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MarionKy.gov opens virtual city hall door

A revamped website for the City of Marion should give its citizens better access to information and allow for better communication between the city and its population. MarionKy.gov has been the city's website for several years, but it had become obsolete. Starting last week, the same web address opened a virtual door into city hall.

City Administrator Adam Ledford said the updated site gives users 24/7 access to the two most requested bits of information from city hall — who to contact with an issue and how to reach them and access to documents and records. Visitors to MarionKy.gov can download meeting minutes and application forms for various permits and licenses, find contact information for all council members and department heads and uncover a bevy of city information. City ordinances are also in the process of being uploaded to the site.

The county is developing a similar website



MCC July enrollment event set for Tuesday

Madisonville Community College is hitting the road to provide admissions, advising, financial aid and enrollment assistance across the region. MCC rolls into Crittenden County next week.

"This is a great way for students to register for classes and to get information about financial aid and other services in their communities," said MCC Dean of Enrollment Management Aimee Wilkerson.

The college will host an event from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday at Crittenden County Public Library.

At each session, students can learn more about the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship that provides free tuition for career-related fields in high demand with employers. The scholarship is geared toward short-term training programs in health care, advanced manufacturing, business services/IT, transportation/logistics and construction.

Public meetings

- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** meets at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the courthouse.
- **Crittenden County Extension District Board** meets at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Extension service office.
- **Crittenden-Livingston Water District Board** meets at 6 p.m. Monday at the district office in Salem.
- **Crittenden Health Systems Board of Directors** meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the administrative annex.
- **Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees** will meet at 5 p.m. next Thursday at the library.

Dentist eyes filling local cavity

STAFF REPORT

Marion is starting to smile at the prospects of a dentist coming to town.

It has been two years since Dr. Steve Crider retired, leaving Marion without local dental care for the first time in ages. Not too long ago, in the late 1980s, Marion had three full-time dental practices.

While details are still being firmed up, it appears that Dr.

Rebecca Werner, DMD of Shelbyville, Ky., will be setting up practice here. She can start seeing patients before the end of the month when the office will host a Meet the Dentist event from 4 to 8 p.m. next Thursday. Werner will join orthodontist Dr. Matthew Milliner of Paducah in the Health Quest Wellness Center on South Main Street, where Milliner practices on a part-time basis in the dentistry of-

fice that was once Crider's.

Initially, plans are to see patients one day a week, on Thursdays, but her hours will extend into the evening.

Werner already has an active practice in Shelbyville, which is midway between Louisville and Frankfort. She also has a mobile dental service she offers through Senior Well, seeing

residents at Crittenden Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Werner has been serving the nursing home in Marion for more than a year. It was through that local relationship that Werner discovered the need for family dentistry in Marion.

She and her husband, Sean Spannkebel, operate a farming, cattle and

trucking company in central Kentucky called Rx Ranch. They grow produce such as tomatoes, peppers and pumpkins and sell to grocers and restaurants. Their customers include Kroger and Wendy's.

Werner earned her dentistry degree from the University of Louisville and has been practicing for about 20 years. Her office will accept private insurance, Medicaid and private pay.



Werner

Hurdles ahead



Marion City Councilwoman Phyllis Sykes places a red sticker last Thursday during a city goal-setting session next to what she feels is one of the five biggest issues facing the city. The meeting gathered elected officials and mostly city employees in what served as a self-analysis.

Goal-setting inventories municipal woes as first step to bettering Marion

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

Most city leaders found last week's goal-setting session for Marion government an eye-opener to a host of serious issues facing the municipality. The city's top official took it a step further.

"It's depressing," said Mayor Jared Byford following last Thursday's three-hour meeting billed by City Administrator Adam Ledford as the first step to fixing an array of problems. "It almost made me sick to my stomach."

What Byford and others found disturbing were the dozens of

concerns brought to light and inventoried for the first time with virtually everyone in city government in the same room. Each of the two dozen people gathered in the meeting room of Marion Fire Department had his own idea of some of the hurdles in the city's future, but none had seen an unabridged list highlighted by a burgeoning drug problem, decaying infrastructure and a blighted cityscape.

One city resident on hand for the public meeting — one who has regularly participated in civic discourse and pushed for an

overhaul of city government — had a different view of the catalog of concerns.

"It's exciting," said Linda Schumann after the meeting, not elated at the problems, but hopeful for the city's first attempt to cement a plan for the future. "We've hit rock bottom."

Ledford orchestrated what served as a special meeting of Marion City Council in order to bring the municipality's elected officials and staff together on the same page. By analyzing the

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Eclipse casting shadow

STAFF REPORT

Local leaders aren't sure whether to embrace the upcoming Great American Eclipse or treat it like a bad moon rising.

What they are telling residents is to buy gas and food staples at least by the Friday before the Monday, Aug. 21 total solar eclipse. They also urge people to plan to be off roadways as much as possible on the afternoon when the astronomical show ends.

Right now, school in Crittenden County will be uninterrupted by the eclipse although nearby districts in Lyon, Livingston and Caldwell have

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Teen gets sample of college life

By BLAKE SANDLIN
STAFF WRITER

Crittenden County High School senior Sam Winders got his first taste of college, one year early.

Winders returned home this month after completing the Commonwealth Honors Academy hosted by Murray State University. The program allows incoming high school to enroll in two college courses in exchange for receiving six hours of college credit and a four-year housing



Winders

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Byford: July 31 goal to certify tax petition

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

By the time the calendar flips to August, a special election to decide the fate of a school tax increase could be imminent.

Recall petitioners last Thursday turned in 1,056 signatures to appeal a 6-cent property tax bump approved June 1 by Crittenden County Board of Education in order to fund construction of a new high school. At least 408 of those names must be confirmed by County Clerk Carolyn Byford as registered voters in the county.

Her office has until Aug. 11 to certify the petition, but the longtime

clerk believes she will have the requisite number of names authenticated well before the end of the mandated 30-day deadline.

"I'm hoping that two weeks will do it," Byford said Monday, as deputy clerk Donna Shewcraft sorted through hundreds of petition pages, setting aside names whose validity could be questionable. "I feel good that by the 31st, we will have this done."

Once the petition certification process is complete, the school board can choose to repeal the tax, challenge it within 10 days in circuit

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PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

Donna Shewcraft, a deputy in County Clerk Carolyn Byford's office, works Monday from a stack of precinct-specific folders to verify names from a recall petition submitted last week to send a board of education tax increase to the ballot. The names of 408 registered county voters are needed from the 1,056 submitted to force the vote.

