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## NEWS

### McDANIEL FILES FOR BOARD RE-ELECTION

Ryan McDaniel has filed for re-election to Crittenden County Board of Education, representing Educational District 5. Appointed last spring to replace Phyllis Orr, who resigned the post, McDaniel is the first to file in the district. However, in the only other of the five educational districts up for election in November, District 2, Jamie Hunt and Tina Harris have filed. The seat is currently held by Eric LaRue. The filing deadline for school board is Aug. 14.

### CCMS HAS VACANCY AT PRINCIPAL POSITION

Crittenden County School District is looking for a new principal at the middle school after Tom Radivonyk on Friday accepted the top job at Lyon County High School. Radivonyk, who lives in Lyon County where his wife is a teacher, was hired as CCMS principal in May 2016. The school-based decision-making council met Tuesday to formulate a timeline for finding a new principal.

CCES Principal Jenni Gilkey, in only her second year in the role, is now the longest-serving school head in the county. Amanda Irvan begins her first school year as CCHS principal next month.

### AG BESHEAR TO RUN FOR KY. GOVERNOR

Democratic Attorney General Andy Beshear announced Monday he will run for governor in 2019, making him the first candidate to do so. He is the son of former Gov. Steve Beshear, who served two terms ending in 2015.

### PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Marion City Council will meet at 6 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. next Thursday at Rocket Arena.

### CORRECTION

A story in last week's press on Marion Cemetery Association inadvertently omitted the name of Wayne Crider as a board member.



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# Financial freedom Jail closer than ever to operating in the black

By DARYL K. TABOR  
PRESS EDITOR

Taxpayers are now forking out about a quarter of what they once paid to keep Crittenden County Detention Center open, freeing up hundreds of thousands in tax revenue to benefit everyone living outside the walls of the jail.

In the fiscal year that ended June 30, Jailer Robbie Kirk needed only \$317,000 transferred from the county's general fund to balance the lockup's 2017-18 budget. Just four years earlier, prior to Kirk's 2014 election to the post, the fiscal court

shifted \$859,000 to keep the jail in the black.

"The goal was always to get that to \$350,000 or less," said Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, referring to the approximate amount magistrates were subsidizing from the general fund to keep the old 24-bed life-safety jail operating prior to the 133-bed detention center opening in January 2007.

And with \$85,000 in the bank at the end of Fiscal Year 2018, the 11-year-old facility actually covered all but \$232,000 of its expenses.

"The way I look at it, anything

less than \$300,000 from the county is good news," Magistrate Dan Wood told The Crittenden Press in a March 2009.

Had the jail not been responsible for half of its \$590,000 debt payment in 2017-18, the detention center would have operated in the black without any help from the county. But there remain about 20 years jail debt payments for the initial \$7.7 million construction and subsequent upgrades.

"This is something to get excited about," Kirk said last week after the previous year was

closed out. "The jail was sinking the county. We've made lemonade out of lemons."

The judge-executive said the reduction in transfers into the jail fund has enormous implications for everyone in the county. In the last year alone, the fiscal court was able to increase the annual subsidy to keep Crittenden EMS alive by \$100,000 without asking taxpayers for another penny. When the county began subsidizing EMS with \$150,000 in 2012, it



Kirk

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Marion's newest city police officer, James Duncan, 35, of Crayne, is sworn in last week by city administrator Adam Ledford. After completing training, Duncan will join Heath Martin as the second ordained minister on patrol with Marion Police Department.

## Duncan 2nd ordained minister on MPD force

STAFF REPORT

What do you get when you cross a Baptist minister with a staff sergeant?

Why, a Marion police officer, of course.

Meet the newest of Marion's finest, James Duncan of Crayne. He's the associate pastor at Calvary Baptist Church and has spent more than 10 years in the military reserves. Much of the time, however, has been on active duty.

With his wife, the former Breann Guess of Marion, and their three

children looking on, Duncan was officially sworn to office last week by Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford.

Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal said Duncan will spend 20 weeks at the Department of Criminal Justice Training Center on the Eastern Kentucky University campus in Richmond. Then, he will join the local force, giving Marion Police Department a full squad of seven officers for the first time in years.

Duncan's wife says she's

accustomed to being at home alone with the children. Her husband was often away on Kentucky National Guard duty. In fact, she says he was gone almost the first two years of their marriage. It's not perfect, but she manages.

Duncan, 35, is assigned to the Kentucky Medical Command headquartered in Frankfort. He's served for a dozen years and eight of them have included active duty orders, mostly at Vir-

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## Anxious mission

### Unrest in Haiti delays return for church youth

STAFF REPORT

Civil unrest in Haiti meant an extended stay for some local Christians on a mission trip to the Caribbean nation and some anxious moments for family and friends back in Marion.

A group of 20 from Life in Christ Church left the States Friday, June 29, and during their journey, an uprising stirred tensions on the island nation and created international news.

CNN and other media reported that embassy personnel and other Americans in Haiti were ordered to shelter in place and told not to attempt to travel. International flights were cancelled, stranding hundreds of travelers, including the team from the church south of Marion on U.S. 641.

The chaos started Friday, when the Haitian government announced its plan to raise



You can't let (those) 48 hours define Haiti. We dealt with it, we got through it and it's fine.

- Bobby West

adult supervisor on Life in Christ Church youth mission trip as civil unrest erupted

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Haiti occupies the western portion of the island of Hispaniola in the Caribbean Sea with the Dominican Republic to the east. The impoverished nation is home to more than 10 million people.

## State police investigating Crayne burglary, assault

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky State Police is investigating a burglary and assault that is alleged to have occurred in the Crayne community Friday afternoon.

Detectives are currently working on the case that involved an elderly woman who flagged down a motorist on U.S.

641 south of Crayne and told the man she had been assaulted inside her home. The motorist called police and stayed with the alleged victim until authorities arrived.

The report was made at approximately 2:30 p.m.

The victim is not being identified, but is said to be in her 70s.

When the motorist made contact with the woman, she had visible abrasions and cuts on her arms and blood on her shirt.

Trooper Rob Austin, spokesman for the Kentucky State Police Post 2 in Madisonville, said detectives are investigating and that "all angles are being looked at." He said there

are currently no suspects in the case.

Due to the sensitive nature of the investigation, Austin said state police are not releasing further details on the incident at this time.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to call state police at (800) 222-5555.

# Neighbors being 'neighborly' for 4th

Dear neighbors, my dog and I would like to thank you for the wonderful fireworks displays over several nights (and days) last week. I write this as an open letter to all who entertained us around our nation's birthday, as they do each year, because I cannot possibly begin to thank each and every one of you across our fair city.



**Daryl K. TABOR**  
Press editor

**My 2¢ Worth**

Unfortunately, we were unable to put eyes on the light shows, as trees blocked our line of sight in the few moments we braved the hot night air to take a potty break (him,

not me). And it was just too bright on most afternoons to see those you shot off around lunchtime or late afternoon.

But I am sure the spectacle was amazing. I am also certain my four-legged friend was impressed, because he was trembling from excitement most every night.

But we did not need to gaze upon the dazzling controlled explosions to appreciate the patriotism you must each have.

It's truly admirable that you demonstrate your right to entertain an entire city over the rights of others who may have

an animal with a sensitive nature, a veteran of combat who still has nightmares over fire-fights or even someone who just wanted a peaceful night after a long, hot day at work or while trying to nap before the overnight shift. Seeing your own rights above all others – how much more American can you get?

And it is as bold as our forefathers who risked everything in the face of tyranny that you disobeyed state and local law that says you cannot shoot your fireworks within 200 feet of a structure. Since there are few areas in town that have that amount of void, we know you risked a lot to support the red, white and blue in the face of authoritarian rule.

The last few days have also

been reassuring.

There, apparently, is a widely mistaken notion that we live in an economically depressed community, even impoverished by some standards. But by the number of displays in the days leading up to the Fourth, three solid hours of pops, bangs and booms on the holiday itself and gushing patriotism bubbling over even days later, I learned that we are not as bad off as statistics and appearances portray.

Why, on Independence Day alone, I must have heard \$20,000 or more in disposable income go up in smoke and bangs. Sadly, after paying for housing, transportation, utilities, food, health care, other necessities and a few amenities like internet, phone and televi-

sion, I cannot afford to throw away such money. But I pray you do not take pity upon my misfortune, as I take comfort in your affluence and civic pride.

Each year in late June and early July, it's your neighborly consideration that warms me far more than any stretch of oppressive summer heat and humidity we may endure.

Jax and I are counting down the days until the next July 4 season. Until then, really, you don't need to do anything further to show how much you appreciate being our neighbor.

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## LETTERS

### Mills right representation for Ky. families

To the editor:

What do I expect from my government representatives?

The duties of a representative are clear: Listen to concerns of constituents, reduce challenges through legislative action and find resources to support district success.

An industrious representative will pursue resources from various agencies to guarantee success in the district.

A visible representative is seen making appearances at local events, thereby making connections with constituents.

An accessible representative is available for questions, has materials on legislation, and answers constituents' questions in a timely manner.

Representatives should

know their districts well – know what keeps constituents awake at night, what services are needed and how to help residents thrive.

While in office, representatives are the voices of their districts; at home, they are the eyes and ears.

The responsibility of serving through state representation should not be taken lightly; our state representatives should be industrious, visible, engaged and accessible.

These statements describe Kentucky State Rep. Robby Mills. Mr. Mills is the current state representative from House District 11, Henderson and Daviess counties, and is currently running for Senate District 4, which includes Crittenden, Livingston, Union, Webster, Caldwell and Henderson counties. I first met Mr. Mills at the Ed-Tech Center during Congressman James Comer's town hall meeting.

