

NEWS

1ST FAIR BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT LOCAL 4-H

Crittenden County Lions Club is celebrating its new headquarters with a Crittenden County Fair Breakfast at 7 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2. The breakfast is \$10 with proceeds going to Crittenden County 4-H. The new fair building is located at the fairground on the same spot as the previous structure at 242 Club Dr. in Marion. Tickets may be purchased by calling Crittenden County Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.



LAWMAKERS RETURN TO WORK ON PENSIONS

Gov. Matt Bevin on Monday called for a special session of the General Assembly starting Friday to pass pension relief legislation for 118 regional universities and quasi-governmental agencies like health departments, domestic violence centers and community health centers. The financial stress from a mandated increase in contributions to the state's retirement caused by the state's looming public pension crisis has put entities like Crittenden County Health Department in danger of closing.

The aim of the special session is twofold.

"Failing to provide relief puts these agencies, their employees and the men and women they serve at risk," said Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion. "However, it is critical to note that failing to provide a long-term solution that addresses the root of the problem has even more dangerous implications."

See Page 2 for opinions from Bechler and Sen. Robby Mills, R-Henderson, on the state's pension issues.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the courthouse.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Rocket Arena.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District Board of Directors will meet at 5 p.m. Monday at the district office in Salem.
- Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 5 p.m. next Thursday at the library.

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Chamber finds new home, executive director

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce will have a new face, a new phone number and a new location, and that's not all, says Chamber President Elizabeth Floyd.

"The Chamber isn't like it used to be," Floyd said. "We're going to be out in the community more and trying to do more things to benefit our merchants and community."

The Chamber announced late last week that it had hired a new executive director, lifelong Crittenden Countian Amy (Collins) Samuels. She will replace Susan Alexander, who had served as the Chamber's executive director for the past 10 years. Alexander announced her resignation in May.

Samuels is a 2001 graduate of

Crittenden County High School and has formerly worked at the West Kentucky Correctional Complex, Crittenden County Detention Center and as an emergency dispatcher of E-911.

After spending a few months as a stay-at-home mom, Samuels says she's eager to get started serving Marion and Crittenden County.

Samuels feels well connected to the community through church outreach programs and activities that involve her two children and two step-children, ages 11 to 16. She is married to Ashton Samuels.

"We need someone like Amy present in the community with the aim of benefiting our members," said the Chamber's presi-

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Amy Samuels (right) takes over next week as executive director of Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce. Chamber President Elizabeth Floyd is also pictured.

Survival spirit



FACEBOOK IMAGE

Marion native Jennifer Carder (right) recently participated in Survival Challenge, an internet series based on the popular CBS series "Survivor."

Challenge pushes Marion native

STAFF REPORT

Twins are always out to find their own identity.

Marion native Jennifer Carder admits that's a driving force behind her desire to sign up for the Survival Challenge, an online, unaffiliated step-cousin of the Emmy-nominated CBS series "Survivor."

Carder, 35, and her twin, Jessica, grew up in Marion where they both were active in scholastic

sports programs at Crittenden County High School, particularly soccer.

"Being a twin, we're compared to one another our whole lives. That makes us both competitive people," said Jennifer Carder, who just completed her second round of participating in the Survival Challenge, which is featured on Facebook Live

and YouTube.

"The first time I did it, I didn't make it," she said, detailing how it was cold, rainy and miserable. She dropped out two days into the five-day, staged wilderness ordeal. She didn't like the moniker associated with quitting.

"I wanted to get back

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Jen. Carder

Former Livingston teacher pleads guilty to federal sex crimes

STAFF REPORT

A former Livingston Central High School teacher and coach has pleaded guilty to federal sex crimes against female students.

Prosecutors are seeking a 10-year prison sentence.

Stephen P. Maddux, 32, of Salem coached golf and taught science at Livingston County Schools from 2011 until October 2018. He was indicted in February on federal charges of transportation with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity with a minor, production of child pornography, distribution of child pornography and two counts of attempted enticement.

Maddux originally entered a not guilty plea on all counts, but it was withdrawn last week, and he pleaded guilty to all of the charges except production of child pornography, which will apparently be dropped as part of the plea deal.

Maddux will be formally sentenced on Oct.



Maddux

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Fair starts Saturday with car show; catalog inside

STAFF REPORT

All you need to know about the 2019 Crittenden County Lions Club Fair – from nightly events to 4-H exhibit entry rules – can be found inside the annual fair catalog, which is inserted into all local copies of this week's Crittenden Press.

The fair starts in earnest on Saturday, July 27 with truck and tractor pulls and concludes Saturday, Aug. 3 with the demolition derby. However, a car show this weekend and jackpot barrel show on Saturday, Aug. 17 bookend the fair. (Find a full schedule of evening events on Page 4.)

New this year is a fair breakfast on Friday, Aug. 2 and Cupcake Wars competition on Saturday, Aug. 3. Also new is the fair build-



The 2019 Crittenden County Lions Club Fair catalog can be found inside local copies of this week's newspaper.

ing, located on the same site as the old fair building. It will serve as a concession stand, exhibit hall for

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Liquor rules drafted

Marion alcohol ordinance could get fast approval

By DARYL K. TABOR  
PRESS EDITOR

A draft ordinance that would establish the City of Marion's rules for alcohol sales was unveiled at Monday's meeting of city government. Though its introduction was not an official first reading, the 19-page directive could gain final approval as early as the end of next week, setting in motion a timetable that could see the first legal drink in 83 years come much sooner than first expected.

"The 60-day requirement will be on (July 24)," City Administrator Adam Ledford said of next week's end to Alcoholic Beverage Control's (ABC) mandatory waiting period for introduction of an alcohol ordinance after results of a referendum are certified. "We will likely have a special council meeting on the 24th when we meet that requirement. We may have a second meeting (for final approval) real quick after this if there's not a lot of disagreement."

In May, Marion voters approved legalizing the sale of alcohol for the first time since 1936 by a 403-277 vote. Initially, Ledford said the city would take its time crafting an ordinance to dictate the rules for alcohol








Ledford

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Special session Friday for pension fix

Last week, it was announced that at the end of the 2019 fiscal year, Kentucky's General Fund receipts totaled \$11.39 billion, which is a 5.1 percent increase over Fiscal Year 2018, leaving a budget surplus of \$194.5 million. When announcing the surplus, State Budget Director John Chilton credited the surplus to tax changes made by the 2018 General Assembly and the state's strong economy.



Rep. Lynn BECHLER  
R-Marion  
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Employee Retirement Fund. Meanwhile, Kentucky Road Fund revenues for Fiscal Year 2019 totaled \$1.57 billion, an increase of 3.6 percent from the previous fiscal year, which was \$55.1 million more than the previous year, leaving a \$59.5 surplus in the Road Fund Fiscal Year 2019 budget.

I was in Frankfort for several days last week to participate in the interim joint committees that were meeting to hear updates from various agencies and individuals. The Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue, of which I am a member, heard testimony from the Kentucky Retirement Systems (KRS) that there will likely be yet another increase in pension costs. According to its executive director,

employers in the KRS may see an increase of between 2.8 to 13 percent of covered payroll for retirement under new actuarial assumptions. The increases are caused by a two-year increase in life expectancy among KRS retirees as well as a decrease in turnover among some KRS plan members.

As of July 1, regional universities and quasi-governmental agencies saw their pension contributions skyrocket to 83 percent of the salary of each employee. These include many organizations whose employees are not state employees, but are still in the pension system and provide an array of valuable services at local health departments, rape crisis and domestic violence centers.

As you may remember from a previous update, we passed a bill to address this issue during the 2019 session, but it was vetoed by the Governor.

Failing to provide relief

puts these agencies, their employees and the men and women they serve at risk. However, it is critical to note that failing to provide a long-term solution that addresses the root of the problem has even more dangerous implications.

Simply freezing their rate (at the previous 49.47 percent) without reforms will cost taxpayers and the pension system an estimated \$121 million without coming to a solution that stops the bleeding. I remain committed to providing those employees who have put many years into the retirement system a path to a decent retirement while also providing our quasi-governmental agencies and regional universities relief from the current crippling increase in contributions so that the valuable services offered by these groups can continue.

I have noted before, but it bears repeating. There are 118 quasi-governmental agencies directly impacted by this,

employing 9,000 people and providing services to hundreds of thousands of Kentuckians. Regional universities have told us that the increased cost would lead to tuition increases and staff cuts. According to the Cabinet for Health and Family services, health departments that serve 64 of Kentucky's 120 counties would close in two years or less. Health departments in the 4th House District are at risk in the coming year.