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CCHS ready to open new ‘Houses’

By CURTIS BROWN
CCHS PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the House! Atlantis, Gemini, Apollo and Endeavour are names that CCHS students should come to know well this year. Those are the names of the four “houses” that Crittenden County High School will be comprised of beginning with the new school year. Our faculty and staff have been working hard all summer to transform the school into a place that’s more inviting and welcoming to students and parents. The majority of our faculty have changed rooms, and we’ve been painting, planning and creating new spaces for our



Brown

students. We think they are going to love it! Our houses will be further divided into what we call “Care and Connect” teams. We have 29 Care and Connect teams across our four houses, with 13-15 students in each group. Each team will meet with a staff member at the beginning of school every day. These Care and Connect groups are divided by gender and are multi-grade level. High school students sometimes find it difficult to forge connections with adults in the building, and we hope to alleviate that with daily conversations with a staff member. Students will be with the same Care and

Connect team throughout their high school years. The house system is used in some of the best schools in the state and nation, and has a number of positive features for high schools:

- Fosters a sense of pride and ownership.
- Develops leadership skills.
- Helps improve relationships between student grade levels, and eases the transition for freshmen to the high school.
- Helps improve relationships between students and faculty because of the daily conversations that take place in Care and Connect meetings.
- Opens the way to mentoring possibilities, as upperclassmen can help underclassmen

develop academic, social and leadership skills.

- Many schools who move to the house system report fewer discipline issues.
- Fun competitions. Games and challenges are fun for students, and provide great memories and bonding experiences. All of our school competitions this year (with the exception of our traditional Powder Puff football night) will be house-based, rather than

grade-level based. This is just a brief overview of what will be new at CCHS this year. Our “Mission Launch,” formerly Back to School Bash, showcases our changes Monday, Aug. 14, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. On that night, students will receive their Chrome-books, receive their class schedules, find out their house assignments, get to visit their teachers in their new rooms, and see all the physical changes that have taken place over the summer,

CCHS Mission Launch Aug. 14, 5:30-7:30

Registration

Register Friday by visiting <https://goo.gl/9L92FR> or scanning the QR code



including our new library glass enclosure. Every student will receive a special house t-shirt that night, if they pre-register using the information below. We will also have refreshments available for students and their families. Visit <https://goo.gl/9L92FR> or the inset QR code to register and specify your student’s shirt size. The deadline for registration is Friday. We’re ready to launch! Watch our Facebook page for continuing updates as we near our Mission Launch date. See you on Aug. 14!

(Editor’s note: Curtis Brown is principal at Crittenden County High School. He will be returning for his fourth year as head of the school.)

Hungry Marion diners share diverse tastes

By BLAKE SANDLIN
STAFF COMMENTARY

Glenn’s on Main, Tony’s Main Street Italian Grill, Dairy Queen and 88 Dip are just some of the local eateries offered to Marion citizens. But with such diversity available, it elicits the question, “What are Marion citizens eating?” Salads, chicken, burgers and pasta dishes fill the menus of these restaurants, which in turn fill the bellies of the 3,000 people who call the City of Marion home. The most coveted of these dishes always keep us coming back for more, and for good reason.



Sandlin

with Parmesan cheese and topped with chicken. Salads also have their place amongst Italian Grill customers. Perryman said the most popular is their fruit and pecan salad. The salad includes fresh fruits atop mixed greens with feta cheese, red onions, pecans and fresh fruit vinaigrette. Submarine sandwiches and pizzas also don the menu at Italian Grill. Perryman said the most popular pizza at his restaurant is the Mainstreet supreme pizza, topped with pepperoni, beef, ham, sausage, green peppers, onions and black olives, and the margarita pizza with roasted garlic olive oil topped with fresh mozzarella, parmesan, fresh tomato and basil. Among the most demanded sandwiches is the hot Italian sub, layered with ham, salami, capicola, pepperoni, grilled onions, peppers and melted mozzarella on toasted sub served with homemade Italian dressing. Jumping a block down is Glenn’s on Main, specializing in home-cooked Southern meals. The owner, Glenn Conger, says his most ordered item is the plate lunch, which allows customers to choose one meat to go with two sides of to fill their hankering. Meatloaf and chicken and dumplings are among the

most requested. Conger admitted healthier foods are the worst sellers among Marion customers, but the Tex Mex salad is an exception. The salad is made up of lettuce, tomatoes, green onions, cheddar cheese and blackened chicken, all tossed into a tortilla bowl. The restaurant has also seen a trend in customers ordering Southern-style vegetables like mashed potatoes and gravy and fried okra. Conger also owns another popular restaurant in Marion, Jones’ 88 Dip. Started in 1952, “The Dip” remains Marion’s oldest restaurant. The burger joint’s top item, as expected, is a large cheeseburger. But Conger said the pizza burger is also a top seller. Marion residents’ most ordered side item at The Dip are the French fries, but while there is a pattern of conformity at the restaurant, Conger said there are sometimes customers willing to throw some caution to the wind. “There’s always somebody that wants something made upside down and backwards,” Conger said. The signature item at 88 Dip, as evident by the giant cone atop its roof, is the ice cream and milkshakes. The most popular of these, Conger said, are the vanilla, chocolate and banana milkshakes. Both 88 Dip and Glenn’s on



PHOTO BY BLAKE SANDLIN, THE PRESS

Rachel Cummins of Princeton chose pasta on a recent visit to Glenn’s on Main, one of the most popular places in Marion to grab a meal. From Blizzards to pizza, orders at city restaurants run the gamut of appetites.

Main serve breakfast, with hash browns, eggs, and biscuits and gravy being the most demanded. In the battle of bacon and sausage, though, Conger said there’s a new sheriff in town. “Sausage outsells bacon by a ratio of 2 to 1 at Glenn’s,” Conger said. “It used to be different, but it’s switched over the years.” For locals who prefer fast food chains, Dairy Queen is

one of the hottest spots. Karen Nasser, who owns the local franchise with her husband Barry, said the restaurant’s “5 Buck Lunch” is the most craved midday item, likely due to its affordability and options. Customers can choose between a three-piece chicken strip lunch, deluxe cheeseburger lunch or their A-1 bacon cheeseburger, all served with fries, a drink and a sundae.