Mr. Mills was instrumental in passing the 50/50 parenting visitation law that went into effect this year. Upon hearing of our de facto custodian issue, Mr. Mills offered assistance by putting us in contact with individuals who could provide guidance through the process of changing the current status of the law to assist in protecting the rights of natural parents.

I don't expect someone to be able to press the "golden buzzer" and all our wishes come true. However, I do appreciate someone who will say, "I might not know the answer, but you might contact this person and they may be able to assist" in a particular issue. A stamped signature on a form letter, of which I have received many from multiple government offices, just isn't the definition of government representation that I vote for.

Please join me in support-

ing Mr. Robby Mills as our next senator for District 4 this November.

**Paula Berry**  
Salem, Ky.

### Home-delivered meals program needs city help

To the editor:

This is in reference to an article published in May in *The Crittenden Press* about city budget cuts to the senior center. Apparently, some council members are misinformed about funding for the home-delivered meals, which are funded by state and federal governments and have suffered budget cuts. Very few contributions come from private donors.

The senior center relies on the city's contribution for home-delivered meals. The

(Pennyrile Allied Community Services, or PACS) transportation department pulled all vans and buses from the nine Pennyrile counties, and if seniors use them to go outside of the county, there is a 70-cent-per-mile charge.

The county furnishes older vehicles for the home-delivered meals, and if one breaks down, the drivers use their personal vehicle. The county also pays for repairs to vehicles, takes care of the parking lot, paints stairs and rails and keeps the grass mowed at the center.

The center appreciates all services and donations, which are needed to keep its services available.

I encourage the mayor, city administrator and council members to go on a meal route and see the need for these meals to continue.

**Margaret Gilland**  
Marion, Ky.

# Child marriage limits among new Ky. laws taking effect

STAFF REPORT

Most new laws approved during the Kentucky General Assembly's 2018 session will go into effect on Saturday, though some significant changes to the tax code are already in effect.

That means children under the age of 17 will not be allowed to get married. Drivers will soon be required to leave at least 3 feet of space between their vehicles and cyclists they pass. And penalties will get tougher for those who post sexually explicit images online without the consent of the person depicted.

The Kentucky Constitution specifies that new laws take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature unless they have a special effective date, are general appropriations measures or include an emergency clause that makes them effective immediately upon becoming law. Final adjournment of the 2018 Regular Session was on April 14, making July 14 the effective date for most bills.

Laws taking effect that day include measures on the following:

#### Social justice

- Teen marriage. Senate Bill 48 will prohibit anyone under the age of 17 from marrying, regardless of pregnancy. While current law states 16- and 17-year-olds can be married with parental consent, a district judge can approve the marriage of a child below the age of 16 if the girl is pregnant and marrying the father of the child. The new law will require a district judge to approve the marriage of any 17-year-old, and the teen's spouse must be no more than 4 years older. There are no religious-based exceptions. Advocates say this

law moves Kentucky ahead of most states in preventing child marriages, which they claim can have a high percentage of long-term, abusive relationships.

- Foster Care and Adoption. House Bill 1 will take steps to reform the state's foster care and adoption system to ensure that a child's time in foster care is limited and that children are returned to family whenever possible. It will expand the definition of blood relative for child placement and ensure that children in foster care are reunified with family or placed in another permanent home in a timely manner.

- Revenge porn. HB 71 will increase penalties for posting sexually explicit images online without the consent of the person depicted. The crime would be a misdemeanor for the first offense and felony for

subsequent offenses. Penalties would be even more severe if the images were posted for profit.

#### Education

- Abstinence Education. SB 71 will require the inclusion of abstinence education in any human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases curriculum in Kentucky high schools.

- Dyslexia. HB 187 will require the state Department of Education to make a "dyslexia toolkit" available to school districts to help them identify and instruct students who display characteristics of dyslexia.

- Financial literacy. HB 132 will require Kentucky high school students to pass a financial literacy course before graduating.

#### Public safety

- Bicycle safety. House Bill 33 will require drivers

to keep their vehicles at least 4 feet away from bicyclists during an attempt to pass. If that much space isn't available, drivers must use reasonable caution when passing cyclists.

- Police cameras. HB 373 will exempt some police body camera footage from being publicly released. It will exempt the footage from certain situations being released if it shows the interior of private homes, medical facilities, women's shelters and jails or shows a dead body, evidence of sexual assault, nude bodies and children.

#### Health, medicine

- Organ donation. HB 84 will require coroners or medical examiners to release identifying and other relevant information about a deceased person to Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates if

the person's wish to be an organ donor is known and the body is suitable for medical transplant or therapy.

- Prescription medicines. SB 6 will require pharmacists to provide information about safely disposing of certain prescription medicines, such as opiates and amphetamines.

#### Other

- Price gouging. SB 160 will clarify laws that prevent price gouging during emergencies. The bill specifies that fines could be imposed if retailers abruptly increase the price of goods more than 10 percent when the governor declares a state of emergency.

- Terrorism. SB 57 will allow a person injured by an act of terrorism to file a claim for damages against the terrorist in state court.

## Circuit clerks learn about unclaimed property

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill participated in sessions on driver's licensing, court technology, best practices and more at the 2018 Circuit Court Clerks Spring Conference. The conference took place June 5-6 at the Kentucky Association of Counties in Frankfort.



**Guill**

The circuit clerks also received updates on legislation passed during the Kentucky General Assembly's 2018 session, including a new law on time requirements for reporting unclaimed property that will take effect next year. State Treasurer Allison Ball provided the session on unclaimed property.

"Collectively, Offices of Circuit Court Clerk end up with hundreds of thousands of dollars in unclaimed money from bonds and other payments," said John C. Middleton, circuit clerk for Kenton County and presi-

dent of the Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks for fiscal years 2017-18. "We work hard to return unclaimed funds to their rightful owners and to the state Treasury when we can't reach the owners. This session was a good refresher on how to meet reporting requirements now and under the new law."

Another session provided guidance on how circuit clerks can assist self-represented litigants (people who choose to represent themselves in court) and those receiving civil legal aid. Justice Michelle M. Keller of the Supreme Court of Kentucky and Glenda J. Harrison, executive director of the Kentucky Access to Justice Commission, shared successful strategies other states have used to address self-representation.

The circuit clerks also received an update on organ/tissue donation from Shelley Snyder, execu-

### Ky. unclaimed property found through circuit clerk offices

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky circuit clerks end up with hundreds of thousands of dollars in unclaimed money from bonds and other payments every year. Local citizens who think they have unclaimed funds at Crittenden County Circuit Clerk's office should contact the office at (270) 965-4200.

To search for unclaimed property that has been reported to the Kentucky State Treasury, visit <https://goo.gl/KGmLmE>.

utive director of the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust For Life. The public can register to be a donor when obtaining a driver's license or ID or online at [DonateLifeKy.org](http://DonateLifeKy.org).

The Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks and Judicial

Branch Education at the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) provided the education program for the state's circuit court clerks. The conference offered eight hours of continuing education credit for the circuit clerks.

Circuit court clerks are responsible for managing the records of Kentucky's circuit and district courts. They are constitutionally elected officials from all 120 counties and serve a six-year term. They provide professional record-keeping, receive money due the courts, pay money to required parties and to the state, record legal documents, provide legal documents and other legal materials, maintain the jury system, administer oaths, handle affidavits and issue driver licenses and non-driver ID cards.

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# DUNCAN

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ginia Beach, Va. His unit is largely responsible for annual medical exams, making sure soldiers are fit for deployment.

The last year or so, he's been working at Siemens in Marion.

Duncan grew up in Marshall County and has two years of post-secondary education from West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

Duncan decided to enter into law enforcement in order to parlay his military training and skills into a civilian career. And, after the initial training, he will be home with his family.

An ordained minister, Duncan becomes the second pastor on the city police force. Patrolman Heath Martin is pastor at Cave Springs Baptist Church.

Also on the city police force in Assistant Chief Bobby West and patrolmen George Foster, Rocky Howeton and Eric Gray.



PENNYRILE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

## Newcom PADD board secretary

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom was installed Monday as secretary of the Pennyrile Area Development District (PADD) Board of Directors. Pictured taking their oath administered Monday at the PADD office in Hopkinsville by Christian County Judge-Executive Steve Tribble are new officers through June 30, 2020, (from left) Newcom, Denise Sutton of Lyon County, treasurer; Hopkins County Judge-Executive Donnie Carroll, chairman; and Guthrie Mayor Scott Marshall, vice chairman.

# JAIL

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required a countywide half-percent occupational and net profits tax.

"If it hadn't been for the reduction in supplemental money going into the jail," Newcom explained, "we wouldn't have been able to do that."

Freeing up general fund money has also allowed for courthouse upgrades, including video security and new entryway doors for much-needed weatherization improvements, as well as replacing sheriff's department vehicles.

The jailer credits his staff of 43 for watching every penny and making it possible to carry out changes that have increased revenue and cut per-inmate costs. He also tips his hat to Newcom and the magistrates for allowing those changes to be implemented.

"We didn't do this with 133 beds, we did it with 172," the jailer said, pointing to the addition of 39 beds when the fiscal court approved construction of a restricted custody center

(RCC) that expanded the detention center's ability to provide community service with Class D, work release inmates from the state.

Those work details are responsible for keeping 120 acres of public grounds mowed, picking up roadside litter twice a week and helping out at the courthouse, convenience center, animal shelter, senior citizens center, Crittenden County Food Bank, Riverview Park and more, as well as maintaining the Victory Gardens. Kirk values the free labor at just under \$600,000 based on an \$8 per hour pay rate. "All the community service work is huge," Newcom said. "When you put a dollar figure to that, we make way more than what we're putting in."