The Governor announced Monday he will call a special special legislative session beginning Friday.

The Governor has put forth a proposal that is the result of discussions with the General Assembly and several months of hard work. While I would have preferred to see the measure we already passed become law, his proposal provides both necessary relief and reforms.

There is still some time, since the bill for these agencies will not

become delinquent until Aug. 10.

I am optimistic that the Governor's proposal will pass.

As always, thank you for reading my updates and thank you for contacting me with your concerns and thoughtful suggestions. It is a privilege to represent you in the Kentucky House of Representatives and your input helps me make decisions that best represent the views of the 4th District.

I may be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at (800) 372-7181, directly at (502) 564- 8100, by visiting the Kentucky Legislature Home page at LRC.ky.gov and clicking on the "Email Your Legislator" link, or by mail to the Capitol Annex – Frankfort, KY 40601.

(Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, has represented House District 4 – Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and portion of Christian counties – in the Kentucky General Assembly since 2013.)

Pension costs unaffordable

Gov. Matt Bevin has called the legislature into special session beginning Friday to address the new pension costs that the quasi-governmental organizations are now being required to make beginning this month.



Sen. Robby MILLS  
R-Henderson  
Kentucky Senate Legislative Review

year reprieve from the new costs, but now the time has come to begin implementing the new costs into these organizations' budgets. The organizations that are being affected are regional universities, mental health organizations, health departments, domestic violence shelter and rape crisis shelters.

The new pension costs are unaffordable to many of these organizations, including the health departments and mental health organizations in our area. This

special session will be focused on giving these organizations options to address these soaring pension costs. We need the services of these vital organizations in our communities, but a new approach to pensions for these organizations may be necessary.

I pledge to make the best decision for our Commonwealth that will protect the taxpayers and our valued state employees that work in these agencies, performing these valuable services.

(Sen Robby Mills, R-Henderson, represented Senate District 4 – Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Webster, Union and Henderson counties – in the Kentucky General Assembly.)

LETTERS

Gardens have come long way

To the editor:  
I want to thank each one who helps with the Victory Gardens. It has come a long way since it started and I was a volunteer.

The inmates keep it looking great, and the grounds also. The large pots of assorted blooming flowers are a nice addition to the drive. Many people are enjoying the veggies and the blackberries.

Go out, get a bag of veggies, play a round of disc golf and enjoy the beauty of this area.

Margaret Gilland  
Marion, Ky.

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Federal legislation would offer relief from black vultures

By DARYL K. TABOR  
PRESS EDITOR

Reviled by farmers, the black vulture is the target of federal legislation to more easily turn the raptor from bird of prey to simply prey.

"They're nasty little critters," said Dee Heimgartner, Crittenden County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Heimgartner is talking not only of the bird's bald, wrinkled black head, but its well-earned reputation as a gruesome killer of livestock.

But thanks to legislation filed by a southern Indiana congressman and supported by lawmakers representing agrarian districts across the bird's range, farmers could enjoy a little leeway in defending their livestock against attacks from committees of vultures.

Rep. Trey Hollingsworth, R-Ind., introduced the Livestock Protection Act of 2019 to Congress late last month. It is in response to a recent spike in vulture attacks on livestock that producers in western Kentucky and across the Southeast have faced. It recommends making depredation permits more accessible to farmers.

It is supported by Congressman James Comer, R-Ky., who represents all of western Kentucky.

"Congressman Comer is an original cosponsor of this legis-

lation and fully supports it," said Caroline Cash, Comer's chief of staff in Washington, D.C. "He knows how harmful black vultures are to livestock."

Comer is also a farmer and former Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner.

Heimgartner said black vultures, like the lankier turkey vulture, are primarily scavengers, but can be aggressive enough to kill livestock, particularly the young during lambing and calving seasons. They are also capable of killing smaller breeds of mature mammals like pigs, sheep and goats. They are known to feast on lame animals as large as adult cows.

And the meals can start well before death.

"They attack from all sides," Heimgartner said of the practices of a group of black vultures, known as a committee or volt. "It's not a pretty sight."

In massive numbers, they can wear down a cow attempting to protect her newborn. When they begin to devour the helpless calf, they start with soft and exposed tissue like the eyes. Prey often languishes until it bleeds out.

"This has sort of taken us by surprise," Heimgartner said of the problem with black vultures that has developed over the last couple of decades.

As a migratory bird, the black vulture is federally protected like the bald eagle and



DARYL K. TABOR, THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

The black vulture, a raptor that sometimes kills local livestock, is the target of federal legislation that would better allow farmers to protect their animals.

other great raptors. Warmer winters have led the buzzard to expand its range and call the Southeast home year-round, including all but the mountainous region of Kentucky. That makes the threat on livestock a never-ending concern for farmers in those areas.

"It's hard to watch them circle when you've got calves on the ground," Heimgartner said of producers' worries. "It makes calving season a little more stressful."

The black vulture is stockier than its turkey vulture cousin, but is essentially the same size. Distinguished by a red, bald head, the less aggressive

turkey vulture rarely kills, and when it does, it is typically only small mammals, fish, reptiles, amphibians or other birds.

Without a permit to kill the black vulture, it is a violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. The federal crime can be punishable with a fine up to \$15,000 and as much as six months in jail. Permits cost \$100, must be renewed annually and can be granted only if the producer has a proven loss related to predation by the black vulture. The Livestock Protection Act of 2019 would allow farmers to apply for a permit without having a prior loss.

Kentucky farmers are collectively experiencing annual livestock losses from black vultures as high as a half-million dollars. Though certainly a costly nuisance to producers, vultures and other scavengers play a key role in the ecosystem by cleaning up decaying carcasses.

Heimgartner said farmers without a permit might often resort to firing a gun in the vicinity of the birds or utilize other loud noises to scare them away. For those seeking permission to kill nuisance vultures, Kentucky Farm Bureau has often helped by offering free sub-permits, permissions purchased from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The local agriculture agent said anyone seeking a permit should first document their losses.

"If they do have damage, I tell them to take pictures even if they can't catch (the birds) in the act," she said. "A lot of times, you can tell by the wounds."

The 2018 Farm Bill initially approved by the U.S. House of Representatives included a provision to make taking the black vulture a bit easier for farmers. However, that was removed by the U.S. Senate and was not included in the final version. Heimgartner is happy to see the Livestock Protection Act reintroduce a measure to help producers.

"That's great," she said. "I'm sure farmers would like that."



Marion City Council

Marion City Council normally convenes in regular session at Marion City Hall at 5 p.m. on the third Monday of each month\*

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\*January and February meetings are held on the second Monday of the month.



Marion native Jennifer Carder (back right, facing camera) recently participated in the online Survival Challenge, an internet series based on the popular CBS series “Survivor.” Below, Carder shows a knife she fashioned from a stick to divvy up an apple.

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and prove myself. I needed redemption,” she said.

Completing a multi-day, survival-style contest requires physical and mental fortitude.

Survival Challenge 2019 was held the first week of July in Macomb, Ill., a city in western Illinois about three hours north of St. Louis.

Unlike the television show after which it's designed, this made-for-internet series is much shorter. The TV version lasts 39 days; this Challenge is only five days.

“So it moves at a really fast pace,” Carder explained. “You might have 10 challenges a day.”

The event is sponsored by a charitable organization and contestants must raise at least \$350 to participate. Carder earned an automatic spot on a team because she was the largest fundraiser in 2019.

“They won't tell you exactly how much it was,” she said.

Donations are made online.

“I know it was more than \$1,000,” she said.

Carder was one of eight members of her tribe. There were three equally sized tribes and men dominated the cast.

“We had three women in our tribe,” said Carder, who was voted off on the third day of the event.

A respiratory nurse at Baptist Health Paducah, Carder is motivated to participate in such activities simply for the challenge. She runs 5K races, has done a half-marathon and even a mud run.

“I like to push myself,” she said. “Just like on the TV show, you're just trying to survive. A couple of



people had to go to the emergency room. It's crazy.”

Contestants show up and begin with only the clothes on their backs. They can earn rewards by winning team competitions, but there isn't much in the way of food or shelter over the five days.

“I ate some berries and sour grass,” she said.

The team won some rice and an apple. Carder fashioned a knife out of a stick in order to cut the apple into equitable shares so everyone on the team could have a slice.