The least ordered item is the Kansas City BBQ pulled pork sandwich, consisting of barbecue on a pretzel roll topped with Kansas City-style sauce, onions and pickles. Nasser contributes its lack of popularity to its relatively short time on the menu. Above all, the Blizzard still holds the throne. DQ’s signature sweet treat is the most purchased at the Marion store, with the “Guardians of the Galaxy” Blizzard in popular demand. The dessert feature brownies, cookie pieces, caramel and chocolate bits mixed in with Dairy Queen’s unique soft-serve ice cream. With a plethora of food options available around the town, it’s important to have an ice cold, tasty drink to wash it down. For Marion residents, that drink is sweet tea. Three out of the four restaurants reported that the Southern commodity is their most popular, with only Dairy Queen reporting Coca-Cola as their customers’ top choice. As businesses and restaurants come and go in Marion over time, one thing that will never falter is it’s citizens’ appetite. (Blake Sandlin, a student at Murray State University from Marshall County, is in the midst of a 10-week internship at The Crittenden Press. He can be reached at (270) 965-3191 or bsandlin1@murraystate.edu.)

NEWS BRIEFS

Application OK’d for requesting city funds

Organizations asking for money from city taxpayers in the future will have to do more than ask. On Monday, Marion City Council approved a four-page application for financial assistance that will have to be submitted to city hall before the annual budget process begins. Traditionally, the elected body has allocated line item appropriations to outside groups on the vocal request of representatives approaching the council sporadically at public meetings. City Administrator Adam Ledford said the new process should make divvying out money a smoother process. “It creates a formalized process so (requests) can be weighed all at the same time,” he said. Appropriations to groups like Crittenden County Food Bank and Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center for its home-delivered-meal program have already been allocated in the current budget cycle. However, Ledford proposed a December deadline for such groups to complete the application process for consideration in the 2018-19 city spending plan. The specific deadline will be publicly announced each year, and the form will be available anytime at city hall or through the city’s revamped website at MarionKy.gov.

Motorcycle wreck injures 3 individuals

Three people were injured Sunday morning in rural Crittenden County in a dual motorcycle wreck. At about 10:35 a.m., according to Crittenden County Sheriff’s Deputy Chuck Hoover, the accident occurred on Cottonpatch Road near Ky. 387 in northern Crittenden County. The investigation revealed that a 2006 Harley Davidson motorcycle pulling a trailer was being operated by Randy Heisz of Beloit, Wisc. Heisz lost control in a curve and both he and his passenger, Kathleen Kirby of Janesville, Wisc., were ejected. The motorcycle continued unoccupied and struck the rear of a trailer being towed by another 2006 Harley Davidson motorcycle operated by Timothy Peck of Beloit, Wisc. Both Peck and his passenger, Maryann Peck, also of Beloit, were ejected. Maryann Peck sustained serious injuries during the collision and was transported from the scene by AirEvac Lifeteam helicopter to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Ind. Both Heisz and Kirby were transported by Crittenden EMS to Baptist Health Paducah. Timothy Peck was uninjured in the collision. Last weekend was Kentucky Bike Riley, which draws thousands of bikers annually to Sturgis. Crittenden County Sheriff’s Office is investigating the col-

lision. They were assisted on scene by the Kentucky State Police, Crittenden EMS, Mattoon Fire Department and several good Samaritans who stopped to render aid.

Local woman files scam gripe with AG

A Crittenden County woman has filed a complaint with the Kentucky Attorney General and is warning others about a potential scam from individuals posing as agents for Dish Network. Annie McLaughlin had no reason to be suspicious when she saw a toll-free number from Dish Network show up on her caller ID, but the questions they asked began to make her uneasy. The caller convinced her to hang up and he’d call again so she could again see that it was Dish Network calling. The man, whom she described as having an Indian accent, asked for the IP address on her computer router, and then began asking for her Dish Network password and answers to security questions. The information he requested was necessary to prevent loss in programming, the caller told McLaughlin. He transferred her to the technology department, where another man requested \$160 that would be held in escrow and credited on her account \$20 each month. Increasingly skeptical, she turned the phone over to her husband, and the caller even-

tually hung up. McLaughlin reported the issue to Dish Network by calling (800) 333-3474, which was the number that showed up on her caller ID; however, Dish Network officials told her they do not routinely contact customers on that number. She also filed a complaint with the Kentucky Attorney General. “There are a lot of naive people out there, so I think people need to be warned,” McLaughlin said. Ridley appointed to 2nd national group Senate Democratic Caucus Chairman Dorsey Ridley of Henderson has been appointed to a second national committee. The senator has been selected to serve on the American Legislative Exchange Council’s (ALEC) Task Force on Energy Environment and Agriculture. Ridley said being appointed to the task force provides opportunities to share concerns with his counterparts in other states. He will also be able to utilize research resources available through the organization to compare practices and trends in other states. The task force works to develop model policy in a wide variety of issue areas, including energy, public lands, chemical regulation, agricultural technology, regulatory reform, air and water quality, federal-state relations, environmental health, waste management, rural development

and property rights. Upcoming discussions by the task force include cybersecurity for utilities, clean coal technology, models for electricity markets, developments in solar technology and policies to ensure electricity grid resilience, among other topics. “Because of the agriculture and energy industries impact on the fourth district, these issues are of particular interest to me and important to my constituents,” said Ridley, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee and a former member of the Energy Special

Subcommittee. “I look forward to the discussions about how to move these industries forward.” ALEC is America’s largest, nonpartisan membership organization of state legislators dedicated to the principles of limited government, free markets and federalism. Ridley was selected to serve on the National Conference of State Legislatures’ Legislative Effectiveness Committee in May. He represents Crittenden, Livingston, Union, Webster, Caldwell and Henderson counties in Frankfort.

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Area Deaths

Samuel

Glenn Roscoe Samuel, 67, of Marion died Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at his home.



He was a coal miner, served in the United States Navy and was a member of Cave Springs Baptist Church.