You have to spend money to make money, suggests an adage that helps tell the tale.

Besides the \$241,000 the county spent to build the RCC that opened in 2016, magistrates have over the last few years begun subsidizing health insurance for all county employees and awarded two \$1 per hour raises to

detention center staff.

Kirk said the benefits and raises have helped him to reduce employee turnover to almost nothing, allowing him to retain the caliber of staff that has allowed the jail to maintain an average daily inmate count of almost 200. Keeping the population that high has led to the jail to generate more than \$200,000 in monthly revenue for six of the last seven months. Jail revenue for May was more than \$209,000.

At his last report to the fiscal court, the jail housed 53 federal inmates at \$42 per day and 123 state inmates at \$31.34 daily. Inmates from other counties earn the detention center \$32 per day. Meantime, housing inmates on local charges cost the jail an average of just more than \$10,000 each month.

The biggest jump in revenue at the jail in recent years has been through housing federal prisoners in the space freed up by the RCC. At the time Kirk took over as jailer in late 2014, the jail typically housed fewer than a half-dozen federal inmates.

Unopposed in November, Kirk is guaranteed another four years in office. With plans for additional money-saving and revenue-generating programs, by the middle of his next term, he expects to need no help from taxpayers to stay out of the red.

"I'm going to forecast that in two years, we will be completely in the black," he predicts.

## Planning An Auction?

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**FORDS FERRY RD...**3 BR, 2 BA brick home on corner lot in Marion. Central heat & air, city utilities, large kitchen with dining area. **gh**

large kitchen with dining area. **gh**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY...**3 BR, 1 and half bath brick ranch home. Close to parks and town. Fenced in back yard, shed, Nice home. Call to make your appointment. Won't last long. **kc**

**SISCO CHAPEL RD...**3 BR, 1 BA brick ranch home. Located on the road to the south of Moore Hill. Features 2 car garage, large lot, partial fenced in, wa **"OWNER SAYS MAKE AN OFFER!"**

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**ACREAGE**  
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## Masons donate Twain

Bigham Lodge No. 256 recently made a historic donation to Crittenden County – four non-fiction books. The Marion Masonic lodge contributed all three volumes on the "Autobiography of Mark Twain," more than 2,300 pages from the American satirist who gave the work Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. The Masons also donated a copy of "The Federalist Paper," a collection of 85 articles and essays written by founding fathers Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and John Jay to promote the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. Pictured are (from left) Library Director Brandie Ledford and Masons William Ralph Parish, Josh Orr and Bill Beverly.

# BASKETBALL CAMP

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# BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Friday, July 27, 2018  
Noon-3 p.m.

Crittenden County Child Support Office  
217 West Bellville in Marion, KY

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Pick up backpacks and school supplies on July 27.

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# All-schools reunion draws dozens

Graduates across generations from Marion High School and other Crittenden County schools as well as guests gathered July 3 at Fohs Hall for the All-School Reunion. This year, the usual Marion High School Reunion held around Independence Day expanded to invite anyone who attended or taught at local schools. The come-and-go gathering brought in a few dozen people from the area and even out of state. Pictured above are (seated, from left) Sharon Farmer, Nona Akridge, Rose Hill, Linda Smith, Mary Ryan, Pat Carter, Elsie Stone, Jean Stone, Barbara Teer, Betty Lynn, Glenda Donoho, Judy Winn, Martha Fletcher, Micki Crider, (standing) Sam Smith, Charles Hughes, Gordon Guess, Mildred Oliver, James Faught, Maurice Farmer, Tittle Ryan, Oliver Hodge, Paula Porter, invited guest Lynn Bechler, Joan Fox, Jerry Beavers, Sandra Overton, Maurice Foster, Myrle Dunning, Howard Stone, Chris Cook, Linda Cook, Linda Schumann, Patty Gilbert, Tom Crider, Becky Tyner-Belt, Shirley Wells and Barry Gilbert.

## Interstate 69 milling, paving to continue through August

STAFF REPORT

A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has started milling and paving along a section of Interstate 69 in Lyon County.

This milling and asphalt overlay project runs along I-69 from I-24/I-69 Exit 42 extending north about 3.7 miles to near the I-69/U.S. 62 Edyville-Princeton Exit 71 Interchange. Motorists should use appropriate

caution where equipment, flaggers, and construction personnel are along the roadway in close proximity to traffic flow.

This work zone will have a 55 mph speed limit with an enhanced enforcement presence.

Jim Smith Contracting Company is the prime contractor on this \$2.87 million highway improvement project. The target completion date is Sept. 1.

## No relief in sight from heat index values reaching 100

STAFF REPORT

Dangerous early summer heat is expected to continue over the next week, according to forecasts. In fact, according to the National Weather Service, afternoon heat indices are expected to eclipse 100 through next Thursday.

Meantime, last Thursday's 93.5-degree high was the warmest temperature recorded in Crittenden County by the Kentucky

Mesonet weather monitoring station since the same temperature was measured on Aug. 20 of last year. The humidity last Thursday reached 100 percent, bringing the feels-like temperature to almost 152 degrees.

Saturday saw a brief respite from the muggy summer weather with an 82-degree high and only 85 percent humidity. But triple-digit heat indices returned Sunday.

## REWARD

\$300 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons stealing flowers and other items from Love Cemetery.

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prices on gasoline, diesel and kerosene. The proposal would have nearly doubled the cost of fuel. The hike was spurred by international pressure on Haitian officials to reduce government subsidies for fuel.

Civilians reacted by erecting barricades on highways, setting fires and demonstrating at the airport, which prompted American Airlines, Delta and Jet Blue to cancel most flights to capital city of Port-au-Prince.

Bobby West, an adult supervisor on the mission trip and a Marion policeman, said the group never felt threatened and would not let this experience sway them from going back. This was his second trip to Haiti.

"You can't let (those) 48 hours define Haiti," said West, who was accompanied by his two children on the endeavor. "We dealt with it, we got through it and it's fine."

Back home, Elliot West said she was a bit unnerved over her husband and children in Haiti during the uprising. However, she knew they were safe.

Their group had trav-

eled more than four hours Friday by vehicle from their mission assignment south of Port-au-Prince to the capital for their return trip home. That's when they learned their flight was cancelled. The mission organization's leader stayed by their side at a secure hotel while they waited and negotiated for the quickest flight out.

"I felt like they were safe," Elliot said.

She was in contact with them through the whole ordeal and their return was only delayed a couple of days.

Bobby West was one of six adults leading the trip. With him were Wayne and Kanley Hadfield, Jimmy Yates and Travis and Chasity Alcock. He said the children never showed a sign of being traumatized or even nervous about the situation.

"From the hotel, we could see black smoke in the distance and heard some fireworks they were setting off," West said. "Not one time did I feel like we were in danger."

Crittenden County native Jessica Mathieu has been a missionary in Haiti for nearly four years. In a conversation on Facebook messenger early this week, she said that riots are not uncommon.

"That's how they com-

municate with the government," she said.

Mathieu explains that about a dozen wealthy families own and control most of the Republic of Haiti, where 80 percent of inhabitants are considered to be living in poverty. In fact, the per capita annual income is less than \$1,800 according to the CIA's World Factbook.

Most uprisings are aimed at the richest and most powerful government officials, according to Mathieu. She said the country has a tough time collecting revenue from taxes and often reacts hastily to international pressures or financial crises. She said the uprising was spurred by opposition party activists.



Mathieu

"It's a small minority getting all of the publicity," said Mathieu, 30, whose family lives in Marion. "This shouldn't reflect poorly on the country or its people. There are a lot of broken hearts here."

Mathieu said it's unfortunate that some Marion missionaries were dinged by the conflict for a couple of days, but she knows the mission organization they were visiting in Haiti and she was confident in their safety.

It can be harrowing during such civil unrest, she said, but on the island it's fairly common.

"We just lay low and stay inside for a few days and it passes," she said. "They don't target Americans."

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# How long oh Lord til your vengeance?

As the cry from millions of Christians who were slaughtered in the Dark Ages was heard by the Revelator in Rev. 6:9,10 asking "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth," the cry of the millions of innocent babies slaughtered for the wish of their mother is also being heard by God.

The horrible slaughter of at least 59 innocent school children in these school shootings in the past few years is heartbreaking, and the nation mourns, as it should.

By the same token, where are the tears for over 55 million little innocent children who did not get to live long enough to even get to school?

These school shootings are a token of what America is facing for leaving God.

They are the tip of the iceberg of our future without God in our homes, schools, businesses and certainly government.

We are a nation deserted by God, left to our own devices, which breeds 14-, 15- and 19-year old child murderers, who believe it is okay to kill children since millions of their moms have done it.

"Cursed be he that takes reward to slay an innocent person." Deut. 17:25.

"These six things does the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him; A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed

innocent blood, an heart that devises wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaks lies, and he that sows discord among brethren." Prov. 6:16-19

These and other horrible crimes are committed by our own, as a result of accepting disobedience to God's word.

God said: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee...seeing you have forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." Hosea 4:6.

The atheistic Supreme Court judges who obeyed Satan and took prayer and Bible reading out of our schools are already suffering their vengeance in another world, while this world is immersed in what they left behind.

However, on top of our own homegrown crimes making life miserable, churches having to lock their doors during service, and no one safe in their own homes, God is and has been in the mix with what Satan has many referring to as "natural causes," but it is God's hand of vengeance on this nation.

Why so many deadly storms, floods, combustion fires, earthquakes, tornadoes and hurricanes on our wicked West, North, East, and South of this nation? Only God can cause these.

All who are students of ancient world and Bible history know this is God's judgment, which His love sends ahead as a wake-up call.

