13th double mini, 20th trampoline
Katelyn Tabor, 37th tumbling, 19th double mini, 12th trampoline.
Alivia Caudill, 4th tumbling, 20th double mini and 14th trampoline.



Gymnasts from Tumble Extreme in Marion with their national hardware are (front center) Grier Crider, (seated from left) Rianna Maness, Katelyn Tabor, Riley Summers, April Dismore, Alivia Caudill, (back) Aubrey Hollis, Payton Maness, Ella Geary, Allie Hollis and Nora Hollis.

Hardin nominated for business award

Amy Hardin, a business teacher at Crittenden County High School, has been honored as one of Kentucky's outstanding business teachers.



Hardin and six others are nominees for outstanding business teacher, and the winner will be announced at a summer conference.

Others nominated are Kelli Cash of Mayfield

ATC; Dan Dillingham of Greenwood High School; Greta Ramage of Livingston Central; Janice Strickland of Western

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GOLF

Men's invitational

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QB Club golf event

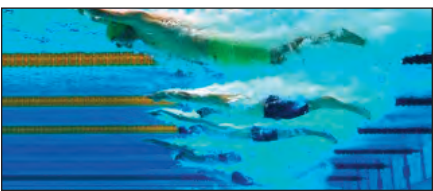
The annual Crittenden County Quarterback Club Golf Tournament will be held Wednesday, July 24 at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. To register, call Ronnie Myers at (270) 704-0108.

Gilchrist swaps swing

Local golfer Lauren Gilchrist is tinkering with her swing this summer. Despite the adjustment she's playing well in summer tour action. The senior-to-be shot a 79 in a tournament at Kenny Perry's Golf Course in Franklin and finished fourth. She won a tournament at Drake Creek in Ledbetter. She has participated in some big tournaments – in Richmond and Georgetown – placing 28th out of 50 and 31st out of 55, respectively, and that was during a period when she was just starting to make swing adjustments. While her scores were not quite what she'd have liked, the new-found swing is improving.



Crittenden County High School's softball team held its post-season awards ceremony recently. Among those junior varsity players honored were (above, from left) Callie Brown, 110-Percent Award; Jessi Potter, Highest Batting Average and Best Attitude Award; Kalli Champion, Most RBIs; and Autumn Derby, Most Improved. Not pictured was Matthia Long, Gold Glove Award. Those honored with freshman awards were (at left) Natalee Buchanan, Coach's Award; Riley Smith Gold Glove Award and Freshman MVP; and Alyssa Woodall, 110 Percent Award. Not pictured were Brylee Conyer 110 Percent Award; Riley Kirby, Most Improved; and Callie Dempsey, Batting Award.



Stingrays swim to top honors

The final swim meet of the season is Thursday at Calvert City. The Marion Stingray swim team was on the road last week for a meet at Madisonville YMCA. No team score was kept, but here are some highlights from Marion's individual results:

- 1st Place Finishers**
(Fastest Heat)
- 6-under Freestyle, Bode Merrill
 - 8-under Freestyle, Nora Hollis
 - 10-under Freestyle, Lacey Boone
 - 10-under Freestyle, Noah Byford
 - 6-under Backstroke, Bode Merrill
 - 8-under Backstroke, Nora Hollis
 - 8-under Backstroke, Beau Maraman
 - 10-under Backstroke, Braelyn Merrill
 - 12-under Backstroke, Aubrey Hollis
 - 10-under Individual Medley, Braelyn Merrill
 - 12-under Individual Medley, Aubrey Hollis
 - 8-under Breaststroke, Bode Merrill (6), Sam Eichelberger.
 - 10-under Breaststroke, Eli Eichelberger
 - 8-under Butterfly, Nora Hollis
 - 8-under Butterfly, Beau Maraman
 - 10-under Butterfly, Braelyn Merrill
 - 10-under Butterfly, Caleb Combs
 - 12-under Butterfly, Aubrey Hollis
 - 14-under Butterfly, Koltar Gilland

BASKETBALL

Thompson is MVP

Avery Thompson, 10, was selected MVP of an AAU Basketball Tournament in St. Louis last weekend. Thompson plays guard and forward on the team. He scored over 20 points in the semifinal and championship games on Sunday for the Kentucky Blue Thunder, which won first place in the Reebok Tune Up Tournament. By virtue of its championship in the tune-up tournament, the Blue Thunder has qualified to play in the Reebok National Championship Tournament in Kansas City, Mo., later this month.