Surviving are his wife, Paula Samuel; a son, Brad (Jada Williams) Samuel; daughters, Krystal (Darrell Drennan) Samuel and Stacey (Nick) Stone, all of Marion; three grandchildren, Jaylie Stone, Coleman Stone and Brody Samuel; brothers, Dale (Doris) Samuel of Columbus, Ohio; Larry (Brenda) Samuel of Marion and Timmy Samuel of Bakersfield, Calif.; a sister, Faye Steckel of East St. Louis, Ill.; a brother-in-law, Anthony Black; and sisters-in-law, Janie Nally, Julie Utley, Lori Brown, all of Henderson, Clara Vanover of Dixon and Ladonna Pollard of Wheatcroft; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Joseph and Melissa Samuel; parents, James and Marie Samuel; two brothers, Major Samuel and Walter Lee Samuel; and a sister, Karen Samuel.

Services were Friday, July 14 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Baker Church Cemetery.

Cosby

Kimberly Cosby, 50, of Marion died Sunday, July 16, 2017 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

Surviving are two nieces, Dusty and Brittany Lemon.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robbie Cosby; parents Hershel and Regina Lemon; and brother, Kenny Lemon.

Services were at 1 p.m., Wednesday, July 19 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial was at Loveless Cemetery in Livingston County.

Jones

Thomas Allen Jones, 71,

of Marion died Monday, July 17, 2017 at Livingston Hospital in Salem.

Arrangements are incomplete at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Murray

Vestel Murray, 79, of Marion died Sunday, July 16, 2017 at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

Surviving are two sons Ronnie Murray of Effingham Ill., and Gary (Tennie) Murray of Marion; a daughter Brenda (Paul) Yandell of Marion; two brothers, Richard Murray and Kenneth Murray; and a sister, Virginia Murray.

She was preceded in death by his parents, Azel and Mae Murray; his wife, Margret Murray; a brother, RL Murray; two sisters, Rose Moxley and Ester Garrett; and a grandchild, Lashalea Murray.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, July 20 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday July 19 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

Conrad

Laura Ann Conrad, 64, of Marion died Monday, July 10, 2017 at Baptist Health Paducah.

Surviving are a nephew, Nicholas Johnson of Marion; niece, Sara Lowther of Marion, Ill.; two great-nieces; and a great-nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Shirley Turner Conrad.

Services were Thursday, July 13 at Myers Funeral Home, Marion with burial in Mapleview Cemetery.

Obituary policy

Most obituaries in The Crittenden Press are published at no charge. However, extended obituaries are available for a small fee. There is no charge for use of a photo. Please ask your funeral director about fee-based obituaries. Obituaries that appear in the paper are also accessible on our Web site.

Haney

Reese Ainsley Haney, infant, of Marion died Saturday, July 15, 2017 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center in Hopkinsville.

She was the daughter of Tena Marie (Rozwalka) Faughn and Mark Wayne Haney of Marion.

Also surviving are her paternal grandmother, Mary Beth Godwin of Princeton; maternal grandparents, Tracey Rozwalka and Stephen Belt of Marion, and Rich Rozwalka Jr. of Oklahoma; and sisters, Hannah Faughn and Addison Faughn of Marion.

No services are scheduled at this time. Lamb Funeral Home in Hopkinsville was in charge of arrangements.

Millikan

Rachel R. Millikan, 31, of Salem died Monday, July 10, 2017 at Baptist Health in Paducah.

She born Feb. 24, 1986 in Marion. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Barry Millikan of Salem; seven children, Shawn Millikan, Kelly Allen, Kat Millikan, Keyle Williams, Brandon Duckert, Falicity Millikan, all of Salem, and Jasmine Mearing of Marion; parents, Paul Allen (Melissa), of Salem and Jenette Lutz of Marion; three brothers, Johnathan Allen, John Lutz, William Allen, all of Marion; and a sister, Chelsea Allen of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Paula Millikan; and cousin, Jeremy Cummins.

A memorial service was held at Harvest House Church in Marion.

Neal and Lambert Family Funeral Home of Calvert City was in charge of arrangements.

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The first step is to meet with your funeral director. The meeting typically takes about an hour and gives you the opportunity to discuss your wishes in as much or as little detail as you like. And you don’t have to make all these decisions all at once. You may find it becomes much easier to make certain decisions after meeting with your funeral director who can provide more information.

Another important benefit to pre-planning is that you get to look at different alternatives and consider different pricing options. We are always happy to provide cost estimates so that you can consider all the facts. Some people do decide to pre-pay once they have decided on their arrangements and there are various reasons for doing so. Sometimes it is to relieve family members from the financial burden. Others find peace of mind in knowing that the appropriate funds are set aside and taken care of. At Boyd’s, we offer an option to lock-in today’s prices so that the costs will not continue to increase over time, and we guarantee to provide the selected funeral for the amount in the trust at the time of death. However, not all funeral homes provide such a guarantee, so check with your local funeral home. It is important to ask your funeral home about payment options so you can make the decisions that are best for you and your family.

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CCEDC hosts annual meeting

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) held its annual meeting last week at the Marion Ed-Tech Center.

Sixteen people attended the event, mostly directors or those closely tied to executive board.

The CCEDC is a public-private partnership aimed at improving the economic condition of Marion and Crittenden County. It was created more than 20 years ago and at one time had an annual budget of nearly \$100,000 and a full-time executive director.

At last week’s meeting the group reported operating income of about \$67,000 for

the last year. Most of that came from four \$10,000 contributors. They were Farmers Bank, City of Marion, Crittenden County Fiscal Court and Siemens.

President Terry Bunnell, who is CEO of The Peoples Bank in Marion, said the CCEDC is on stable financial footing. It sold \$17,086 in timber last year at Industrial Park North and anticipates selling 15 acres to the city for a sewer treatment facility at the north park for \$75,000.

The group reports assets valued at \$320,029, the majority of which is tied up in real estate at the industrial park where Tyson’s chicken houses once stood.

Its liabilities were reported

at \$280,663, all of which is a loan from the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority for the land at Industrial Park North.

Discussions are currently underway with neighboring counties to consider consolidating economic development efforts between Crittenden, Lyon and Caldwell counties. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said there has been some preliminary planning on how such an entity would be funded, but there are no firm details.

The CCEDC was scheduled to meet this week to further discuss the multi-county option.

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Several sentenced by court

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Circuit Court Judge Rene Williams disposed of a number of felony cases and probation violations last week during the regular monthly session of the circuit court.