The Bible, more than once, tells us God warns a nation that forsakes Him that He will destroy it.

In every case, He sent years of

excruciating pain before the total demise; Jerusalem is one perfect example.

"God is angry with the wicked every day." Ps. 7:11

As God watches this nation that has cost so many such suffering, sacrifice and death, and God has so abundantly blessed over and above every nation in history in every way, His vengeance is held back only by the prayers of His true followers.

My deep conviction is when America demanded same-sex sin be accepted, it was the last straw.

America will suffer untold agony when a few bombs are dropped on us or a hostile take-over by home-grown and foreign enemies, working on it for some time, and it will be too late to turn around.

"God said My spirit shall not always strive with man... and that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually, and men take them wives of all which they choose...the earth was corrupt before God and filled with violence." (Genesis Ch. 6). And 120 years later, He sent the all destroying Flood.

How long has all of this been going on in America? Counting from 1950, 68 years.

Can't we see, suffering has already set in?

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



**Lucy TEDRICK**  
Guest Columnist  
Religious and Political Views

# Through love, evil loses its power

BY FELTY YODER

On the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon the people, and Peter preached to them concerning the resurrection of Christ, "those who gladly received his word were baptized." "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." (Acts 2:47.) There is no greater calling than to be a member of the body of Christ (the church).

Christ is the head and all the members have to do with Him. "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slave or free, and have all been made to drink into one Spirit." (1 Cor. 12:13).

When Paul heard of the Ephesians love for all the saints he began to pray for them that God might fill them with the spirit of wisdom, and revelation in the knowledge of Christ. This spirit gives us revelation and we also receive light through all the other members of the body. We share in their light and together we grow up to Him who is the head. What we hear from other members is to be in harmony with the word of God and what we hear from Him. The revela-

tion of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all; for it is true that most of our revelations have come through other members of the body of Christ. In the body of Christ the members drink of the Spirit of Life, whereby we grow up to the image of Christ. "Now I beseech you brethren by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement." (1 Cor. 1:10). The one mind is in Christ, in the power of His resurrection. The children of light have renounced the works of Darkness and there is nothing to be offended and fight about where everything is in the light. Through love the evil loses its power. Love begets love in return. Brotherly love leads us away from the love of the world, which is egotism. Where love rules offenses disappear, and with it all backbiting and negative talking. Mercy comes to the front and humility drives away the evil.

Lay hold of the light that the Father and the Son give to all those who have His commandments, and keep them. Then you are a member of the body of Christ.

*(Editor's note: Felty Yoder, of the Salem area, shares his views periodically in this newspaper. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)*



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Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Mark Girten

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Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
Worship service: 11 a.m.

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

# Area Deaths

## Jepsen

Ricky E. Jepsen, 60, of Salem died Friday, July 6, 2018 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

He was a member of Salem United Methodist Church and was the Livingston County animal control officer.

Surviving are his wife of 37 years Tina (Loveless) Jepsen; a daughter, Amanda L. Jepsen of Paducah; a son, Cole A. Jepsen of Salem; his mother, Norma J. (Canada) Jepsen of Sturgis; two sisters; and two brothers.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul M. Jepsen II.

His cremains will be scattered in the ocean near St. George Island, Fla. at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter, 24 Just-A-Mere Road, Marion, KY 42064.

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

## Brown

James Todd Brown, 89, of Eddyville, died Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at River's Bend Retirement Community in Kuttawa.

He was a member of Eddyville First Baptist Church and a U.S. Navy veteran. Brown retired after 39 years as a chemical operator with B.F. Goodrich Chemical Plant in Calvert City.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Beverly Lilly Brown of Eddyville; two sons, Jay Brown of Eddyville and Rodney Brown and wife Emily of Eddyville; two grandchildren, Cullan Brown and Cathryn Brown; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jay and Maude Guess Brown; two sisters Zula Brown Tabor and Peggy Brown McEuen; and five brothers, Collie Brown, Clifton Brown, John Brown, Marion "Bud" Brown and Gus "Oz" Brown.

Services were Thursday, July 5 at Lakeland Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Eddyville with Rev. Tim Perdue officiating. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

Memorials may be made to Eddyville First Baptist Church Youth Group, P.O. Box 599, Eddyville, KY 42038.



Airman Soper

## Man with local ties completes basic training

U.S. Air Force Airman David W. Soper has recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Soper is the son of David W. Soper of Spring Hill, Fla., and former ward of Jerri Muff of Marion, Ky.

He is a 2017 graduate of Weeki Wachee High School, Weeki Wachee, Fla.



Two years ago, the CCEDC had less than three months operating income in the bank. On Tuesday, its leaders talked about a financial recovery and greater hope for the future thanks to its partnership with two nearby counties.

# Finances improve, hope pervasive with CCEDC

STAFF REPORT

Back from perhaps the brink of insolvency just a couple of years ago, the Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) has regained a firm financial footing and is now as optimistic as ever that good things are on the horizon.

The group held its annual meeting Tuesday at the Marion Ed-Tech Center, approving a treasurer's report that shows signs of a financial turnaround and hailing its involvement with a new three-county partnership as a renewed commitment to economic prosperity for Crittenden County and the region.

Almost 30 local leaders attended the event, including state Sen. Dorsey Ridley of Henderson. The economic development group has been around for about 20 years and is

generally involved in major projects in the community. It recently joined the Lake Barkley Partnership with Caldwell and Lyon counties, which has hired Amanda Davenport as its economic development specialist. With her help, the CCEDC thinks the group can blaze new trails toward growth.

Davenport was the keynote speaker during this week's luncheon catered by Anna Mae's restaurant. She discussed various economic factors and data with regard to the county and region and provided a snapshot of her plans for making headway. She discussed favorable opportunities in aerospace components, healthcare and biomass production. She said the area has per capita a high number of machinists than the national average.

In addition to Davenport's presentation, CCEDC chairman Terry Bunnell pointed to progress on the U.S. 641 highway project.

"I was ecstatic to be held up in traffic coming into town today while heavy equipment crossed the highway," he said, pointing to a new road that the state has been building since 2012.

Bunnell, president of The Peoples Bank, and Tim Capps, president of Par 4 Plastics, were re-elected as at-large directors to the CCEDC board. Capps is vice chairman of the group.

Capps unveiled his company's plans to host about 70 plastics manufacturing executives later this month as part of a quarterly meeting of the Manufacturers Association of Plastics Processors (MAPP).

## Rinard

Nancy Lucille Rinard, 68, of Marion died July 6, 2018 at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Evansville, Ind.



She was a member of Marion General Baptist Church.

Surviving are her daughter, Deana Beckner of Marion; a granddaughter; five great-grandchildren; two nieces; and a brother, W. Don Osborne of Omaha, Neb.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter Donald and Ellen Marie Lichtenstein Osborne.

Services will be held at 5 p.m., Saturday, July 14 at Marion General Baptist Church with Bro. Wesley Lynn officiating.

Myers Fneral Home of Marion is in charge of arrangements. There is no visitation at the funeral home.

## Crowell

Ruby Crowell, 73, of Marion died Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at her home.

Arrangements were incomplete at press time at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

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## Hughes earns college degree

Marcus Hughes, son of Millie Hughes of Marion, received a bachelor of arts in astronomy and computer science from Williams College June 3. During college, Hughes participated in Brayton tutoring, the ScientEpic, teaching assistant and was a research assistant. Honors and prizes include Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship, Class of '60 Scholar, Class of 1973 scholarship, Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics travel grant to the American Geophysical Union annual conference, Sigma Xi Scholar, Dean's List, honors thesis and Honors in Computer Science.

## Extension

– Crochet Corner will meet at noon, July 18 at the Extension Office.

– Diabetes Support Group will meet at 10 a.m., July 20 at the Extension Office.

– Sue Parrent will present a class titled Reading Labels at 2 p.m., July 17 at the Extension Office. This class qualifies as a Community Christmas credit. Call (270) 965-5236 to register.

A Diabetes Self-Management class will be held from 1-5 p.m., July 24 and July 31 at the Extension Office. There is no fee for the class; however, registration is encouraged by calling (270) 965-5236.

## Calendar

– Crittenden County High School Site-Based Decision-Making Council will meet at 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 17 at the high school conference room.

– Each Friday in July, Fit Lit Walking Book Club will be held at 8 a.m. at Marion City-County Park. This program will run through Sept. 7.

•Through Aug. 13, Movie Mondays will be held at 2 p.m. at Crittenden County Public Library. See list of movie showings at the library.

## Trust focuses on storytelling

Every Community Has Opportunity (ECHO) is a national observance that encourages social media and community storytelling centered around donation education in multicultural communities throughout the country.

"The Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust For Life, with national partners Donate Life America (DLA) and the Association for Multicultural Affairs in Transplantation (AMAT), is part of Donate Life ECHO to focus on the importance of donation and transplantation in multicultural communities," explains Crittenden Co. Circuit Clerk, Melissa Guill.

Donate Life ECHO storytelling and outreach will include:

– Boomerang #DonateLifeECHOChallenge. The public is invited to share a Boomerang video on Instagram about why donation is important to them and/or their community. Donate Life ECHO Challenge participants will tag @donatelifeamerica, use the hashtag #DonateLifeECHOChallenge and encourage everyone to register their decision to be a donor at RegisterMe.org.

– Donate Life Caregiving. This year, the Donate Life ECHO observance will center on the theme of Donate Life Caregiving. You are invited to pay homage to the caregivers within our communities. Caregivers are vital to the health and well being of patients, families and our societal fabric.

Donate Life ECHO gives a voice to the experience of multicultural communities with donation and transplantation.

## Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Travis Gilbert

## Gilbert, Hanood wed

Regan Anne Hanood and Travis Collins Gilbert were united in marriage on May 27, 2018 at Strongwater Food and Spirits in Columbus, Ohio.