Rocket Football Pre-Season 7-on-7 competition begins this week

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County football's pre-season 7-on-7 football competition series begins Thursday night at the McCracken County Invitational Tournament. Crittenden finished runnerup in its division last year at the McCracken Invitational. Rocket coach Sean Thompson said his team isn't at quite the advanced stages it was in its offensive scheme last year behind a three-year starting quarterback.

With the graduation of Hunter Boone, the Rockets will be taking a look at senior Hunter Jones and junior Braxton Winders among others at quarterback. Thursday's 7-on-7 action will be the first of four similar styled competitions this pre-season. There will be others July 16 at Trigg County, July 18 at Rocket Stadium against Webster County and July 25 at Webster County. This week's event begins with pool play starting at 5

p.m. Crittenden will be in a tough pool with Lake County, Tenn., Fort Campbell and Webster County. The matchup with the Falcons will give CCHS fans an early look at the Rockets' season-opening opponent. Crittenden's first regular-season game is Aug. 23 at Fort Campbell. Players have been off for two weeks during the KHSAA-imposed Dead Period when student-athletes are required to take a mandatory break from scholastic sports. They

Pre-Season Schedule Updated

There have been some updates to the pre-season football schedule. The following is the schedule for scrimmages:
August 9 Rockets at Joint Practice at Murray High along with Marshall County.
August 16 Scrimmage Calloway County will be at Rocket Arena.

were back to a regular pre-season conditioning schedule on Wednesday, when the annual Ironman Competition will be completed. The early leader in the yearly pre-season strength and conditioning competition is junior running back Xander Tabor. The first pre-season "practice" scrimmage is Aug. 9.

Keller running at altitude to improve oxygen to muscles

Local distance runner Kate Keller is spending a couple of weeks abroad, working on some specialized training. Keller will be a junior at Crittenden County High School when classes resume next month. She returns as one of the top cross country and distance runners in western Kentucky and ranks among the state's best in Class A. Keller is in Font Romeu, France doing altitude training. Runner's World magazine says the precise effects of altitude training have not yet been proven scientifically, but nearly all top runners have embraced it and recognize the benefits. "The premises is that altitude training can boost aerobic efficiency at lower elevations by an increased ability to transport oxygen to muscles. While training at altitude, there is an

increase in red blood cell count that comes about from the increase in erythropoietin (EPO)," according to the magazine's article. Keller is with a group of nine athletes, mostly from the United States. They competed in a local trail run on Sunday. Keller was the first female finisher in the 7K at 2,000 feet above sea level. She trains and hikes most of the day. "My experience here has been so great," she said in a text message Monday just a few days into her training. "The first couple days were very hard getting used to the altitude and hills. But now that I am used to it, I'm having a blast. "It's also been very exiting to see new cities and a different way of life. I'm enjoying every minute of it," she added.



Crittenden County distance runner Kate Keller is spending some time in France, working on altitdde training.

SOFTBALL

Evans earns MVP

Elliot Evans, 11, was selected MVP at the NSA NIT Class C World Series played the last weekend in June at Columbia, Tenn. Her 12-under travel softball team, the Talons based out of Mayfield, won the tournament with an undefeated record. Evans pitched in four games and allowed just four earned runs over 15 innings. She also hit .444 for the tournament.



FOOTBALL

CCMS practice

Crittenden County Middle School football practice begins at 5:30 p.m., Thursday on campus. Anyone in grades seven and eight interested in playing should show up. Practice ends at 7:30 p.m., and will be held weekdays until the season begins. First day of equipment assignment was Wednesday. For more information, contact coach Jacob Courtney at (270) 969-0168. The season begins Aug. 3 with a jam-boree at Calloway County.