“When eight people share an apple, you get one bite,” she said.

Besides fresh drinking water, participants get very little unless they earn it by winning challenge events.

“You get super close with these people. When you sleep literally on top of one another, seven strangers sharing a small

tarp, you just become close. The worst thing about it is leaving, getting voted off, because you have become so close,” she said.

Parts of Carder's experience were shown live on Facebook, but the program will be posted in its entirety on YouTube in a few months. Learn more about the series at SurvivalChallenge.net or check out Carder's Facebook page for photographs and video.

“I would love to give a shout out to John Vataha, the founder of Survival Challenge. Not only is he raising money for charity and helping those in need, but he is giving ‘Survivor’ fans an experience that is as close to being on the (original television) show as you can get, along with leaving the cast with an unforgettable experience and friendships that will last a lifetime,” Carder said.

Sentences handed down in Crittenden Circuit Court

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Circuit Judge Rene Williams denied a bond reduction requested by April Bivins, who is being held in the Crittenden County Detention Center on a \$5,000 cash bond.

She was indicted last month for allegedly having hindered the apprehension of Brian Fitzgerald for several weeks last winter while he was at large despite attempts by multiple police agencies searching for him. Bivins is accused of rendering aid to Fitzgerald during his flight from the law in the form of “transportation, food and shelter.”

Fitzgerald was eventually arrested on Jan. 8 in Florida, where he remains jailed on charges there.

Bivins faces felony charges of receiving stolen property (over \$10,000), being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun and second-degree hindering prosecution or apprehension.

Responding to the re-

CIRCUIT COURT

quest for a bond reduction, Judge Williams said that “in light of her history and likelihood of re-offending” she was denying the appeal.

Bivins has a lengthy criminal record dating back to the late 1990s with arrests in Crittenden and several other western Kentucky counties.

- A probation revocation hearing was held for Kendra L. Fitzgerald, 29, of Eddyville, who was on a five-year pretrial diversion for a 2015 conviction for receiving stolen property. The judge did not set aside Fitzgerald's diversion, but ordered her into custody to await enrollment in a Pretrial Substance Abuse (PSAP) program.

- Therese M. Mathews, 37, of Chicago pleaded guilty to felony custodial interference and was sentenced to two years in prison. The term was probated for a period of two years. Court records indi-

cate that Mathews picked up a child, then eight years old, on Dec. 21, 2017 for a Christmas vacation and was supposed to return the child by Jan. 4, 2018. However, she did not return the child. The father tried to make contact with Mathews, but was unable to locate the child until authorities finally rectified the matter. Court records say that the child likely did not attend school during the time she was missing because no other school had requested records from Crittenden County Elementary, where she had last been enrolled.

- Diane Peek, 60, of Marion pleaded guilty and received pretrial diversion on a charge of cultivating marijuana. Peek received a three-year sentence diverted for three years. Court records say that a tip led to officers finding about 20 plants growing at Peek's home on Ollie Peek Road in rural Crittenden County.

Sheriff's office working on handful of burglaries, including \$17,000 UTV

STAFF REPORT

A white 2019 four-seat, side-by-side Polaris 1000 Ranger was allegedly stolen from a farm about 4 miles east of Marion at some point over the last week.

Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Ray Agent said the rig was apparently taken between Friday and Monday morning from Ky. 120 at Gardner Farms.

The Polaris did not

have a key in it, the deputy said, so the burglars either pushed the UTV to load onto a trailer or hot-wired it and drove it away.

It is valued at \$16,800. Crittenden County Tipline is offering a reward for information that leads to an arrest in this case. Call (270) 965-3500 and remain anonymous.

Investigators from the sheriff's department have also been working on

leads in a few other burglary cases from the past month or so. All have been at unoccupied homes.

Agent encourages property owners to make arrangements for having their places mowed while they're away for extended times. He said if properties look abandoned or unoccupied, they're easy targets.

The burglaries were on Ky. 297, Brushy Lane and Axel Creek Road.

**AUGUST SPECIALISTS SCHEDULE**

Medical Office Building



**General Surgery**  
Dr. Demetrius Patton  
Justin Lewis, PA  
Monday, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26  
1 p.m.-5 p.m.

**Hematology/Oncology**  
Dr. Wederson Claudino  
Tuesday, Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27  
9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.



**CCH**  
Crittenden Community Hospital

**Center Clinic in Hospital**



**Cardiology**  
Dr. Sanjay Bose  
Thursday, Aug. 1 & Aug. 15 10:30-4 p.m.

Rashelle Perryman, APRN  
Monday, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 1-4 p.m.  
Wednesday, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Friday, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 1-4 p.m.

**Rheumatology**  
Dr. Cara Hammonds  
Tuesday, Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27  
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Podiatry**  
Dr. David Dowell  
Wednesday, Aug. 14 & 28  
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Ear, Nose, and Throat**  
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Thursday, Aug. 8 & 22  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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## MARION CITY COUNCIL BRIEFS

### City OKs list of streets for paving

Marion City Council on Monday approved its priority list for street paving this season, shuffling a pair of positions from its November decision after work to fix a problem area behind city hall.

The city has \$188,674 in municipal aid to spend for paving, with the priorities set for Oak Hill Drive, Watson Street, South Weldon Street, Blackburn Street and Industrial Drive. After repairs on Court Street to a crumbled

intersection with West Depot Street, it was dropped from the list.

Watson and Blackburn streets connect, running from Moore Street, past Crittenden County Health & Rehabilitation and connecting with West Gum Street/U.S. 60 West.

The list was approved 5-1, with Councilman Darrin Tabor dissenting. He believes Industrial Drive is the most pressing due to volume of traffic and condition of the road surface. Because of its length, Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford said the cost to resurface

Industrial Drive would probably eclipse the top four priorities combined.

Ledford said the city will likely spend only \$100,000 or so toward asphalt, saving the rest for future paving seasons. It will not likely pay for all five streets on the priority list. With no significant resurfacing completed last year, the total available is about two year's worth aid.

### City names new tourism member

Cody McDonald was appointed Monday by

Marion City Council to a seat on the Marion Recreation, Tourist and Convention Commission, the official name for Marion Tourism. He represents McDonald Wholesale on South Main Street.

McDonald replaces B.J. Minton of Hometown Foods. She resigned as a commissioner.

### City looks to cut code board to 3

Marion City Council on Monday introduced an ordinance to trim its paid code enforcement board

down to three members from five. Code Enforcement Officer Terri Hart said there are vacancies on other boards and commissions that all five members of the code enforcement board have agreed to transfer to if moved out of their current post.

Cutting positions saves the city \$998 dollars in pay per member. Already, zoning board of adjustments membership was cut from five down to three. There are six city planning commissioners.

If the most recent cuts are approved, the city will have cut out almost

\$4,000 in payments for service on boards and commissions over previous years.

### City awards bids for surplus trucks

Marion City Council on Monday awarded bids for two surplus vehicle to Todd Riley of Marion. Riley offered the high bids for both the police department's 1986 Humvee and a 2009 Chevy Silverado obtained as part of a drug seizure. The bids were \$9,985 and \$11,393, respectively

## ALCOHOL

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sales, but steady pressure from prospective applicants for licenses could influence the council to examine the case by next Wednesday.

No meeting date, however, had been set at press time.

The city's Alcohol Beverage Control Ordinance would require two readings, so the timing of final passage depends on the level of agreement between the six elected council members and mayor as to the allowances of the law. The ordinance will set quantity and types of licenses to be offered, and their costs, hours and days of sales, signage and how the city's revenue from the 5 percent regulatory license fee will be spent.

There is certainly room for plenty of disagreement between policymakers.

As presented Monday, there are 23 different types of licenses the council has to consider, ranging in cost from \$100 to \$3,000 annually. Hours of sales as introduced are 6 a.m. to midnight Monday through Saturday, with an additional license required to allow sales during the same time period on Sunday or to permit sales beyond midnight, should the council even decide to in-

clude those individual licenses.

"I think it is best we study this closely," said Councilwoman D'Anna Browning, urging her fellow representatives to study other cities' ordinances, all of which are posted on the state ABC's website.

Once final approval is given, Ledford said there is a 30-day public comment period before license applications can be accepted.

Ledford said the draft ordinance is based upon a model offered by Kentucky ABC. He stressed Monday that what the council members were studying is only a draft, subject to changes upon both the first reading as well as the second and final reading, which could come as early as 24 hours after being officially introduced.