The bride is the daughter of Julie Hanood of Pataskala, Ohio and Mike Hanood of Columbus, Ohio. She is the granddaughter of Berneda Hanood of New Martinsville, W. Va., and the late Albert Hanood and Mary Mathews of Denver, N.C., and the late Frank Mathews. Mrs. Gilbert is currently

attending Ohio State University pursuing a master's degree in social work.

Mr. Gilbert is the son of Brad and Valerie Gilbert of Marion. He is the grandson of Terry and Sandy Gilbert and Bill and Judi Smith, all of Marion. He is employed by Washington Prime Group.

The couple resides in Columbus, Ohio. Family and friends are invited to a reception at 5 p.m., July 21 at Mexico Baptist Church.



## Presidential encounter

Louise "Tootsie" Hamilton (second from right) was treated to a Sunday school lesson she won't soon forget. Her son-in-law Ed Peek (left) and daughter Patsy took her to Plains, Ga., to attend a Sunday school class taught by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. Carter, seated with former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, teaches a Sunday school class at Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains most every Sunday. The class is held in the church sanctuary, which holds 350 people, and the church offers an overflow area that seats more than 100. Ed Peek made prior arrangements for his mother-in-law's trip, ensuring she received a front-row seat for the morning's Biblical lesson. Hamilton said after the class ended, those in attendance were allowed to shake hands with the 39th President and have their photo taken.

## Senior Menu

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

– Thursday (today): Menu is baked catfish, navy beans, cole slaw, ambrosia fruit salad and cornbread.

– Friday: Menu is Mexican lasagna, buttered broccoli, garlic breadstick and Jell-O cake. Seniors attending the center are encouraged to wear their favorite college t-shirt.

– Monday: Menu is frankfurter with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, peach cobbler, cornbread and margarine. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fit-

ness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

– Tuesday: Menu is spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli salad, garlic breadstick and apple crisp.

July 18: Menu is oven fried chicken, new buttered potatoes, buttered broccoli, wheat roll and pears. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability. PACS provides milk, coffee, tea or water each day. Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center.

The center is a service of Pennyrile Allied Community Services.

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

# Former librarian pens second Christian novel

By ALEXA BLACK  
STAFF WRITER

Former Crittenden County Public Library Director and published author Regina Merrick has completed her second book, "Carolina Mercy." It is a continuation of the Christian romance novel "Carolina Dream," the first installment of the Southern Breeze Series.

"Carolina Mercy is centered around a couple who've had some personal heartaches," Merrick said. "They're strong people, but they're wondering why these things are happening to them."

A book-signing is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Crittenden County Public Library. Copies of the Christian fiction novel will be available for sale, and Merrick will be signing copies.



Merrick

With her best friend's wedding on the horizon, Lucy Dixon's biggest concern is once again meeting her love interest Tom Livingston, who has ignored her since an idyllic date on the boardwalk of Myrtle Beach. Soon after, tragedy strikes in Lucy's life, leaving her to question the mercy of God. Simultaneously, Livingston's mother is diagnosed with an untreatable illness which has his personal life pushed aside. His work with the sheriff's department and family are more important to him at such a crucial time. He knows about the love of God, but circumstances make him feel as if God's mercy is for everyone else, but himself. Can a wedding and a hurricane – blessing and tragedy – bring them together?

"I hope my book will help people realize that they can trust God, because those are the things that my characters have a lot of trouble with. It's not that



they don't believe in God or think that He loves them, it's that they don't understand how important they are to God. They have to learn to trust him with everything and build a relationship with each other through that," Merrick explained. The first novel "Carolina Dream" took Merrick eight years to complete, and she has been contracted for multiple sequels in the Southern Breeze series since its release.

"Carolina Mercy" is available for \$14.95 on Amazon.



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Crittenden County Public Library and the Digital Bookmobile National Tour will be bringing this 42-foot long Toterhome to Marion July 30 to share devices, internet connectivity and expert guidance on the local library's digital collection of eBooks and audiobooks.

# eBooks, audio on display by Digital Bookmobile

STAFF REPORT

The Digital Bookmobile National Tour is making a stop in Marion.

Spreading reading happiness to communities across the nation, this unique traveling exhibit is scheduled to visit Crittenden County Public Library (CCPL) from noon to 6 p.m., July 30. Visitors are invited to an interactive experience to learn about and try eBooks and audiobooks available from the library. Events are free for library lovers of all ages.

"This state of the art vehicle expands to include a mobile classroom where patrons can learn how to use the library's new eBook platform," Kentucky Unbound," said CCPL Director Brandie Ledford.

The 42-foot Toterhome will be parked on Court Street behind Crittenden County Courthouse.

Ledford is calling it the library's Digipalooza, a play on the annual Lollapalooza music festival. She is planning for a raffle for a Samsung Galaxy Tab and having food and library-branded giveaways.

Library staff and eReading experts will be available on the Digital Bookmobile to guide visitors through the easy process, according to Ledford. Readers with a valid library card can borrow their favorite titles 24/7 by visiting [KyUnbound.overdrive.com](http://KyUnbound.overdrive.com) or by downloading

OverDrive's newest reading app, Libby.

"Bring your device for one-on-one help to get started downloading eBooks, eAudiobooks and digital magazines for free from your library," Ledford said.

Readers at all levels of comfort and familiarity with eBooks are welcome at the Digital Bookmobile event. Staff will facilitate one-on-one tutorials to help visitors borrow and read or listen to eBooks and audiobooks. Equipped with interactive workstations, touchscreen activities, devices to sample titles and more, the Digital Bookmobile has everything a reader needs to get started. Popular devices, including iPhone, iPad, Android phones and tablets, Chromebook and Kindle, fill the Gadget Gallery for visitors to browse CCPL's digital service.

Come aboard to enhance your digital reading experience with tips and tricks from the experts, including how to sort and filter your

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The Digital Bookmobile is powered by OverDrive, the industry-leading digital reading platform for more than 40,000 libraries & schools worldwide. To check out digital books and more.

The 42-foot long Toterhome provides devices, internet connectivity and expert guidance to the local library's digital collection of eBooks and audiobooks. This traveling exhibit first launched in 2008 in Central Park, N.Y., and has since traveled more than 175,000 miles.

Pursuant to KRS 65A.080(2), Pennyrile Allied Community Services, Inc. has available for public review the adopted budget, financial statements and most recent audit. These items may be viewed at 1100 Liberty St., Hopkinsville, KY 42240 during regular business hours.



# Search for gold, silver, oil reoccurring local story

Here's some interesting information found in the archives of The Crittenden Press and two articles from the Evansville Courier-Journal archives, on some early mineral findings in our county. But nothing much ever came of all the excitement of these findings. In the end, just our zinc and fluspar deposits stood the test of time for many years.

These two interesting items showed up in the Evansville Courier.

## Feb. 19, 1867: Gold Discovery. The precious metal found in Marion

We yesterday received the following letter from a friend in Marion, Ky, dated Feb. 6, 1867, the truth of which can be relied upon:

Editor Evansville Courier: Dear Sir: There has been a gold mine discovered in Crittenden County, one and a half miles from Marion, the county seat, which has created quite an excitement. Some specimens of the ore have been tested with acids, which had no effect on them.

The gold was found on Mr. John Wilborn's farm. There are six hands at work at this time. They have put up notices forbidding anyone working on the land. They have laid off lots 20-foot square, for which they ask \$20,000.

While digging for gold, the hands discovered a hammer, a saw, and a shovel, very rusty, giving evidence of having been there for centuries. One of the men now at work has spent three years in California, and he says that the prospects here are as good as he ever saw in that country.

## Feb. 16, 1898

What's the use of going to the Klondike? Why run the risk of freezing to death in Chilkoot pass when you can cross over into Crittenden County, Kentucky, and find gold bearing quartz?

Colonel G. W. Johnson of Silver Ridge, Crittenden County, claims to have discovered rocks on his farm that have in them flakes of the precious yellow metal. There is a big hill on Colonel Johnson's farm. Nearly every farm in Crittenden County has a hill on it. Some have nothing

else but hills.

The other day Johnson climbed to the top of his big hill. He began idly to examine the rocks that he found there. In one that he picked up he saw what he took to be a minute tracing of gold threads. He descended the hill and re-climbed it a few minutes later with a sledge hammer. With this he cracked open some of the big boulders. Some bore unmistakable signs of being possessed of gold.

Johnson decided that he had found the outcroppings of a wonderful gold lead. He gathered up a sackful of the most promising pieces of the quartz and came to Evansville. He hunted up W. J. Hatfield, an old acquaintance, and spread his sackful of specimens out on a counter in Mr. Hatfield's store. There was more than a peck of them. After the specimens had been carefully examined Johnson replaced them in the sack and securely tied the mouth with about 10 yards of card.

W. J. Hatfield thinks the quartz exhibited by Johnson is sufficiently gold bearing to warrant a thorough investigation. If the hill has gold in it, he said, there is no telling what Crittenden County may become, for there are enough hills in it. (thanks to Brenda Joyce Jerome for sharing these two articles from the Evansville paper)

## Crittenden Press, March 1899.

Tolu has a real sensation in a mineral find. Gold bearing rock on the farm of J. W. Guess. Gold has been discovered on the farm of J. W. Guess, within one-half mile of Tolu. It was discovered by Rev. Robert Johnson who in company with Mr. Guess was passing through the farm when Johnson, who has made mineralogy a study, and who has large eyes which he keeps wide open noticed a peculiar looking substance lying on the surface which he picked up and very soon decided that it contained gold, a piece of which he

sent to Cripple Creek, Colo., and had it assayed and it proved to contain \$5.80 gold and near \$2 silver per ton. Specimens of this ore is on exhibition at the store of J. W. Guess which has been examined by many people who claim to have the same ore on their lands, and if so, they might do well to have Rev. Johnson call and make a thorough examination.