Among the cases handled last Thursday were the following:

- Jerry Goolsby, 61, of Marion was granted probation for two felonies and one misdemeanor stemming from his arrest last year on cultivating marijuana charges. Goolsby had pleaded guilty two months ago to cultivating marijuana (five or more plants), a Class D felony; tampering with physical evidence at Class D felony; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class A misdemeanor. He had originally faced stiffer charges of enhanced cultivation of marijuana and enhanced possession of drug paraphernalia. Another charge of trafficking in marijuana was dismissed. Goolsby was caught with 49 pot plants during a state police marijuana eradication

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effort late last summer when they used a helicopter to find dope growing in the county.

Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell had originally opposed probation on Goolsby's five-year prison sentence. Goolsby was given five years for each felony and 12 months on the misdemeanor. Goolsby's attorney asked for probation based on his client's health condition (details of which were sealed as part of the court record) and his lack of criminal history. After some discussion, between Judge Williams, the prosecutor and Goolsby's attorney, the court granted probation for a period of five years.

- Probation was revoked for Michael Kirby, 37, of Owensboro, who was originally charged in 2015 with trespassing when a complainant saw him and a co-defendant leaving a mobile home in the Lafayette Heights area of rural Crittenden County. Court records

indicate that his vehicle had broken down nearby. He was ordered to serve the balance of a 12-month sentence.

- Andy Sweet, 25, of Dixon had his probation revoked for violating terms of his probation, including but not limited to admitting to using methamphetamine and being arrested in Lyon County for reckless driving and DUI. Sweet was on probation for a receiving stolen property charge. The commonwealth attorney said Sweet is also on probation for a charge in Webster County. Judge Williams ordered him to begin serving the completion of his five-year sentence. The judge said she would not oppose shock probation if Sweet can be admitted to a drug-treatment facility.

In Rocket Docket cases, Devin Cowan, 19, of Sturgis and Matthew D. Miles, 19, of Morganfield pleaded guilty to theft and burglary charges and were each given pretrial diversion for a period of five years. The two were involved in burglaries and thefts in Marion in April where an

ATV and handgun were stolen.

In an unrelated Rocket Docket case, William P. Allen, 26, pleaded guilty to third-degree burglary, a Class D felony; first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), a Class D felony; and misdemeanor charges of possession of burglary tools and possession of drug paraphernalia. Court records say that Allen was involved in the burglary of an outbuilding on Walnut Street in May. Allen waived separate sentencing and was ordered directly to prison to begin serving a one-and-a-half-year sentence. He got one-and-a-half years on the burglary charge, one year on the drug charge and 12 months on each of the misdemeanors with all time to run concurrently.

The Rocket Docket is a fast-track through the legal system, giving suspects an opportunity to plead guilty without a protracted process in circuit court, which can sometimes take months and multiple court appearances.

Grand Jury indicts 3 local individuals

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted three individuals last week.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely determines whether enough evidence exists to continue prosecuting a case in circuit court.

- Timothy Adams, 31, of Marion was indicted on a single count of flagrant non-support, a Class D felony.

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According to court records, Adams is in arrears on child support payments in the amount of \$4,551.

- Sarah R. Brasher, 31, of Marion was indicted on one count of trafficking in marijuana, less than eight ounces, second or greater offense, a Class D felony. According to court records,

Brasher is alleged to have had on April 12 at her home on Conway Drive "three large bags of marijuana, scales, and baggies," according to the arrest citation.

- Shaun Daniel Brasher, 29, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of second-degree unlawful transaction with a minor. According to court records, Brasher is alleged to have provided mari-

juana to and smoked it with a person under the age of 16. Evidence in the case was gleaned from a social media conversation alleged to have been between Brasher and the female juvenile in February. Police got a warrant to view the Facebook Messenger accounts of the two and determined based on the conversation that illicit activity had occurred.

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opted to close. Crittenden school officials say they may change their minds based on further information that could become available as the event draws nearer.

Wayne Winers, transportation supervisor for the school district, said plans are to treat the event as an educational opportunity within the county's three schools where proper eyewear will be available for all students and staff viewing the eclipse.

The eclipse will be viewable along a line running across the mid-section of the country from Oregon to South Carolina and passing through southern Crittenden County, it will last less than 3 minutes. Although total darkness will be short-lived, the event will last almost three hours as the moon gradually passes between Earth and the sun.

Watching the eclipse without protection can lead to permanent vision impairment, says local optometrist Dr. Adria Porter. She recommends viewing the eclipse with only proper eyewear or using a reflective device.

Porter's office, Marion Eye-care Center, will be selling a limited number of eclipse glasses next week and disposable eyewear is also available from the Woman's of Club of Marion, which is selling them at Marion Feed Mill. Crittenden County Public Library has about 1,500 glasses it is making available for free beginning in August, but there is a limit per individual.

Protecting your eyes will be important during the eclipse, but local emergency management personnel are also looking at the bigger picture. For the most part, authorities in Marion say they will be prepared just in case some of the hundreds of thousands expected to converge upon the hotspots across western Kentucky pour off the main drags and into the countryside.

The approach here is a logical one considering Emergency Management Director David Travis's analogy of the eclipse and potential followers.

"As of now, we don't know what will happen," said Travis, who's tuned into state and national forecasts for a potential influx of people aiming for a spot along a 70-mile-wide path stretching from the Pacific Northwest to the Palmetto State.

Part of the nation's best viewing opportunities of this celestial event will strike right here in Crittenden County, says Travis. The line projected for the longest viewing

opportunities when the moon shuts off the sun and turns day into night will be between Frances and Dycusburg. Travis said the hills and hollows in that area probably will prevent it from being a major attraction, but there's no way to tell.

"It's like sitting around waiting for a storm to come," he said. "We don't know if it's going to hit here or not."

Of course, they know the eclipse is coming – unless it's cloudy and raining, then only darkness will be realized and a view of the heavens will be clouded by Mother Nature.

The main event – total darkness – will occur in Crittenden County at about 1:22 p.m. Local emergency personnel say traffic could be heaviest after the eclipse ends.

"I think they will trickle into the area over the days leading up to it," Travis said. "But when it's over, they will all want to go home right

then."

Hopkinsville, the epicenter of the entire eclipse, has thrown out the welcome mat, advertising itself as one of the best viewing locations in the country. So far, Hopkinsville has tourists coming from 16 countries and 36 states, according to Kentucky Transportation Cabinet spokesman Keith Todd. Viewing is longest in Hopkinsville at 160 seconds, just 8 seconds longer than in Crittenden County.