The only certainty is that based on population, Marion is allowed no more and no less than two licenses for a package liquor store.

The ordinance also creates the position of Marion ABC Administrator. The administrator, by statute, will be appointed by Mayor Jared Byford and will be the lone official to determine if a local license will be granted to an applicant.

Councilman Donnie Arflack does not favor the idea of a single person de-

ciding such, though that is the law, according to City Attorney Bart Frazer.

"The state says only that person has the authority," Frazer said.

There is a system of checks and balances, however. For anyone denied a license, there is an appeal process. For each application OK'd by the city, Kentucky ABC must also approve.

Ledford said that typically in small cities, the duties of the local ABC administrator are given to someone already employed in municipal government, like city administrator, clerk, a police officer or even city at-

torney. Salary for that position would be paid with revenue from the regulatory license fees.

Another decision the council may consider is restricting the sale of alcohol to within so many feet of a school or church.

However, as examples of possible difficulties that limitation could create, Ledford notes that it is only a short distance from Marion Golf & Pool to the elementary school, or from city churches to existing restaurants stores like Five Star Food Mart that might want to offer alcohol.

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# NOTICE TO CRITTENDEN COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Carolyn Byford, Crittenden County Clerk, pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that the 2018 Delinquent Real Property Tax bills (Certificates of Delinquency) will be published in The Crittenden Press on July 25, 2019. The list of Certificates of Delinquency is also available for public inspection during the hours of 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday at the Crittenden County clerk's office located at: 107 S Main St, Suite 203, Marion, Ky. This list may also be inspected on the County Clerk's website. The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the website is [crittenden.clerkinfo.net](http://crittenden.clerkinfo.net) The tax sale will be held on August 26th, 2019 beginning at 9 a.m. All interested participants must register with the County Clerk's office by the close of business on August 16, 2019. Please contact the County Clerk's office if you need additional information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration fee or the deposit amounts that will be needed. TAXPAYERS can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the County Clerk's office any time prior to the tax sale.

**TAXPAYERS PLEASE NOTE: ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE PRIOR TO THE TAX SALE DATE LISTED IN THIS ADVERTISEMENT, PAYMENTS RECEIVED AFTER THE TAX SALE HAS BEEN CONDUCTED WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT EXCEPTION.** Some delinquencies, although they have been advertised, will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with the provisions of KRS 134.504 (10) (b). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the County Clerk's office at (270) 965-3403.



# Winters is Kentucky's Rookie of Year

STAFF REPORT

Wayne Winters is Rookie of the Year in Kentucky.

Crittenden County School District's transportation director has been recognized as the top newcomer in transporting pupils.

Winters has been the director of transportation for the past year, after earning a promotion from assistant director when former director Al Starnes retired. Winters hit the ground running

and the Student Transportation Association of Kentucky's (STAK) recently made him its Outstanding Rookie Director.

The award aims to recognize directors with one to five years of experience in the position. Nearly half of all transportation directors in the state fall in that category.



Winters

"He is one of the best I've ever seen, and I've seen them all," said John Wyatt, a safety and compliance consultant for the Kentucky Department of Education, when describing Winters.

Wyatt was in Marion Monday making presentations to the school district's 40-plus bus drivers who were receiving their annual eight-hour training update.

As part of his job, Winters oversees bus drivers and bus monitors who

travel about 250,000 miles a year and carry about 900 students on any given school day.

Winters is currently president-elect of the Kentucky Association of Pupil Transportation and Region 2 Director. He was previously president of the organization in 2015.

The local school school bus program has been widely lauded for its "green" approach to transporation, thanks to a fleet of propane rigs.

# Unpaid tax bills will be sold at courthouse

STAFF REPORT

Property owners with a delinquent 2018 county tax bill have just more than a month to pay the levy and penalties to avoid the possibility of paying an inflated cost to a third-party purchaser.

Next week, a list of those delinquent tax bills and the property owners are required by statute to be published in The Crittenden Press.

Each year, delinquent county taxes rob entities of vital operating dollars to fund their services. In Crittenden County, that includes the fiscal court, school district, health board, public library and Extension service. As of press time, there were 160 past due bills totaling almost \$65,000 in tax revenue still uncollected from property owners.

Crittenden County Schools alone has almost \$44,000 in uncollected revenue.

## Lost revenue

There currently exist almost \$65,000 in unpaid 2018 county taxes, according to the Crittenden County Clerk's website. Delinquent taxes cheat taxing districts – including the school system and fiscal court – out of revenue used to carry out their duties. Next week, a list of delinquent tax bills will be published in The Crittenden Press. A sale of delinquent tax bills scheduled for Monday, Aug. 26 will help each government entity recover some of their share.

TAXING DISTRICT	DELINQUENT TAX SHARE
School.....	\$43,807.56
County.....	\$10,614.56
Library.....	\$4,497.70
Extension.....	\$3,356.18
Health.....	\$2,698.62
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$64,974.61</b>

pears in the paper. "But either way, it does cost them a lot more with penalties and interest."

In fact, a \$400 initial tax bill mailed last fall would become almost \$500 if left unpaid today. And if a third-party purchases the bill, it could cost property owners hundreds more to satisfy a lean placed on the property. No third-party purchasers had registered with Byford's office at press time, but they have until Aug. 19 to do so. Typically, at least a handful of prospective buyers register, the clerk said.

To avoid the potential sale of a delinquent tax bill on real property, owners must make pay-

ment to the county clerk before the delinquent tax bill sale takes place. That sale is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 26 in Byford's courthouse office.

Tax bills from the City of Marion are not handled out of Byford's office. The city held its tax sale in late March.

If delinquent taxes are not paid before that time, Kentucky law allows any individual or company to purchase tax bills. The third-party purchaser then has 50 days to give notice that the tax bill has been purchased. Payment must be sent directly to the purchaser, along with the associated penalties, fees and interest assessed by them after their purchase. If

payment is not received, the third party can ultimately force a sale of the property.

While the third-party purchases can create a burden for delinquent taxpayers, next month's tax sale benefits the local taxing districts that might otherwise miss their share of the revenue.

For tax bills not paid by the owner or purchased by a third-party on Aug. 26, the county retains the lien on the property. That lien, which continues to accrue penalties, must still be satisfied by the property owner. If not satisfied, the county attorney can force an eventual foreclosure on the property.

## Faith-Based Events & Outreach

### Salem Methodists host community singing


A community singing will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday at Salem Methodist Church in Salem. Everyone is welcome.

### Community Outreach Programs

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

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6 p.m. Youth Bible Study • 6 p.m. Evening Worship  
**WEDNESDAY CHURCH TIMES:** 6 p.m. Prayer/Devotional Service • 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

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**Wednesday Night Bible Study: 6 p.m.**  
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-Matthew 18:20

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Wednesday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
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Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

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AREA DEATHS

Jenkins

Robert Marshall Jenkins, 90, of Marion died July 14, 2019, at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center in Salem.

He had worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a food inspector and was a member of Marion Baptist Church. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Jenkins is survived by two cousins, Jerry Tooley of Henderson and Linda Tabor of Marion; and special friend and caregiver, Velda Damron of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Marcellas and Fannie Kirk Jenkins.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be in Maplevue Cemetery in Marion.

Visitation will be held beginning at 10 a.m. today and continuing until the time of the service at Myers Funeral Home.

Litchfield

Verna Rhea Greenlee Litchfield, 92, a Crittenden County native, of Cadiz, died Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at Trigg County Hospital in Cadiz.

Born Dec. 19, 1926, in Frances, she was a retired private caregiver and had previously worked at Shady Lawn Nursing Home and Elk Brand Manufacturing Co. She was a member of the Montgomery Homemakers Club for more than 60 years, and a longtime member of the Trigg County Quilters Guild. She was a member of East Cadiz Baptist Church and was a former member of Cadiz Baptist Church, where she was a member of the WMU and served as a Sunday school teacher and GA leader.



Litchfield

Litchfield is survived by two sons, Kenneth (Helen) Travis and Kelmar "Sonny" (Betty Lou) Litchfield, both of Cadiz; three daughters, Linda (Rev. Danny) Mitcheson of Cadiz, Marsha (Paul) Wynn of Eddyville and Rhonda (Bill) Stuart of Madisonville; nine grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Bob" Litchfield; two sisters, Clara Guess and Venita Hunter; and her parents, Hartland and Myrtle Nichols Greenlee.