New Ellis Park owners plan multi-million-dollar improvements

The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission last month approved the sale of Ellis Park to new ownership. According to the Henderson Gleaner newspaper, the new owner has ambitious plans for the track. Those ideas include installation of lights, expansion of the gaming facility to include restaurants and construction of a hotel on the property, the newspaper said. Ellis Entertainment, a subsidiary of Laguna Development Corporation based in Albuquerque, N.M., has agreed to purchase the assets of the track from Saratoga Casino and Hospitality Group

for \$11 million. According to the Gleaner's article, the group plans to invest several more million dollars in Ellis Park, which is located just north of Henderson on the Ohio River. "We think that's extremely important. We want to grow. We want to be robust. We want Henderson to be proud of that facility again," Ken Mimmack, a member of Ellis Entertainment's board of managers, told the Kentucky Racing Commission. While this will be Laguna's first venture into horse racing, the group owns several casinos, hotels, restaurants and convenience stores. The La-

guna Development Corporation is owned by the Laguna Pueblo, a federally recognized tribe of approximately 7,000 Native American Pueblo people. The 2019 meet schedule began June 30 so the current management is still operating the live meets with Jeff Hall remaining as general manager and Dan Bork as the racing secretary. The new owners will operate the historic horse racing facility and have already begun maintenance and facility upgrades as part of a comprehensive remodeling and expansion plan. Most of the first phase of

the new owners' plan are already completed, the Gleaner reported. They include acquisition of the property, the addition of approximately 300 loads of dirt to the racing surface, improvements to the track's drainage system, the demolition of unsafe barns and repairs to internal stalls of some other barns, the removal of an unsafe area in the grandstand, roof repairs on the grandstand and clubhouse and the installation of new heat and air systems in the sky terrace and clubhouse. Still to be completed with the first phase is an upgrade to the track's water system.



Crittenden County’s economic develop effort has shifted gears in the last few months with its membership in the Lake Barkley Partnership, a coalition of leaders from Lyon, Caldwell and Crittenden counties. The partnership supports economic development in the region and is working to engage other nearby communities. The partnership met recently at Marion Ed-Tech Center and posed for a “team photograph.” Pictured are (front from left) Wade White, Lyon County Judge-Executive; Holly Hardt, Lake Barkley Partnership intern; Jason Vincent, Director of the Pennyryle Area Development District; Chris Cook, a director representing Crittenden County; Amanda Davenport, Lake Barkley Partnership’s executive director; Donnetta Travis, a director representing Crittenden County; Todd Wetzel, partnership legal counsel and director from Caldwell County; (back) Dan Odegard, a director from Caldwell County; Tim Capps, a Crittenden County director who serves as chairman of the partnership; Kevin Kizzee, a director from Caldwell County; State Rep. Chris Freeland; Jeff McDaniels, a director from Caldwell County who serves as vice chairman; Larry Curling, Caldwell County Judge-Executive; Dakota Young, a director and Princeton’s mayor; Bob Hayes, a representative of Caldwell County who serves as secretary/treasurer of the partnership; and State Rep. Lynn Bechler. Not pictured are Lyon County directors Billy Ray Coursey and Brent Bugg; Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford, Crittenden County Director Terry Bunnell, Caldwell County directors Dan Hughes, Jake Pepper, Joe McEnany and Scott Lafoon.

Schlarman’s cancer battle inspires players, coaches, fans

It wasn’t quite a year ago when news broke that Kentucky offensive line coach John Schlarman had been diagnosed with cancer and that sophomore defensive standout Josh Paschal had skin cancer. Just a few days later I had a chance to talk to Neal Brown, the former UK offensive coordinator who was still the head coach at Troy (he’s now head coach at West Virginia). I knew he was good friends with Schlarman and the first thing Brown told me was that this adversity would only make Kentucky a closer, better team before adding Schlarman was the “toughest” individual he knew.



Turns out Brown was right about Kentucky’s season as the Cats won 10 games. He was also right about Schlarman not missing a beat despite the treatment he had to take during the season. “Neal was 110 percent right about that,” said Kentucky recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow recently. “The weird thing about it is that cliché ‘bad things happen to good people’ and you could not have picked the best staff member and best player on the team and they both get cancer. I was like, ‘God is definitely trying to do something here.’ What it did was make everybody come together and rally to those two guys.” Marrow, who also coaches tight ends, wasn’t sure Schlarman could coach daily and fight the cancer battle. “I am with coach Schlarman every day and I wondered how does he do this. Go to chemo and then come here and coach. It really changed me. You are never too old or too good to learn. I would look at him every day in meetings. He would catch me staring at him but I was staring at him like, ‘Wow, this dude is amazing,’” Marrow said.