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is also embracing the opportunity to host a festival at the Marion-Crittenden County Park on Saturday, Aug. 19, before the eclipse. Billed as "SolarFest Keepin' It Weird Festival," the Chamber's celebration will include interactive events for kids, food and craft vendors, music, a scavenger hunt, a comedian and a free showing of the movie "E.T" at 9:30 that night.

On the day of the eclipse,

the public library will have canopies set up on its lawn for snacks, arts, crafts, games and "science stuff," said Library Director Regina Merrick. Inside, there will also be videos of past eclipses and NASA streaming video of the Great American Eclipse as it passes over the U.S.

"We'll start at noon, then have everyone gather when it starts, then the activities can resume," Merrick said.

In Smithland, Potter's House church will be hosting an eclipse-day event from Ohio River Baptist Association, an alliance of Southern Baptist churches in Crittenden and Livingston counties. Solivingston at the Smithland house of worship is being billed as a free family-friendly event inside the air-conditioned facility. Physicist and astronomy researcher Dr. Andrew J. Wagers will highlight the event, but there will also be fun and games, including inflatables. Free eclipse viewing glasses will be offered by the Salem-based association.

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Somethin’s cookin’

Saturday’s Boot Scootin’ BBQ Competition and Festival was a hit for the Community Arts Foundation (CAF). According to CAF director Kim Vince, seven pit masters – including five locals – battled it out for bragging rights and prizes, with Robert Patterson of Madisonville taking home the Grand Champion title and \$500. Patterson was also awarded Best Chicken and Best Ribs in a blind taste test. Pictured above are the judges, (from left) Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford, Gordon Guess and Philis Hardin as CAF director Fred Stubblefield and organizer Nikki Croft look on. Todd Riley won Best Sauce and Shaun Wesmoland earned Best Pulled Pork. “We were pleased with the turnout,” Vince said. “Several competitors sold out of certain items within 30 minutes to an hour.” The crowd was also entertained with music and games. “We are already making plans for next year and appreciate the community support in the competition and patronage of the vendors,” Vince added. Next year’s event will be Saturday, July 21.

Salem man hurt in wreck

STAFF REPORT

A Salem man was flown to an out-of-state hospital Friday for injuries he received in a single-vehicle crash at Moore Hill.

According to Kentucky State Police, Roger Swaggirt, 63, was operating a 1993 Ford F-150 traveling westbound on U.S. 60 West when around 1 p.m. he crossed the center line driving into oncoming traffic. Trooper Brian Graves reports Swaggirt then overcorrected his truck, striking a guard rail on the westbound shoulder of the roadway. After striking the guardrail, his vehicle crossed the eastbound lane of travel and exited the roadway where it overturned.

Swaggirt was trapped in his vehicle and was extricated by Crittenden County Rescue Squad. He was transported by ambulance to Crittenden Health Systems and then flown to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Ind., by Air Evac Lifeteam. Swaggirt was reportedly not wearing his seat belt.

Trooper Graves was assisted on scene by Crittenden EMS, Crittenden County Sheriff’s Office, Crittenden County Rescue Squad and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.



Emergency personnel work Friday afternoon to extricate Roger Swaggirt, 63, of Salem from his overturned pickup on U.S. 60 West at Moore Hill. Swaggirt was flown to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Ind., for treatment of injuries.

TAX

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court, schedule a special election for within 35 and 45 days or possibly delay a vote until the 2018 general election.

If Byford is able to certify 408 names by Monday, July 31, the board of education could schedule the election for a time between Labor Day (Monday, Sept. 4) and Thursday, Sept. 14. The board’s next regular meeting is 7 p.m. next Thursday, so it is likely a special meeting

would be needed for the elected body to decide its next step.

By statute, the sheriff must have all county tax rates finalized by Sept. 15. That gives the board a small window for an election in 2017 that would not force them to mail a second round of tax bills this fall for the 6-cent increase, if approved at the polls. The election and a second round of tax bills would cost around \$20,000.

Of course, if 649 or more of the names inked to the recall petition are found to be invalid, the tax would be-

come effective as of Aug. 13 and would appear on the roughly 6,500 tax bills to be mailed to county property owners in 2017. Despite some questions attached to signatures having already arisen – like names signed under the incorrect precinct or appearing multiple times – Byford said it is unlikely enough names would be disqualified to void the petition.

At the ballot box, a simple majority vote would decide the fate of the tax increase. As of June 20, according to the Kentucky Secretary of State’s office, there were 6,694 registered voters in Crittenden County.

Not yet knowing the exact date of a potential special

Petition worded for opposition

More than 1,000 people signed a petition to repeal a 6-cent school tax increase on property owners in Crittenden County. The petition has until Aug. 11 to be verified with the signatures of at least 408 names of registered voters in the county and reads as follows: “We, being qualified voters, in Crittenden County, Kentucky, as evidenced by our signatures attached to this document, and being against the property tax increase, levied by the Crittenden County School Board on June 1, 2017, request the property tax increase by (sic) recalled.”

Once the petition is certified by County Clerk Carolyn Byford, its pages can be view publicly. Copies of the petition’s hundreds of pages are available at 50 cents per page.

election, the clerk urges residents who may wish to weigh in on the tax to go ahead and register to vote or verify their registration information. That can be done at her office

during regular business hours or online 24/7 at GoVoteKy.com. Registrants do not have to declare a political party through either method. The clerk’s courthouse office

is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Friday and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The board of education approved the “equivalent nickel” tax last month to complete an \$8 million project to move middle schoolers from an antiquated 69-year-old building into the current high school and construct a new facility for high-schoolers. The tax bump would increase the school district’s bonding potential by \$3.4 million and bring with it a \$3.1 match from the state for the 20-year life of the bond. The district already has \$4.75 million in bonding potential.

 To check your voter registration or to register to vote in Crittenden County, visit GoVoteKy.com.

NOTICE TO CRITTENDEN COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Carolyn Byford, Crittenden County Clerk, pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that the 2016 Delinquent Real Property Tax bills (Certificates of Delinquency) will be published in The Crittenden Press on July 28, 2017. 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. The tax sale will be held on August 28, 2017 beginning at 9 a.m. All interested participants must register with the County Clerk’s office by the close of business on August 18, 2017. 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.

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The choice before us is quite plain

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On Jan. 13, 1947, U.S. Senate Chaplain Peter Marshall stated: "The choice before us is plain: Christ or chaos, conviction or compromise, discipline or disintegration. I am rather tired of hearing about our rights... The time is come to hear about responsibilities... America's future depends upon her accepting and demonstrating God's government."