The reports of the finding of gold at Tolu has set about half of the people of the county to "wondering if there isn't some of the yellow metal on my land," and there has been something of a superficial inspection going on wherever there has been mineral deposits and that is pretty much everywhere in Crittenden.

Among those who have taken a lively interest in the matter is Mr. W. D. Wallingford. He has a farm a mile east of Marion and for the past two or three years he has been prospecting for something valuable beneath the surface of his green fields.

He sent some of his "rocks" to the assayers at Cripple Creek, Colo., and a few days ago, he received a certificate from Varney & MacArthur, assayers and chemists, certifying that the two specimens sent contained \$2.80 and \$2.20 worth of gold respectively to the ton; while the third specimen contained \$1.20 worth of silver to the ton. This is not very rich, but it has encouraged our amateur miner and he hopes to get below the surface a little and find "pay dirt."

In the meantime he is not harboring any idea of closing up his livery stable and becoming a recluse knight of the pick with a monastery a mile east of town, but at the same time there is just enough buoyancy in his day dreams to drive away the specters of hard times and lay founda-



Brenda Underdown  
County Historian

## Forgotten Passages



Rigs were present near Tolu where contractors reportedly found oil in the early 1920s.

tions for a few castles that, let us hope, may not always be in the air.

Jan. 1912. The Pigmy Mining Co., of Louisville has struck silver on its property near Mexico in the southern part of this county.

This company bought the W. B. Myers property and has been operating it since early in the spring, and has been getting a fine quality of spar rich in lead and containing silver ore. The company works a large crew of hands and have every facility for mining on a large scale. Their mine is located on the I. C. railroad and they are putting in a branch and will load their ore on the cars direct from the mine. They have built a large washer to wash their gravel spar and will soon begin the erection of a crusher to separate the different minerals.

This is supposed to be the same vein of silver that was worked before the Civil War, when a lot of it made into money and passed.

Drilling for Oil: May 6, 1921 - The oil drilling machine arrived in Marion and was set up last week on the farm of Dr. O. C. Cook, just south of Crayne. Drilling operations have already begun.

J. M. Caldwell, of Sturgis, who owns the drill and is an experienced oil man, thinks the prospects are very flattering. He expects to find oil in paying quantities at a depth of about 500 feet.

Several of the influential citizens of Marion are interested in the development of the oil fields in Crittenden County and have formed several companies and bought up

leases.

This is the first drill to be set up and more drilling is expected to begin in the near future. If oil should be found in this county in paying quantities, it would mean quite a boom for Marion.

Nov. 1922: Oil Found Near Tolu. The oil prospects at Tolu have, it is learned from reliable sources, become an ascertained fact. Contractor Sam Hall and Driller A. G. Henson report that they have struck oil at a depth of a little less than 900 feet in the oil well being drilled near Tolu.

There is no doubt, they assert, of the product being pure crude oil, but the quantity can not as yet be ascertained. The water will have to be pumped out and casing put into the well before the quantity can be known.

If the quantity comes up to expectations, this discovery will be a big thing for Tolu and Crittenden County. For several years, persons who profess to understand such things have as their opinion that there was oil beneath the surface of Crittenden County, but it takes nerve and money to go after it.

Four or five years ago geologist Smith of Indianapolis, going down the Ohio River, noted the similarity of the geologic formation of the earth around Tolu and that of the fields of Illinois.

So impressed was he by this fact that some time later, he stopped off there to make a closer examination. It was then that he located the spot where this well is being

drilled. He told the people that there was oil there and that all they had to do to get it was to go after it.

The well is located on the old Crider farm, now owned by W. E. Dowell, and is about one-fourth mile from Tolu and a mile from the Ohio River.

In the Sheridan community, geologist J. F. Wolff, representing the R. H. Bellman Company of New Kensington, Pa., have leased 1,000 acres in the Sheridan section and will soon start the prospect for oil.

Down in the Fords Ferry area of the county, Squire J. L. Rankin reported that the parties holding a lease on his farm for oil and gas are arranging to start sinking a test well on his farm near Fords Ferry and that work will begin soon.

Seems like the prospects of finding paying quantities of oil in Crittenden County have been going on now for nearly 100 years. It starts out big but finally just dwindles off to nothing and you don't hear anything more about it for a while - but it will probably come back in the future to get people's hopes up once again. The last time was in 2005 when the Audubon Oil and Gas was buying up leases for mineral rights in Crittenden County.

(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](http://OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com).)

## THANK YOU

Thanks to the friends, neighbors and classmates who remembered us during the sickness and death of our loved one, George Wesmoland. The calls, visits, prayers, flowers and words of comfort will long be remembered by our family. The staff of Whitsell Funeral Home was so helpful and caring. They were easy to work with and saw to our needs in a difficult time.

*May God bless you,  
The Wesmoland Family  
Dorothy, John, Rachel, Joel,  
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CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 76 ACRES - \$269,000 - Beautiful farm with home, outbuildings and a proven history of big bucks! The home is 1,042 sq. ft. with 1 bedroom and 1 1/2 bathrooms.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 224 ACRES - \$438,200 - Fantastic hunting tract with a proven history of big bucks! The farm has an excellent mix of habitat types with all the key ingredients to grow, hold and harvest mature whitetails!

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 353 ACRES - PRICE REDUCED! Here's a superb hunting tract known for big bucks. This property holds true to Crittenden counties reputation for producing big bucks and having a good turkey population. This farm is turn-key and ready to hunt.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 277 ACRES - \$658,581.35 - If a hunter designed his ideal farm it would look a lot like this. In an area known for big bucks and lots of turkeys, this tillable/timber tract also produces income.

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## GOLF Heritage junior event

The Heritage Golf Course at Marion Country Club will host a Junior Golf Tournament on Tuesday, July 31. The event will include competitive play and a chip, putt and drive competition for the youngest players. Up to high school age participants are eligible to compete. Register at the club pro shop or call for more information (270) 965-5415. There will be a free golf clinic on Monday, July 30 with instruction by Adams Pro Tour player Chapman Herwood.

## Deer Lakes Invitational

An official champion's Orange Jacket is at stake this weekend in the annual Deer Lakes Invitational medalist tournament at Salem. Cost is \$100. The 36-hole tournament begins with lunch both days and a shotgun start at 1 p.m. For more information, contact club pro Ric Hughes at (270) 988-4653.

## Deer Lakes juniors

Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem will host is Junior Invitational Golf tournament at 9 a.m., Tuesday, July 24. Ages 8-10 will play six holes and cost is \$30. Ages 11-13 play nine holes and cost is \$35. Ages 14-18 will play 18 holes and cost is \$40. For more information, contact club pro Ric Hughes at (270) 988-4653.

## OUTDOORS Turkey survey

For those interested in helping researchers estimate the size of Kentucky's turkey flock, now there's an app for that. Zak Danks, ruffed grouse and wildlife turkey program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, said the department has added a smart phone app and a web-based survey to make it easier for people to report turkeys and poult spotted in the summer.

"Since 1984, this survey has provided data on turkey productivity and survival in Kentucky," Danks said.

"Traditionally, we've asked people to fill out surveys then mail them in. Adding apps and the web-based survey makes it faster and more convenient for people to help out with this important research," Danks encourages hunters, wildlife watchers and anyone who spends time traveling the state to participate in the survey. The department gathers survey information in July and August.

Survey results help researchers determine if weather conditions in the spring have affected the number of young turkeys surviving into the summer. For those wishing to participate in the turkey survey, visit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov. Click the "seasons" tab, then use the pull-down menu for the "hunt" on the top left corner of the page. Select "game species" followed by "spring turkey" for a print and mail survey form.

## Hunting Seasons

Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Bullfrog	May 18 - Oct. 31

<b>Proposed Deer Season Dates</b>	
Archery	Sept. 1 - Jan. 21
Crossbow	Oct. 1 - 21
Youth Gun	Oct. 13-14
Muzzleloader	Oct. 20-21
Crossbow	Nov. 10 - Dec. 31
Gun	Nov. 10 - 25
Muzzleloader	Dec. 8-16
Youth Free	Dec. 29-30

# Local golfers headline summer sporting competition

## MCC RESULTS

**2-Man Golf Tournament**  
Local golfers Kyle Myers and Mike Stone teamed up to win the 2-day, 36 holes Heritage 2-Man Golf Tournament last weekend at Marion Country Club. Here are scores from the event.

<b>CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT</b>	
K.Myers, Stone	63-59-122
Butler, Martin	64-62-126
Guess, Roberts	65-62-127
Stevens, Faughn	66-69-135

<b>FIRST FLIGHT</b>	
Melton, Melton	67-65-132
D.R.Phelps, E.Myers	67-71-138
D.Phelps, Patton	68-65-133
Walden, Brathem	68-69-137
D.Myers, R.Myers	69-68-128
D.Cash, McGregor	69-67-136

<b>SECOND FLIGHT</b>	
King, Voorhis	70-71-141
Growell, Fox	72-72-144
Nelson, Enoch	72-67-139
Heaton, Hunt	74-69-143
McConnell, McConnell	79-79-158
Hunter, Valentine	79-87-166



**Kyle Myers and Mike Stone, two longtime successful local golfers, teamed up for the first time to shoot 22-under par and win the 36-hole golf tournament Saturday and Sunday at the local club.**

## Greenwell captures first leg of 2-day event

Marion golfer Sam Greenwell shot a 4-over-par 76 to win the Kentucky PGA Junior Golf Tournament at Paducah's Paxton Park last week.