“John Schlarman is probably one of the top five people that I have met anywhere. It bothered me at first seeing that happen to him but how he dealt with that and his wife did ... How can you be a lineman and have a coach doing that and then say you get tired. When I talked to the tight ends I would say, ‘He is doing eight hours of chemo and coming here. We can’t be tired.’ “Neal was 110 percent right. It brought our team together. It helped our culture. Mark (Stoops) did a good job bringing that in. It could have gone the other way. You are dealing with kids from all these places and all of a sudden they see

these guys with cancer. Everybody was dealing with their own thing but Mark did a great job bringing it all together. I remember calling Neal when I got the news and I should have known he knew. He said, ‘Vince if anybody can fight, John Schlarman will fight through this.’ He was right.” Schlarman, a former UK lineman, admits it has been a “heck of a ride” with plenty of highs and lows the last 12 months. “Obviously being a part of one of the best seasons ever in this program was a tremendous high for a Kentucky boy like me. But having to deal with that health-wise was one of the most devastating things I probably have ever faced in terms of the early prognosis. The outlook was not very good,” he said. “I was fortunate I reacted to the medicine like I have. I haven’t experienced just a ton of fatigue or throwing up or whatever.

“I have been very fortunate I have responded the way I have. Things have gone in a good direction and hopefully they continue to do that now that we are a year out (from the diagnosis). I feel a lot better now than I did a year ago.” Schlarman never tried to look ahead. As a coach, he knew how to take things day to day rather than let worrying about the future “drive you crazy.” Not coaching was never an option for him because he needed to keep “normalcy” in his life not only for him but also for his wife, Lee Anne, and four children — three sons and one daughter. “I am not going to crawl into a corner or stay at home and stay in bed. I am not going to do that if I can avoid that. I think that is good mentally to



Offensive line coach John Schlarman was emotional last year after getting the game ball following UK’s streak-breaking win at Florida just a few months after he was diagnosed with cancer.

not let this thing affect my life to where I can’t do what I want to do,” Schlarman said. “That’s been really important. “Responding to the medicine the way I have has been very beneficial. Coach (Stoops) being very accommodating if I needed treatment or going back and forth to Houston to do that also really helped. I am doing a pill form of a new type of drug now, so it has been different. I have not had to do the IV and the chemo like I had to during the season. Going through that for 14 or 15 times and now getting to this, you really appreciate this because it is not quite as taxing on the body.” Still, no matter what he faced, he kept a positive attitude that obviously rubbed off on players and coaches. Schlarman credits Bill Curry, his head coach at Kentucky, for helping put that positive mentality into his life. Same with his parents. “Just growing up with two parents who worked hard their whole lives

and never made excuses taught me a lot. It’s just kind of what I observed and saw my whole life. I didn’t know any better, or worse. I just try to always be positive,” he said. “The support system here has been unbelievable. Obviously with my family, my wife and all our friends but also here in the work place. “I am just very fortunate for coach Stoops, coach (Eddie) Gran ... everybody in this (football) building has been phenomenal. When you work with people like that and realize everybody has my back, it just makes you want to do better, do more, do whatever you can to help the program succeed. That’s all I did. I didn’t do anything special. I just did my job and plan to continue doing my job. That’s all I know how to do.” University of Kentucky basketball fans who have not seen Isaac Humphries play since he left UK two years ago after his sophomore season, might be surprised

by what they see from him. He’s played overseas for two years and finished last season with the Atlanta Hawks. This summer he’s on the Sacramento Kings summer roster and hopes to land a roster spot with the NBA team for next season. “I shoot 3’s now. That is a little different now,” Humphries said. “I have developed that 3 game and that is really a valuable asset in the NBA. I feel very confident in shooting the 3 but I am also comfortable putting the ball on the floor and attacking the rim. “Last year I had a lot of freedom and took on the role for the team they needed me to. I explored other aspects of my game and will continue with that. So I have a little different game now but I am still the same guy.” He was in Lexington recently performing a concert to benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

“Basketball and music are both passions of mine and I love them both,” Humphries said. “It’s important for me to do both.” Kentucky coach John Calipari was a huge supporter of Humphries performing the concert. None of that surprised Humphries considering how the coach was when he played at Kentucky. “I was surprised at how supportive he was of all us when I got here. With coaching there are ups and downs. It’s just part of basketball,” Humphries said. “Off the court he was very supportive and made us believe if we believed in something to really back that. That kind of kept that with me. That’s a lot of the reason that the concert happened. His support for us off the court was really cool to know he does support all we do and it’s still the same way today as it was when I played for him.”



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