Another one of his statements that rings so true today is "The world has enough women who are popular. It needs more who are pure. We need women, and men, too, who would rather be morally right than socially correct."

And this was spoken by a true man of God in 1947, and, oh, how we not only need these truths reiterated over and over today, but desperately adhered to.

The far left is a cover-up name for the evil secessionists and American haters among us, but also a cover-up name for the communists among us, and all of them in service of Satan to destroy this nation.

Washington, D.C. is rife with them. We all watch how most there do not want what is best for America, but at least half of them work to hinder, hurt and destroy all who are trying to do good for us.

We all must stand up,

and speak out against the anarchists in our streets, who in most cases are being paid by the American hater, atheist George Soros, and brainwashed by the evil communist professors in our universities. They are training an army of American haters, while their parents pay high fees for a so-called education.

These students are dangerous, destructive and too lazy to work. They demand that the Americans they are taught to hate keep them up, supporting their desired way of life.

These armies will become leaders of their generation, and all who disagree with them will suffer, or have to fight.

This is exactly how all the rulers of the Soviet Union, Hitler, Mao, Castro and many other ruthless, killing dictators slowly took power, and between them over 100 million innocent men, women and children were assassinated in the 20th Century.

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ture chambers.

The majority of the American people do not follow the teachings of Jesus. This will bring God's judgment down on the nation.

How true the need today is for men and women to want to be morally right than socially correct.

I'm sick and tired of women constantly trying to put men down, denigrate women who want to be homebuilders and constantly wanting to see women run the world.

Different groups and affiliates are working to turn America into a third world nation, so the Satan followers can control the rest of us and take away all we have worked for and that thousands have fought for and died for.

What I would give if everyone of these destroyers was forced to go to all the graveyards and have to stay there and read the markers for days on end where our bravest bodies lie. They should have to stay in the veterans' hospitals where our mangled, suffering survivors languish day after day until they are on their knees, begging God and man for forgiveness for using the freedoms for their evil actions that these men and women have paid such a high price for.

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all of this.

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Read His words in Matthew 23:33 where He calls people like these serpents, hypocrites, generation of vipers and asks them how can they escape damnation of Hell.

May God let happen whatever it takes to cause these and all the lost to come to Him, and let Him save them, fill them with His Holy Spirit and begin to bring America back to God. I rest my case.

Editor's note: Rev. Lucy Tedrick shares her views periodically in this newspaper. Her opinions are her own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.



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Religious and Political Views

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- Enon General Baptist Church will have Homecoming and celebrate its 170th anniversary on Sunday, July 23. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m., worship at 11 a.m., followed by a noon meal and singing by the Stone Family. Everyone is welcome. Call (270) 667-9689 for more information.
- Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church will host a Free Movie Night on Sunday, July 30 at the church. The movie, Joshua, will begin at 5 p.m. followed by free snacks and drinks. Everyone is welcome and please tell your friends about it, too.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday.
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Treasurer touts transparency

STAFF REPORT

As one might expect, Kentucky State Treasurer Allison Ball talked almost exclusively about money at her town hall meeting in Marion Monday.

Ball, 35, is among the youngest elected statewide officials in the country and told a handful of local residents about three projects she's been working diligently toward during her nearly one and a half years in office.

Unclaimed property, savings accounts for those on disability and transparency in Kentucky's spending are key components to her administration. She said Crittenden County has about \$723,000 in unclaimed property on the books and she's encouraging residents to go online and search to see if they have anything coming to them. Ball quipped that she's the equivalent of the statewide Lost and Found Department. Crittenden County residents, she said, made only 19 claims last year for unclaimed property. That's not much, she said, and she wants to continue returning property and money to the



Ball



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS
Kentucky Treasurer Allison Ball, in Marion Monday, speaks with John Hunt as David Tharp looks on during a town hall meeting inside Tony's Main Street Italian Grill. Ball, 35, is making her way around the state to tout her office's initiatives.

rightful owners.

"Go online and look. It's even kind of fun just to look for other people," she said.

As part of her efforts to improve the financial stability of disabled persons, the

treasurer said she's gotten the law changed that allows those receiving disability benefits in Kentucky to be able to save up to \$14,000 a year. The figure was once only \$2,000 and she said

that wasn't even enough for one resident to pay for vehicle repairs.

More information about this program can be found at StableKy.com.

"For people to be on stable financial footing, they must be able to save money," she said, during a more than 30-minute stop at Tony's Main Street Italian Grill.

Ball also spoke about her continued work on making government spending more open to the public. Her website offers residents an opportunity to see where money is going, to create charts and graphs and mine for details. She hopes to one day include local government information on the site.

"And just so you know Coach Cal is not the highest paid person," she said about public officials in the state.

Crittenden County residents asked a few questions. There was one about possible options to the proposed new school tax and one about regulatory reporting by the local airport, necessitated by recent changes in Kentucky law.

After some appetizers at the Main Street Grill, Ball toured the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum before heading off to another nearby county.

WINDERS

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scholarship at Murray State. The program also gives students the option to enroll in six additional tuition-free courses during their senior year.

CHA, available to juniors statewide, is among the three competitive honors summer programs – including Governor's Scholars Program and Governor's School for the Arts – available to students. CHA is open to students who hold a 3.5 GPA and a 25 composite ACT score. Qualifying for the program was no problem for Winders, who currently holds a 4.0 GPA and an ACT score of 30, a composite in the 95 percentile of students.

Winders had the resume to qualify for other honors programs over the summer, but said he chose CHA because he wanted to spend time on Murray State's campus, to experience smaller class sizes and because its shorter, three-week duration allowed him to attend band camp.

The 2017 program was titled "A Call to Serve: Awakening the Leader in You." Winders took courses in Interdisciplinary Humanities and Fine Arts as well as a Two-Dimensional Visual Arts course while on campus. However, he did much more than sit idly in a classroom.

"Some of the activities we did included a trip to St. Louis, where we watched an opera and visited an art museum, watching three movies pertaining to the theme of the program, a choir, speakers, community meetings, seminars, The Spotlight Program where students could perform, and the "Gong Show" where humorous acts were performed," Winders said.

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gram to other juniors."

While Winders is keeping his options open, he is considering Murray State as his college home. Until then, though, Winders said he will continue to personify the positive lessons and virtues he learned over the summer to everyone he encounters.