**Greenwell**

Greenwell, 15, bested the nearest competitor by three strokes in his first action since returning to the links from an early summer wrist injury.

The win came on the second-day of a two-day, 36-hole combination event hosted by the Kentucky Junior PGA at Drake Creek Golf Course in Ledbetter and Paxton Park. Greenwell shot an 86 at Drake Creek, tying for eighth.

His two-day total was good for fifth overall in the event. Greenwell suffered a stress fracture in his wrist in May and missed about six weeks of the summer golf season. He will be a sophomore at Crittenden County this fall and likely the team's No. 1 player.

Another Crittenden County golfer, Lauren Gilchrist, shot a pair of 80s and finished fourth in the two-day girls' 16-18 division Kentucky PGA Junior event at Drake Creek and Paxton Park.

High school golf practice has begun on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9-11 at Deer Lakes Golf Course. For more information about playing CCHS golf, contact coach Vicki Hatified at (270) 285-3566.

# Marion Stingrays Swim Team Results

Marion Stingrays swim team competed in the Paducah Summer Waves Invitational June 30, dropping the boys portion of the meet 441-238 and the girls competition 718.5-428.5 against an experienced team with many year-round swimmers.

The Stingrays are in action Saturday at Murray. The Stingrays are coached by Patti Merrill.

Braelyn Merrill and Dougie Smith brought home the only first-place finishes in

the meet. Crittenden County resident Aubrey Hollis, who swims year round with the Paducah team, won four events in the 10-under girls races.

Stingrays results from the Paducah meet are as follows:

- Backstroke**  
8u girls - Braelyn Merrill, 1st; Grier Crider, 3rd; Aliza Maraman, 5th; Zoe Foster, 6th.  
8u boys - Sam Eichelberger, 4th; Bode Merrill, 5th; Dakota Dunkerson, 6th.

- 10u girls - Rianna Maness, 5th; Aliyah Maraman, 7th.  
10u boys - Noah Byford, 2nd; Paris Foster, 6th; Eli Eichelberger, 7th.  
12u girls - Ava Henry, 2nd; Aaliyah Littrell, 4th; Ali Hollis, 5th.  
14u girls - Taylor Guess, 4th.

- Breaststroke**  
10u girls - Morgan Stewart, 3rd.  
10u boys - Eli Eichelberger, 4th.  
12u girls - Ava Henry, 4th;

- Destiny Reed, 5th; Ali Hollis, 6th; Payton Maness, 7th.  
14u girls - Taylor Guess, 2nd.  
14u boys - Darius Hughes, 13th.

- Freestyle**  
10u girls - Braelyn Merrill - 4th; Rianna Maness, 8th; Lacey Boone, 10th; Grier Crider, 13th; Morgan Stewart, 16th; Aliza Maraman, 17th.  
10u boys - Paris Foster, 5th; Eli Eichelberger, 7th; Caleb Combs, 8th; Sam Eichelberger, 9th; Charlie Ledford,

- 10th.  
12u girls - Payton Maness, 3rd; Ava Henry, 4th; Ali Hollis, 6th; Aaliyah Littrell, 7th; Destiny Reed, 8th.  
12u boys - Dougie Smith, 1st.

- Butterfly**  
8u girls - Braelyn Merrill, 1st.  
12u girls - Aaliyah Littrell, 4th.
- Individual Medley**  
10u girls - Braelyn Merrill, 3rd; Rianna Maness, 4th.  
14u girls - Taylor Guess, 3rd.

# Young sees no ceiling for Kentucky football

He played in all 13 games last year and made six starts at left tackle. Yet junior Landon Young says he only had a "decent season last year" and is hoping to be a much better player for Kentucky this season.

"The offseason was a lot of fun for me. I lifted a lot. That's one thing I had to focus on was getting my body stronger along with my technique," said Young. "Last season was not what I wanted it to be. My body was not where it needed to be. But lot of lifting, working out, getting my cardio up, getting my technique sound and lots of reps will make me better."



Larry Vaught  
UK Sports Columnist  
Vaught's Views

He's been part of two bowl teams at Kentucky but wants more - a lot more.

"I think there is no ceiling for us. I think it is going to go exponentially higher after this and I think this is just stepping stones and building blocks on top of one another. I think it will just keep getting better," Young said. "I came here to help change the program with a bunch of good guys and now adding more recruiting classes of fantastic athletes and all team guys - guys that you work well with in every group - only makes that easier. You can see the attitude and work ethic of the program increase.

"It is now about putting the finishing touches on a big year and even elevating the attitude more. We have a good head on our shoulders. We want to put in all the hard work we need and bring anyone having trouble up with technique, attitude, anything ... bring them up with the rest of us."

Ever wonder what drills an offensive lineman can do in the sum-



Photo by Jeff Houchin

**Landon Young (67) started six games last year at left tackle but expects to play much better for UK this season.**

mer to make himself better? So did I, so I asked Young.

"It's a lot of footwork drills, flexibility in the hips, getting down and making sure your pad level is where it needs to be. A lot is about explosion level and making sure you have good hand placement," Young said.

He says the drills usually involve other offensive linemen and they take turns holding pads and "beating the crap out of each other" during the drills. Young says Logan Stenberg and George Asafo-Adjei are the two linemen he doesn't want beating up on him.

"Big George can lift the house and his punch is so violent and aggressive. Same thing with Stenberg," Young said. "He is just a big human being at 320 pounds and he has a lot of mass behind him to push you. Those two are not my favorites (to go against) but we still like to go at it."

He would like to take a go at playing tight end occasionally as he got to do in the bowl game last season to give UK more depth at the position and some extra blocking.

"They want to bring it back this year, or I hope they do. It's a nice twist. Gives me a little change of scenery," Young said. Can he catch?

"Oh, 100 percent. I probably have some of the best hands out

there. O-linemen in general do but they never trust us," Young laughed and said.

Going into last season the consensus among national college basketball analysts was that John Calipari likely would not have a lottery pick in the NBA draft. Kevin Knox was considered a possibility, but not a likely lottery pick.

Of course, not only did Knox go in the lottery, but so did Shai Gilgeous-Alexander - who was not ranked among the top 25 players in the 2017 recruiting class.

So who will be Kentucky's best hope for a lottery pick in the 2019 draft, especially since skeptics already doubt if Calipari has a lottery pick on next year's roster?

ESPN's Myron Medcalf recently made his pick - freshman wing Keldon Johnson. He listed his top prospect for every major college team and had Johnson as his top pick at Kentucky.

"John Calipari's fleet of five-star recruits features Johnson, a 6-foot-6 wing who can explode through traffic or drive off screens. His size will help him play through contact, too," Medcalf wrote.

"With Reid Travis and PJ Washington working with Johnson on pick-and-roll situations, the projected top-15 pick in ESPN's 2019 mock draft could

soar in his first and only season in Lexington."

Obviously, a top 15 pick would put him in the lottery.

Johnson was ranked behind Kentucky teammates E.J. Montgomery and Ashton Hagans in most 2018 class rankings.

Calipari is showing no signs of slowing down with his recruiting despite now having the consensus No. 1 team going into the 2018-19 season.

Kentucky already has commitments from Texas guard Tyrese Maxey and Mississippi forward D.J. Jeffries - who will play in the Marshall County Hoop Fest in December - in the 2019 recruiting class. Now five-star shooting guard Bryan Antoine has scheduled four official visits and one will be to Kentucky Sept. 22. He'll also visit Florida, Duke and Villanova.

The New Jersey standout is the top-ranked shooting guard in the 2019 class and a consensus top 10 player. About two months ago he listed Duke, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky and Villanova as his top five schools.

Antoine has had a UK scholarship offer for almost a year. He knows UK sophomores Quade Green and P.J. Washington and often talks with them even though the consensus has been he favors Duke, something he denied to Herald-Leader writer Ben Roberts recently.

Vernon Carey of Ft. Lauderdale, the top-ranked player in the 2019 recruiting class by Rivals, also has Kentucky in his final five choice. The 6-10, 270-pound center played on the USA under 17 team and also has Duke, Miami, Michigan State and North Carolina in his top five.

His father is a former NFL offensive lineman, so it's no surprise his size and strength are phenomenal. But he

has terrific skills and is a much better passer than most big men. He's also a reliable scorer with a variety of moves.

But just like with Antoine, Duke is making a big push for Carey.

Kentucky also remains locked in what seems to be a two-team battle with Memphis for forward James Wiseman, one of the top three players in the 2019 recruiting class. He's scheduled to be at Marshall County Hoop Fest again in December, too.

"Wiseman is that 7-footer with athleticism and enough skill to dominate a game in high school and impact a game in college immediately," said ESPN recruiting director Paul Biancardi. "He is a true difference maker. He he not just potential - he is productivity. No matter when or how he cuts his lists down, we all know who the two favorites in the race will be."

Two of the best players in Kentucky will go against each other in an early season showdown at the Marshall County Hoop Fest when host Marshall plays Pendleton County Dec. 1.

Marshall County sophomore Zion Harmon, a recent transfer, led the state in scoring last year when he averaged 32.7 points per game for Adair County. Harmon helped lead Bowling Green to the 2017 state championship as an eighth-grader.

Pendleton County is led by senior Dontaie Allen, who averaged 31.8 points per game last year - third best in the state. He led the state in overall points scored.

Allen and University Heights senior KyKy Tandy, who will also play in Hoop Fest, are the frontrunners for 2019 Mr. Basketball and Harmon likely will be in 2021 - or in 2020 if he reclassifies as expected.



# Hurley joins county's 911 dispatching staff

STAFF REPORT

The life of a police dispatcher is one of routine pressure and ordinary anonymity.