Funeral services were held at Goodwin Funeral Home in Cadiz, with Revs. Joe K. Johnson and Danny Mitcheson officiating. Burial was in East End Cemetery in Cadiz.

Memorials may be made to: Cadiz Gideon Camp, P.O. Box 65, Cadiz, KY 42211; or Trigg County Senior Citizens' Center, 127 Joy Lane, Cadiz, KY 42211.

Drennan

Dottie Jo Drennan, 85, a Crittenden County native of Newburgh, Ind., died Thursday, July 11, 2019, at Signature Healthcare of Newburgh.

She was born in Dycusburg on May 3, 1934, and graduated high school in Crittenden County in 1952. She was an active member of Gateway Baptist Church in Newburgh. She enjoyed cooking, spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Drennan is survived by a son, Michael (Debbie) Drennan; a daughter-in-law, Laura Drennan; a step-granddaughter, Camela Birdwell; and two grandsons, Jonathan Drennan and Christopher Drennan.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Charles W. Drennan; a son, Kevin Drennan; two sisters, Sarah Alfreda Kemper and Dorothy L. Kemper; two brothers, Billie Kemper and Joe Kemper; and her parents, Archibald Elisha and Lillian (Peek) Kemper.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Alexander Funeral Home-Newburgh Chapel, with Rev. Terry Gamblin officiating. Burial will be in Sugar Grove Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Friends may visit Friday from 8 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.



Drennan

Butler

James Thomas Butler, 72, of Calvert City died Friday, July 12, 2019, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.

He worked in construction and was a U.S. Army veteran. He was of the Baptist faith. He loved being outdoors, gardening, hunting and fishing. He liked to visit his neighbors and give out the vegetables he grew.

Butler is survived by his wife of 51 years, Suzan G. Butler; two sons, Jimmy (Samantha) Butler of Benton and Tommy (Terra) Butler of Clarksville, Tenn.; a daughter, Becky (Tony) Milam of Calvert City; a brother, Robert Butler of Hampton; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Al James Butler Jr.; and his parents, Al James Butler Sr. and Georgia Thella Willbanks Butler.

Funeral services were Monday at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem. Interment was in Tyler's Chapel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone NC 28607.



Butler

Sullenger

Mary Janette Sullenger, 91, of Madisonville, formerly of Lola, died Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at Madisonville Health and Rehabilitation.

She enjoyed listening to gospel music and being with her family and grandchildren. She was a member of Lola Missionary Baptist Church.

Sullenger is survived by a daughter, Janetta (Rod) Jessup of Madisonville; a son, Kenneth (Vicky) Sullenger of Eddyville; a sister, Katherine Brooks of Lola; three grandchildren, LeAnn (Clint) Perry of Eddyville, Kim (Kurt) Pierce of Eddyville and Amy (Jerrod) Quertermous of Ledbetter; and seven great-grandchildren, Zach, Sean, Kenlee, Chris, Kalia, Cameron and Anslee.




She was preceded in death by her husband, James Sullenger; three brothers; six sisters; and her parents, Carty Bebout and Nettie McElmurry Bebout.

Funeral services were Saturday at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem. Interment was in Lola Cemetery in Livingston County.



Sullenger

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Board of ed OKs update of intercom, phones

STAFF REPORT  
Crittenden County High and Middle schools should have new intercom and phone systems when classes starts on Aug. 14.

Last week, the board of education approved spending almost \$76,500 in capital outlays to replace the aging and unreliable systems utilized by the adjoining schools. Communications Inc. of Murray was the winning bidder for each system.

Both systems were more than 20 years old, and because they were outdated presented myriad problems with service and parts replacements. Both had become troublesome. Last school year, the intercom system was down for several days.

The new digital phone system offers users an array of new functions. Outside callers should notice no difference.

Board of ed OKs new SRO deal

STAFF REPORT  
Crittenden County Board of Education last week extended its agreement with Crittenden County Sheriff's Department to provide a school resource officer for the school district in 2019-20. Deputy John Shofner will continue in the role. He was hired last year.

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Jump Start for 6th graders

Sixth grade parents and guardians will want to help incoming sixth graders at Crittenden County Middle School get a "jump" on middle school this month. Two sessions of JumpStart, an orientation program only for incoming sixth grade students, will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, July 29 and July 31. At this session, students will tour the building, meet the sixth grade teachers, have Q&A and recreational time and time to work with lockers. Students only need to attend one session, and no advance registration is necessary. Drop off at the front entrance is at 9 a.m., and pick-up is at the same location at noon.

Calendar

– The recently re-organized **Fraternal Order of Police** in Crittenden County is hosting a corn hole tournament Saturday. Pre-register at Hodge's or email [crittendencofop@gmail.com](mailto:crittendencofop@gmail.com). Cost is \$15 per person if registered by July 17, \$20 day of event, which will be held at City-County Park. First place is 35 percent payback, second place 10 percent and third place 5 percent.

– A **Croft Family Reunion**, consisting of the family of John A. Logan and Mary Louellen Croft, will be having a reunion in Lola at New Union General Baptist Church (Ditney) at 4 p.m., July 27. An early supper is being planned. Meat, bread and drinks will be provided. Please bring a covered dish, salad or dessert. A video that will be played and a few gifts will be presented. For more information call Linda Ferrell (270) 988-3406 or Doris Belt (270) 988-2833. The children of John and Mary Louellen Croft were Roy Croft, Nelda C. Riley, Ruth C. Belt, John Lowery Croft, Opal C. Cash, Charles Croft, Tracy Croft and Lois Croft.

Senior Center

The Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day, and is \$3 for those 60 and older and \$5 for those under 60. Reservations are encouraged two days in advance but are taken up to a week in advance. Volunteers are always needed at the senior center. If you would like to volunteer your time, contact director Jenny Sosh at (270) 965-5229.

Menu and activities for the following seven days include:

Thursday - Menu is ham and bean soup, hot spiced beats, buttered spinach, pear crisp and cornbread.

Friday - Menu is chicken parmesan with noodles, cucumber salad, whole wheat roll and peach cobbler. Bingo will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Monday – Menu is beef stew, brown rice, cole slaw, cornbread, pineapple delight and margarine. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday – Menu is BBQ pork on whole wheat bun, au gratin potatoes, cucumber salad and oatmeal raisin cookie.

July 24 – Menu is beef pot roast, mashed potatoes with brown gravy, squash casserole, wheat roll and peach cobbler. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

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

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

Mattoon good trade, rest area on travel

The little village of Mattoon was once an important location in the area, as it was the only settlement between Centerville and the Ohio River where the wagons of pioneers could stop and rest, water their stock, visit with other families and buy supplies to continue their journey North. Here is some interesting history about the very early days of Mattoon, gathered by Bob Wheeler in 1970.

Mattoon sits in a small plain through which flows the northern fork of the bushy Fork of Crooked Creek; therefore its well-watered and easily defended position on the way to the Ohio River crossing would have no doubt made the spot an excellent campsite for hunters and trappers on the Saline big-game trail, and as a camp-ground- rendezvous for packhorse traveling pre-1803 pioneers and local settlers.

According to local tradition, the campsite was known as "Lick-Skillet," and this designation was probably a true one, for the trail was the natural pathway of the bison, deer, elk and other grazing animals on their necessary periodic journeys from the barren plains of southwestern Kentucky and northwestern Tennessee to the Saline Salt Licks, just across the Ohio in what is now Hardin County, Ill.

The trail began at French Licks, (now Nashville) on the Cumberland River in Tennessee. In the popular pioneer slang of that day a small plain or level area used as a campsite or cooking place within a larger rolling valley was often called a "skillet," and since the trace that led to its use as a campsite ran between two salt "licks," deviation of the locals' early name from these two names seems quite reasonable.

George Flynn opened his Ohio River Ferry in 1803 and caused the widening of the trace or trail into a wagon road. The Jefferson Purchase opened the plains of western Illinois and the Trans-Mississippi to the continuation of the flow of the great Scotch-Irish migration, which was now filling Livingston County, which then included the present counties of Crittenden, Caldwell, Livingston, Lyon and Trigg. The route was a fish-hook shaped course from Pennsylvania, south through Virginia and into and through North and South Carolina, thence north outwardly through Tennessee and into western Kentucky.

The Flynn's Ferry became the main highway for the overland-traveling pioneers to Illinois and the trans-Mississippi region to its west and northwest, and it is said that a covered wagon was rarely out of sight on this road.

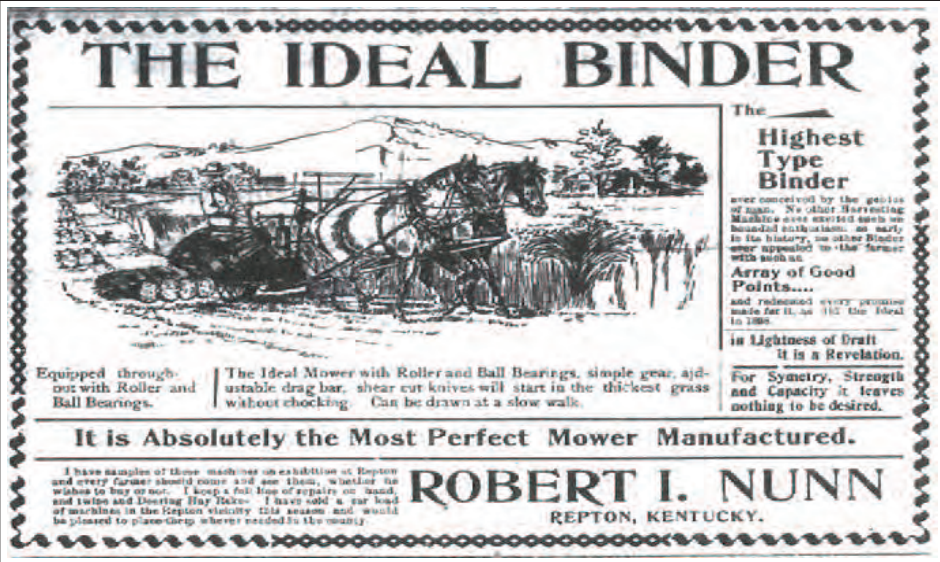
The campsite of Lick-Skillet lay about a day's journey by the pioneer's slow-moving ox-drawn wagons, north of the pioneer towns of Donaldson and Centerville, the last two towns and supply points for the northward traveler before reaching the Ohio that existed in those days. The area thus became a camp or overnight park for covered wagons and would have been the field where the Mattoon school building is located today and across the highway where the stores used to be located.

The field was probably lined from day to day with the high wheeled wooden wagons and the oxen which drew them along the dusty roads from Tennessee and the South. And the few cattle and other livestock, which had been drawn along by a rope or buckskin strap attached to their owner's wagon



Brenda Underdown  
County Historian

Forgotten Passages



An early advertisement from The Crittenden Press in 1900 tells about one of the businesses in the village of Repton.

would drink from the nearby streams or graze peacefully in the tall grass of the branch bottoms.

It is thought that it was in these days that Mattoon first received its name. It was first called Matt's-town, after an early peddler or trader who operated at the covered wagon towns usually always present in the area, and the two words soon became phonetically joined to form the present name of Mattoon.

Another busy and growing community in the early 1900s was the nearby town of Repton. It was an important railroad stop during these early days.

The town of Repton is located a couple miles off U.S. 60. East on Fishtrap Road. Before U.S. 60 was built, it was a thriving community with three grocery stores, the post office, a grist mill, stock pens, a ticket and freight depot, two churches – Repton Baptist and Union Cumberland Presbyterian and the Repton Cemetery.

Two schools nearby were Post Oak and Oakland. These schools were a vital part of the community as they served not only the educational needs of the young people, but were gathering places for many good times for the families and friends.

The little town served the needs of a large farming area. The railroad was built through Crittenden County in 1887. Repton boasted of a switch yard, or siding, where farmers could load their livestock into the car for shipment. Farmers drove their livestock from as far away as Weston and Shady Grove to be loaded on the train at Repton and taken to the large stockyards at Evansville. There was also a place for local

farmers to bring their cream for pick-up each day to be taken to the creamery in Evansville.

The railroad also brought much needed supplies for the community, such as coal, oil, logs, farm machinery, lumber, chemicals, fertilizer and grain. There were six passenger trains each day, three going south to Princeton and three going north to Evansville. Families from the surrounding area would come to Repton to ride the train to Marion, and then return home later in the day on another train.

To get a good picture of how busy this little village was let's see what The Crittenden Press' representative, as he was out getting advertisements for the paper, has to say about Repton in his December 1919 visit to the town.

The firm of Wm. T. Perry and Son does a thriving business in general merchandise. They have been in business 10 years and do a tremendous business for a town of this size.

John. A. Nation and Son are live wire grocers and their business is growing by leaps and bounds. Their soft drink and ice cream business during the summer is an important branch of their business.

Billie M. Duvall does a good business in milling corn meal, crushing corn, etc. He is also one of the county's famous baseball experts and is quite fond of the game.

O. G. Threlkeld, farmer and dairyman, own 360 acres of some of the finest farming land in the county and knows how to improve it. He is completing one of the largest, if not the largest, dairy barns in the county. It will stall 60 cows and has a large silo at one end with a

tramway on which to run the silage to the mangers. He has a power plant and light system which lights his dwelling, barns and milk house, milks four cows at a time, runs the cream separator, etc. This is the first patent milker this pencil driver ever saw and it is a success. And the beauty of it is that the milk flows down instead of up as it always did when I milked. This is an ideal farm home. Modern improvements and conveniences will tell you of young life.

John R. Moore is the obliging postmaster at Repton. Two rural routes go out from this point. F. A. Richardson is on No. 1 and C. E. Clark on No. 2.

I dined in the home of Rev. R. S. Richardson, the live pastor of Marion circuit. You see he is a preacher-farmer and the eats, they were plentiful and well prepared.

James J. Burton, Arthur R. Nunn, Holbert H. Traylor and many others were in Repton shopping. Mr. Lexie Harmon is our local newspaper man, he is the one to whom any and all happenings in this community can be reported.

It's always fun to take a visit back in time to our many little communities of long ago. May they never be forgotten for the colorful and important part they played in the history of our county. Although many of the familiar community names are now gone, someone will still have fond memories of their home towns.

(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)).

Farm Bureau awards Crittenden scholarships

Two recent high school graduates from Crittenden County are recipients of scholarships from Crittenden County Farm Bureau and the Kentucky Farm Bureau Education Foundation. In partnership with the County Farm Bureaus, the Kentucky Farm Bureau Education Foundation awarded more than \$460,000 this year to deserving students from across the Commonwealth.

John Duvall was awarded a \$1,000 Kentucky Farm Bureau Education Foundation Scholarship as well as a \$1,000 Crittenden County Farm Bureau Scholarship. Duvall plans to attend Murray State University to study agronomy. Duvall is the son of Larry and Tammy Duvall of Marion.

Shelby Summers also was awarded a \$1,000 Crittenden County Farm Bureau

Scholarship. Summers plans to attend Western Kentucky University. Summers is

the daughter of Von Summers and Patricia Summers of Marion.

4-H event at Create & Paint

A fundraiser for the Crittenden County 4-H program will be held from 4-7 p.m., July 23. Held at Create & Paint in the basement of Fohs Hall, the event is open to youth and adults who would like to paint wood decor for wall hangings or wreaths.

RSVP by calling the Extension office at (270) 965-5236 by July 19. Cost varies by project.

Fair pageants July 28-30

The annual Miss Crittenden County Fair and Little Mr. and Miss Crittenden County pageants will be held Sunday, July 28-Tuesday, July 30 at Fohs Hall.

Little Mr. and Miss begins at 3 p.m., July 28 and is open to contestants from Crittenden and surrounding counties. Separate winners will be named for local and state divisions.

Miss Crittenden County is July 29 and the open Miss Crittenden County to select out-of-county winner is July 30. Call(270) 871-1383 for more information.

Extension

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

– **Quilt Club** will meet at 9:30 a.m., July 29 at the Extension Office.

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GOLF

## Gilchrist fires 74 to win Paducah's Mullen

Local golfer Lauren Gilchrist won an impressive victory last week at the annual Mark Mullen Invitational. The Mullen tournament is one of the oldest in western Kentucky for young golfers. It's played at Paducah's Paxton Park. Gilchrist, who will be a senior on this fall's Crittenden County golf team, was playing against a number of contenders for the girls' First Region championship. She shot a 74 to win the 18-hole event last Tuesday. The 3-over-par round tied Gilchrist's best round ever. She edged out projected high school regional contenders Margaret Butts and Ellie Roof of St. Mary and Adeline Edwards of McCracken County. Gilchrist also finished fourth in a 36-hole Big Blue College Prep Tournament at the University Club of Kentucky in Lexington last weekend.