For Kevin Hurley, it's back to the future, so to speak.

Hurley, 48, spent a few years dispatching at Smithland when Livingston's 911 service was inside the old jail. Times have changed, and Hurley said he's learned a great deal more about emergency response thanks to his recent graduation from the Public Safety Dispatching Academy at Richmond, Ky.

A longtime paramedic, Hurley is no stranger to Crittenden County. He

grew up in Salem, graduated from Livingston Central High School in 1987 and spent 23 years serving on EMS in Crittenden and surrounding counties. He is still on the Lyon County ambulance service.

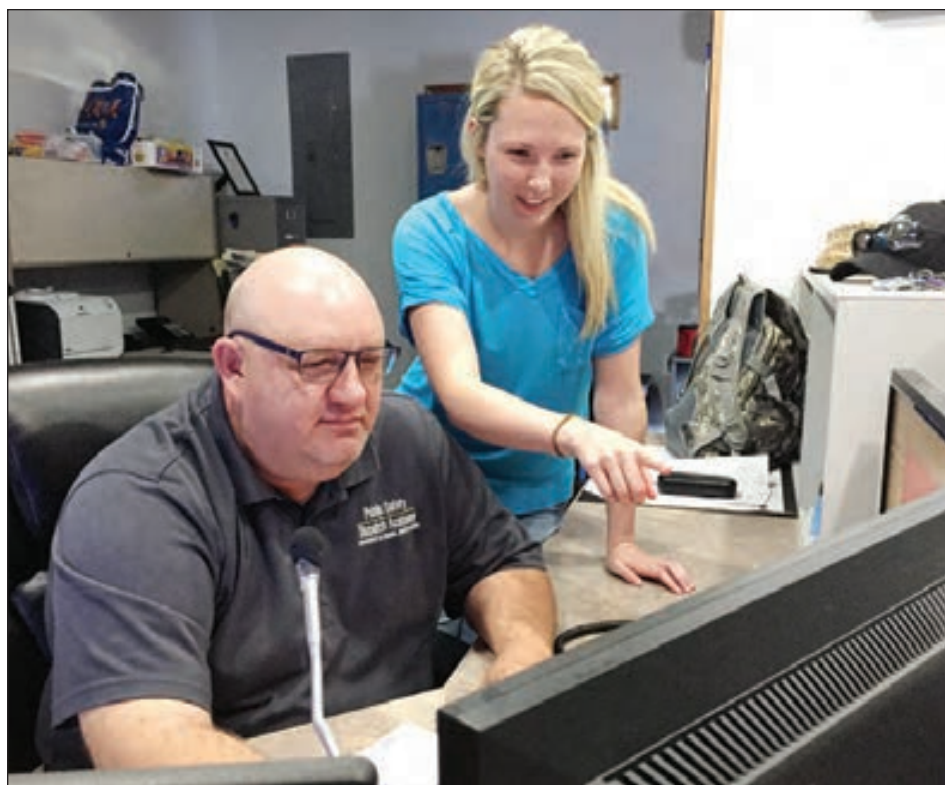
Hurley is very familiar with Crittenden County which will make him a natural at transmitting timely and accurate information to first responders. His background as a paramedic also is beneficial, especially when it comes to gathering information from callers facing a crisis on the other end of the phone.

"The last time I worked in dispatching people

were dialing on a rotary phone," quips Hurley. "A whole lot has changed since then."

Layton Croft is the Marion and Crittenden County 911 coordinator and head of the five-person dispatching team that operates out of a windowless room inside Marion City Hall. Their voices are well known among police, fire and rescue personnel and those listening in on scanner land. But in reality, they're faceless giants handling logistics for a number of agencies.

Croft said Hurley brings a great deal of knowledge to the dispatching team.



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Marion dispatching coordinator Layton Croft goes over the 911 system with new dispatcher Kevin Hurley inside the dispatch center at Marion City Hall.

# Sunday acreage reporting date in Crittenden, Livingston

STAFF REPORT

Producers who file accurate and timely reports for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent the potential loss of FSA program benefits by paying close attention to the acreage reporting dates. Some of those deadlines arrive in just days.

"In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers

are encouraged to visit the Crittenden/Livingston County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline," said local Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Nina Hunt.

The acreage reporting dates for all Crittenden/Livingston County crops, including CRP, is Sunday other than for peaches, nursery, aquaculture,

value loss crops, honey, perennial hay/graze crops and fall seeded small grain. However, the following exceptions apply:

- If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage report-

ing date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

- If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of "cover only," "green manure," "left standing" or "seed," then the acreage must be reported by July 15, 2018.

Producers should also report crop acreage they intended to plant, but due to natural disaster, were prevented from planting. Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and the Risk Management Agency (RMA).

According to Hunt,

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP-covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact the Crittenden/Livingston County FSA office at (270) 988-2180.



## Maki effort

Twelve-year-old Brynn Porter loves her dog Maki, and now he's been somewhat immortalized on a t-shirt. The daughter of Todd and Bridgette Porter of Marion, Brynn submitted a design for the Kentucky 4-H Dog Program t-shirt that included a drawing of the German shepherd-Labrador mix and the 4-H logo. Her design won, and was printed on shirts worn at the dog camp in May for seventh-graders. The seventh-grade is a member of the local 4-H dog club, where "we just love on dogs," said Leslea Barnes, 4-H Youth Development Extension agent for Crittenden County. Porter spends a lot of her time training Maki, who was adopted from Crittenden County Animal Shelter in 2014, and the golden-haired pooch seems to enjoy putting on a performance. "I want to be a famous dog trainer," Porter said of her ambition. She volunteers and the Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter in Marion, and Barnes encourages other club participants to do the same.

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## PSC stepping up state's call-before-you-dig law

STAFF REPORT

Beginning this week, the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) will begin pursuing enforcement actions against excavators who violate Kentucky's call-before-you-dig law and damage natural gas or hazardous liquid lines.

Under a change to the law that takes effect Saturday, the PSC will be able to impose financial penalties if violations are uncovered.

PSC Chairman Michael Schmitt said stepped-up enforcement of the call-before-you-dig requirements reflects a greater emphasis nationally and at the state level on pipeline safety.

"This new law brings Kentucky into line with federal standards, which the PSC enforces under an agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation," he said. "More importantly, it is an effort to significantly improve public safety by reducing the unacceptably high number of dangerous dig-in incidents involving natural gas

pipelines."

Like every other state, Kentucky has a statewide 811 service that, by law, must be called at least two working days prior to beginning excavation. This advance notification is intended to allow ample time for utility lines to be located and marked so that excavation can proceed safely. Natural gas providers and hazardous liquid pipeline operators are required to provide the location of their lines to the 811 center.

In 2017, there were more than 1,200 incidents in Kentucky in which a gas line was damaged during an excavation — or about 23 per week. Many involved a failure to call 811 before beginning excavation.

The new law gives the PSC the authority to enforce existing provisions in Kentucky statutes that are intended to protect natural gas and hazardous liquids pipelines. Penalties are up to \$1,250 for a first violation, \$2,000 for a second violation, and \$4,000 for subsequent violations.

## Ill. escapees back in custody

STAFF REPORT

Two prisoners who reportedly escaped from a southern Illinois jail last month and had local authorities combing the river bank for signs of their whereabouts have been recaptured.

According to an Associated Press report, accused murderer Zachery Shock, 24, was apprehended Friday in Gallatin County, Ill., without incident, despite allegedly having a loaded gun in his possession. The following day, Johnny Tipton, 61, was arrested in Hardin County, Ill.

Shock is charged with the 2016 murder of a McLeansboro, Ill., man, while Tipton is jailed on charges of possession of stolen property.

Shortly after their escape from the White County, Ill., jail in mid-June along with inmate Justin Bray, Crittenden County authorities began searching along the Ohio River and its shoreline for the two escapees. Both Shock and Tipton were believed to have connections to Marion, and Bray had already been taken back into custody.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Drivers' manual downloadable

A Kentucky Drivers' Manual can be viewed or downloaded online for free at <https://goo.gl/E9oFBg>. Crittenden County Public Library will print the 72-page document for \$10.

### Medicaid benefits remain for some

Pregnant women and children in Kentucky are still eligible to receive all Medicaid services, including dental and vision, according to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS).

There was confusion after last month's federal court ruling that blocked the "community engagement" requirement for 460,000 expanded Medicaid recipients as part of a waiver granted by the Trump administration that became the foundation of the Kentucky HEALTH program. The ruling said the government did not adequately consider if work requirements and other changes would help give Kentuckians access to health care.

On July 1, because of the ruling, some of the expanded Medicaid beneficiaries lost dental and vision benefits, but they remain available to pregnant women and children.

"The Department for

Medicaid Services has not changed any policies relating to the eligibility of pregnant women and children and they should continue to receive all services, including vision and dental," said CHFS Deputy Secretary Kristi Putnam said.

### Ky. death penalty sought only rarely

Kentucky has had only one death verdict in the last five years and three executions carried out since 1976 for a reason, the state's chief public defender told state lawmakers Friday.

"The reason is Kentucky juries ... have the mentality, 'This is for the worst of the worst,' and Kentucky juries by and large are not returning death verdicts," Public Advocate Damon Preston told the Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary.

Preston said death penalty trials and appeals are expensive, adding that the estimated cost of a capital case handled by his agency post-conviction runs around \$555,600. The last execution in Kentucky came in 2008.

Currently in Kentucky prosecutors have filed notice of their intent to seek the death penalty in 52 cases, said Preston. There are another 62 cases in which notice of intent to seek death may possibly be filed, and 49 more cases where there are aggravating factors present but for which the death penalty is not being sought, he said.



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