## Martin wins tourney

Cody Martin finished 4-under-par to win the Deer Lakes Invitational and the coveted orange jacket last weekend. He shot 66-74-140 to win the medal-play event at the Salem course.



## QB Club golf event

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

ARCHERY

## Boudro 9th in nation

Local archer Tucker Boudro finished third in national outdoor target competition and ninth in 3D target shooting at last week's S3DA Outdoor Nationals at Metropolis, Ill. Boudro, 10, has had a very successful summer shooting in the outdoor archery series where contestants fire arrows at three-dimensional and round targets at varying distances.



SUMMER BASKETBALL

## Second-place finish

Playing in the Midwest High School Nationals summer series AAU Basketball tournament, the Fredonia Elite finished runnerup. Crittenden County has several players on the squad, namely Preston Morgeson, Erik O'Leary, Gabe Mott and Preston Turley.

FOOTBALL

## CCMS starts practice

Crittenden County Middle School football practice began last week. Practices are at 5:30 p.m., weekdays on campus. Anyone in grades seven and eight interested in playing should contact coach Jacob Courtney at (270) 969-0168. The season begins Aug. 3.



Ten Rocket football players were recognized for their performances in the annual Ironman competition, which took place recently on campus. Pictured are the top finishers (front from left) Travis Guess, Eli Moss, Caden McCalister, Lathan Ealsey, (back) Tucker Sharp, Hunter Jones, Ironman winner Xander Tabor, Braxton Winders, Tyler Boone and Dylan Yates.

## IRONMAN COMPETITION

# Pre-season competition kicks off 2019

STAFF REPORT

For more than 18 years, Crittenden County football players have been starting the season with an individual strength, speed and agility competition called the Ironman. About 50 players competed in this year's pre-season competition and junior Xander Tabor came out on top, collecting his first Ironman championship. Tabor is projected as the starting running back this season. Finishing second in his first ever Ironman competition was

football newcomer Eli Moss. The competition aims to encourage a well-rounded athlete, combining speed and strength to perfect a player. This year's weightlifting figures were markedly higher than last summer's, a tribute to work in the weightroom, says the coaching staff. While the running and agility part of the contest tends to favor the skilled-position players, those husky linemen play catchup in overall points by dominating in the weight room.

As much as anything, the competition is a way for the coaching staff to get players geared up for pre-season practice and to reward those who have worked hard during the offseason. Rocket football season begins on Aug. 23 at Fort Campbell. The boys will be at a joint practice session with Murray and Marshall County on Aug. 9 at Murray High School. The Rockets will host Calloway County for a scrimmage on Aug. 16.

## IRONMAN LEADERS

<b>Overall Points</b>	
1. Xander Tabor, Jr.	
2. Eli Moss, Jr.	
3. Caden McCalister, Jr.	
4. Tyler Boone, Jr.	
5. Travis Guess, Sr.	
6. Braxton Winders, Jr.	
7. Dylan Yates, So.	
8. Lathan Easley, Jr.	
9. Hunter Jones, Sr.	
10. Tucker Sharp, So.	
<b>QUICKNESS / AGILITY</b>	
<b>40 Yard Dash</b>	
Eli Moss	4.66
Travis Guess	4.83
Keifer Marshall	5.00
Xander Tabor	5.01
Lathan Easley	5.02
Tyler Boone	5.08
Caden McCalister	5.10

<b>Verticle Jump</b>	
Xander Tabor	28.5"
Eli Moss	28.5"
Tyler Boone	26.0"
Caden McCalister	25.5"
Preston Morgeson	25.0"

<b>WEIGHT LIFTING</b>	
<b>Power Clean</b>	
Xander Tabor	225
Caden McCalister	205
Dylan Yates	205
Lathan Easley	205

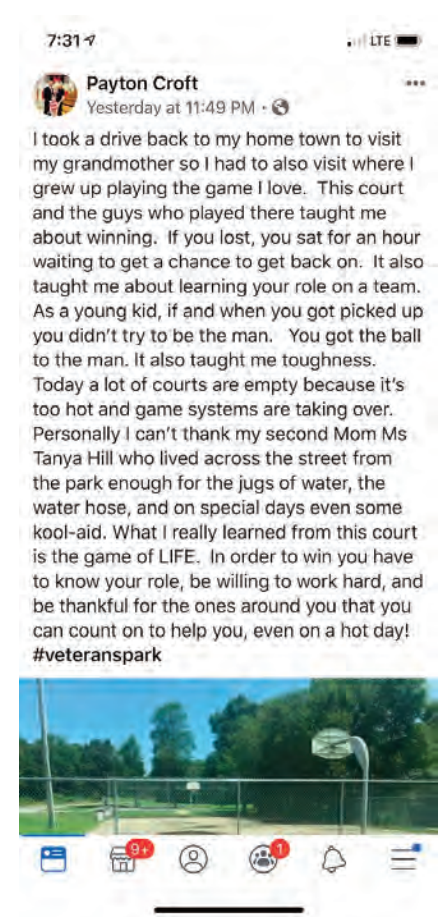
<b>Bench</b>	
Xander Tabor	235
Caden McCalister	230
Eli Moss	225
Dylan Yates	225
Brady Knight	225
Tyler Boone	215
Lathan Easley	215
Chase Stevens	215

<b>Squat</b>	
Dylan Yates	365
Xander Tabor	355
Anthony Greenwood	355
Lathan Easley	330

For Complete List of Individual Results  
See Rocket Football Online



Crittenden County opened its pre-season 7-on-7 series last Thursday night at McCracken County's invitational tournament. The Rockets were 1-2 in pool play and lost to South Spencer, Ind., in the single-elimination tournament. The good news is that CCHS beat Fort Campbell, which the team will see again on Aug. 23 in the regular-season opener. Pictured above is senior Hunter Jones casting his eyes downfield during the 7-on-7 event. Jones and junior Braxton Winders look like the top candidates for QB this season.



## Reflections of a former Rocket visiting his hometown ball court

STAFF REPORT

We couldn't resist pulling this off of social media and posting it here in the newspaper where others could enjoy the reflections of a former Crittenden County basketball great. Of course, Payton Croft has moved on to coaching his own team nowadays, but once he toiled here at Rocket Arena under his father's tutelage. The son of Marion-Crittenden County Hall of Fame coach Jimmy Croft, Payton has made quite a name for himself in western Kentucky prep basketball circles as a highly-respected coach. As a Rocket player, Croft became the school's all-time assist leader and ranks among the top 15 scorers all time. He played here from 2000 to 2005 alongside all-time scoring leader Tim Hill, whose mother is mentioned in the Facebook post at left. Hill is already in the local athletics hall of fame and Croft is arguably a future hall of famer. Time and distance tends to provide uncanny reflection and personal introspection that helps not only build personal character, but also keep our feet firmly on the ground.

## McDonald promoted to head V-ball coach

Crittenden County has hired a volleyball coach to replace former skipper Cara Hunt, who resigned to accept a teaching position at Lyon County. Last year's CCHS assistant coach Bayley McDonald, 26, has been named as the new head coach. McDonald is a 2011 graduate of Caldwell County High School where she played volleyball on some stellar teams, including one that won an All A Classic state championship, three regional titles and five district crowns. She was an all-state selection as a senior and was also picked multiple times as an all-district and all-region competitor. McDonald played collegiate volleyball at Kentucky Wesleyan College and Mid Continent University. She has also been coach of a successful travel volleyball team, VAPR (Volleyball Academy of the Pennyrile Region) based out of Hopkinsville.







Crittenden County’s 10-under all stars won the USSSA State Championship Tournament at Hopkinsville last weekend. Pictured are (front row left) Hudson Stokes, Colt Bailey, Eli Herrin, Jack Porter, Hunter Jackson, (second row) Gunner Topp, Jett Reddick, Drake Young, Jaxton Duncan, Brady Dayberry, Brayden Walton, Jake Rich, (back row) coaches Adam Dayberry, Shane Young and Joey Rich. Head coach Robby Jackson is lying on the ground in the front.

## Marion swimmers cap season with victory

Marion’s Stingrays swim team finished its season with a win, 744-413, at Calvert City last week against the Orange Waves. Following are the top finishers for Marion’s squad.

- Medley Relay**  
**8u boys** - 1st - Beau Maraman, Kaden Herrington, Sam Eichelberger, Bode Merrill; 2nd - Zane Smith, Brendan Eichelberger, Aiden Smith, Jordy Byford.  
**8u girls** - 1st - Aubrey Debat, Sarah Grau, Nora Hollis, Zoe Foster.  
**10u boys** - 1st - Eli Eichelberger, Sam Eichelberger, Noah Byford, Bode Merrill; 2nd - Caleb Combs, Zak Smith, Beau Maraman, Kaden Herrington  
**10u girls** - 1st - Delaney Dunkerson, Morgan Stewart, Braelyn Merrill, Grier Crider; 2nd - Lacey Boone, Aliza Maraman, Nora Hollis, Abigail James.  
**12u girls** - 1st - Aaliyah Littrell, Aliyah Maraman, Aubrey Hollis, Ali Hollis.  
**14u boys** - 1st - Evan McDowell, Rain Elder, Dougie Smith, Paris Foster.  
14u girls - 1st - Ava Henry, Braelyn Merrill, Koltar Gilland, Aubrey Hollis  
**Butterfly**  
*\*Top four Marion finishers*  
**8u boys** - 4th, Beau Maraman  
**8u girls** - 4th, Sarah Grau  
**10u boys** - 4th, Caleb Combs  
**10u girls** - 4th, Aliza Maraman  
**12u girls** - 4th, Aaliyah Littrell  
**Freestyle**  
**6-u boys** - 2nd, Tucker Wells  
**8u boys** - 2nd, Kaden Herrington; 4th, Beau Maraman  
**8u girls** - 2nd, Sarah Grau; 3rd, Aubrey Debat  
**10u boys** - 3rd, Charlie Ledford; 4th, Caleb Combs  
**10u girls** - 4th, Lacey Boone  
**12u girls** - 1st - Aubrey Grau; 2nd, Aaliyah Littrell; 4th, Ali Hollis  
**14u boys** - 4th, Evan McDowell  
**14u girls** - 3rd, Ava Henry; 4th, Koltar Gilland  
**Backstroke**  
**6-u boys** - 4th, Jordy Byford  
**8u boys** - 3rd, Kaden Herrington; 4th, Beau Maraman  
**8u girls** - 2nd, Aubrey Debat; 3rd, Sarah Grau  
**10u boys** - 4th, Eli Eichelberger  
**10u girls** - 3rd, Morgan Stewart; 4th, Grier Crider  
**12u girls** - 3rd, Aubrey Grau  
**14u boys** - 4th, Rain Elder  
**14u girls** - 2nd, Koltar Gilland; 4th, Ava Henry



Coach Patti Merrill encourages Koltar Gilland in her 50-yard breaststroke race.

- Freestyle**  
**10u boys** - 4th, Charlie Ledford  
**12u girls** - 2nd, Aaliyah Littrell  
**14u girls** - 3rd, Ava Henry  
**Breaststroke**  
**8u boys** - 3rd, Kaden Herrington  
**8u girls** - 3rd, Nora Hollis; 4th, Aubrey Debat  
**10u boys** - 3rd, Caleb Combs  
**10u girls** - 4th - Grier Crider  
**12u girls** - 3rd, Aliyah Maraman; 4th, Aubrey Grau  
**14u boys** - 4th, Evan McDowell  
**14u girls** - 4th, Koltar Gilland  
**Freestyle Relay**  
**8u boys** - 1st - Sm Eichelberger, Kaden Herrington, Beau Maraman, Bode Miller; 3rd - Zane Smith, Brendan Eichelberger, Aiden Smith, Jordy Byford  
**8u girls** - 1st - Aubrey Debat, Sarah Grau, Zoe Foster, Nora Hollis  
**10u boys** - 1st - Eli Eichel-

- berger, Charlie Ledford, Caleb Combs, Noah Byford  
**10u girls** - 1st - Grier Crider, Morgan Stewart, Lacey Boone, Braelyn Merrill; 2nd - Aliza Maraman, Abigail James, Aubrey Debat, Delaney Dunkerson  
**12u girls** - 1st - Aaliyah Littrell, Aubrey Grau, Ali Hollis, Aubrey Hollis; 2nd - Katie Beth James, Grier Crider, Aliyah Maraman, Lacey Boone  
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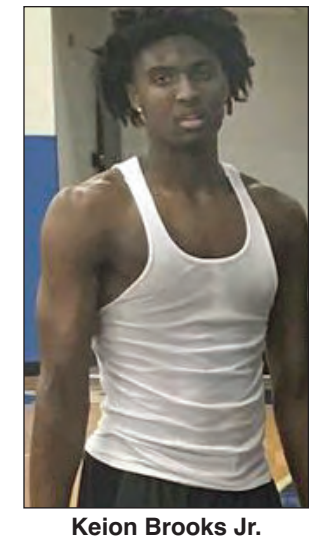
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Keion Brooks Jr.

## Brooks finds winning greater reward than personal ranking

Recruiting rankings have never been a huge topic of conversation for Keion Brooks Sr. and his son, Keion Brooks Jr., a Kentucky five-star freshman basketball player. Brooks Jr. was ranked among the nation’s top 15 players in the 2019 recruiting class but some believe he could be even better playing for coach John Calipari than some suspect.



Larry Vaught  
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“I have never really thought about where people put him (in the rankings),” Brooks Sr. said. “We talk about the number in front of the game but what you do with the production behind it is what really matters. He can go out and be productive and show what he can do on the floor and it will speak for itself. A lot of times you can get caught up in rankings and kids will lose focus on what they need to do and can do.

“He just wants to win and understands the game is a team concept. It’s all about winning at the end and what have you done to help your team win and could you have done even more. He’s always been taught to make winning plays and that is not always scoring. He can be setting a screen or defending a key play. Just do whatever it takes to win is what he does.”

Brooks Sr. has seen Calipari “preach” that same philosophy to his players the last few years. The UK freshman’s father looks at numbers and has seen how Calipari’s players have balanced minutes and points per game.

“It’s not a one-man show. It’s a balanced attack. It’s who is in the right place to make plays at the right time,” Brooks Sr. said. “One of the things that really stood out to us with Coach was all of the players getting a chance to eat and trust in their brothers. You do that, everybody succeeds and you play winning bas-

ketball. One thing I really enjoyed in conversations during recruiting was when Coach talked about the game is not about shots but what you can do to help the team win.”

Brooks Jr. has had a knack for making big shots at the biggest moments during his career. That’s also an attribute Calipari and his staff like.

“Keion has worked on shooting the ball from different spots on the floor from all kind of different angles,” the player’s father said.

“If he has a weakness, it might be that he sometimes sets the bar too high. He’s almost a basketball perfectionist who is never satisfied with what he has done.

“He wants to do things right no matter what it is,” Brooks’ father said. “He’s also wondering if this was the right play, right decision. He wants to be the guy you look at to make sure he’s doing it the right way. He holds himself to a high standard. He tries to reach his goals and not allow situations to still by him because of something he could not control.

“Sometimes he feels he should have done more. He always wants it to be the right way. He doesn’t want to be in a situation where he did something (in a game) and then sees he should not have done it. He wants to be in the situation where ‘we did’ and not ‘should have done it.’ If he can continue to

have that mentality and really understand the game like that it will only help him grow more as a person and player.”

Could the spotlight at UK consume a player who sets such a high bar for himself because every move will be scrutinized by fans and media?

“He is a kid that will not look for the spotlight. However, he knows it will be there,” Brooks Sr. said. “He is a kid that has had some experience on AAU and high school level with that. I do not know that he understands the magnitude yet of what it will be like during the season. But it will never be about him. It will always be about the Big Blue Nation with him because more than anything, he wants to win.”

Jared Lorenzen’s legacy was way bigger than I even realized when the former UK quarterback passed away at age 38 on July 3. I was on six out-of-state radio shows, including one in Portland, Ore., talking about Lorenzen and sports talk shows in Kentucky were filled with Lorenzen stories and memories for days.

Former Kentucky receiver Aaron Boone said he never played with another quarterback like Lorenzen in college or professional football where he played with the Dallas Cowboys, Chicago Bears and Carolina Panthers in the NFL as well as Berlin Thunder (NFL Europe) and Philadelphia, Kansas City and Utah in the Arena Football League before suffering a career-ending knee injury in 2011.

“His big rocket of an arm, with a lefty spin, took some getting used to, but once we connected we rolled and had a great run together at the University of Kentucky. In a span of 16 straight games, we connected for 15 touchdown receptions,” Boone said.

He was a junior college All-American before transferring to UK.





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