"I will listen to people as well as talk to them, and search for the commonalities between myself and other people rather than just looking at the differences," Winders said.

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Calendar

— Crittenden County **Friends of the Library** will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday (today) in the meeting room at the Crittenden County Public Library.

— All-you-can-eat breakfast prepared by veterans of the **Burna American Legion** will be served at the post from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the post on U.S. 60 in Burna. There will be eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, hash browns, drinks, etc. Funds raised go toward upkeep and maintenance of veterans memorial. The meal is open to all and costs \$6 for adults and \$3 for children..

— The 61-year class reunion of the **Crittenden County High School Class of 1956** has been scheduled for Sept. 2 at the Marion Cumberland Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 224 W. Bellville St., Marion. Doors open at 11 a.m. with a noon catered meal, cost \$20 per person. Please mail payment in advance, make check to "Class of 1956" mail to Sarah Ford, 220 S. Weldon St. Marion, KY 42064. Deadline is Aug. 15.

— The 20-year class reunion for the **Crittenden County High School Class of 1997** will be held at 6 p.m., Sept. 9 at Drake Creek Golf Club, located at 1 Torrey Pines Dr. in Ledbetter. Cost is \$30 per person. Please mail payment to Lee Anna Porter Boone c/o CCHS Class of '97, P.O. Box 75, Crayne, KY 42033. Deadline Aug. 1.

Extension

— **Corn Day** will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday at the Imogene Stout Farmers Market in Marion. Free fun activities will be offered for the kids and information for adults.

— **Diabetes Self-Management Class** will be held from noon-4 p.m., Monday at the Extension Office. The session is free and open to anyone wishing to become better informed about diabetes. Register by calling (270) 965-5236.

— A **calligraphy class** will be held from 10-11:30 a.m., Monday at the Crittenden County Public Library. Open to all 4-H youth ages 9-18. Cloverbuds ages 5-8 must be accompanied by a parent. Fee is \$4. Have a short quote and the source with you that you'd like to use. Register by calling (270) 965-5236 by Friday.

— A **Dish Garden** (\$10) or Terrarium (\$5) class will be offered at 1 p.m., Tuesday at the Extension Annex. People wishing to make terrariums must bring their own container. Register by calling (270) 965-5236 by Friday Open to all 4-H youth ages 9-18. Cloverbuds ages 5-8 must be accompanied by a parent.

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 oven fried chicken, buttered new potatoes, whole wheat roll and pears. Blood pressure checks will be offered by Life-line Home Health.

— Friday: Menu is taco soup, baked potato with sour cream and margarine, apple crisp and cornbread. Bingo will begin at 10:30 a.m.

— Monday: Menu is baked potato soup, chicken drumstick, seasoned peas, cornbread and pear crisp. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

— Tuesday: Menu is hamburger with lettuce, tomato and onion on whole wheat bun, vegetable soup, oatmeal raisin cookie and crackers. Legal aid will begin at 10 a.m.

— July 26: Menu is barbecue chicken, baked potato with sour cream and margarine, green bean casserole, wheat bun and baked apples and raisins. Bingo will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Centenarian

Taylor celebrates 100 years

Estes Hardesty Taylor, a native of Tolu, turned 100 years old July 8. Her wish? For another 100 years.

Taylor was one of eight children born to Luther and Minnie Hardesty. The Tolu graduate was a black belt champion in karate, a model in Chicago and worked for 20 years as a social worker in Paducah.

Taylor resides at McCracken County Health & Rehab in Paducah, where she celebrated her birthday with relatives and friends.

Pictured with Ms. Taylor are (from left) her daughter Leta Taylor, her attorney, nephew Sanford Hardesty Franklin, Linda Hardesty, and nephews Gary Hardesty and Carol Franklin.



Wedding



Tuckers wed June 13

Stormie Fulks and Jeffrey Tucker, both of Paducah, were united in marriage June 13.

The couple exchanged vows at noon at Noble Park in Paducah.



Council delivery

Nurses in the NICU at Baptist Health Paducah received a portion of donated coloring books and other materials collected last school year by the Crittenden County Elementary School Student Council. Delivering the items is CCES fourth grader Mollie Blazina. Donations were also given to Baptist's cancer center. Johnna Fitch is the student council sponsor at Crittenden Elementary.



Sheriff's ranch

Two Crittenden County boys – Braiden Brasher and Daniel Barnes-May – attended the Kentucky Sheriff's Boys and Girls Ranch July 9-14. Pictured with the boys are Ranch Head Counselor Kayla Mayfield (left) and Crittenden County Deputy Sheriff Chuck Hoover.

Kindness rocks

Hand-painted, inspirational messages brightening Crittenden Countians' days

BY BLAKE SANDLIN
PRESS STAFF WRITER

What started as a simple idea to spread unsuspecting acts of kindness through colorfully painted rocks to residents of Cape Cod, Mass., has turned into a national campaign. Thanks to the work of one local resident, Marion is the movement's next stop.

The Kindness Rocks Project began in 2015 as a way for individuals to share unsuspecting acts of kindness throughout their communities by simply transcribing stones with inspiring rhetoric and colorful illustrations.

Described as a grassroots kindness movement on its website, the Kindness Rocks Project has garnered an audience of over 31,000 Facebook followers. The movement utilizes social media as a platform for those looking to share kindness rock photos and encouraging stories to members across the globe.

Marion native Natalie Morrison first discovered the Kindness Rocks Project earlier this month during a trip to Florida, and initiated the campaign locally. Morrison said the movement's acclaim in her household encouraged her to share it with others.

"When I was in Florida with my son we had a blast looking for them and it was something to do outside together," Morrison said. "He was so happy to find every one and read what they said. Maybe it was just a color or a face on it, but it made him smile, and I hope this makes people smile and brings them joy."

Morrison has been rocking the kindness scene since last Tuesday, when she began placing kindness rocks across Marion. Starting a local campaign of this caliber can be met with challenges, but Morrison said she was met with all the assurance she needed after reading scripture like Philemon 1:7: "Your love has given me much joy and com-



Rocks with kind messages and encouraging words are popping up all around Marion thanks to the effort initiated by one local resident.

fort, my brother, for your kindness has often refreshed the hearts of God's people."

Morrison also created a Facebook page titled "Kindness Rocks Marion" to give locals an outlet to share their rock photos and encourage folks to join the local movement. Although still in its early stages, the group has already amassed over 100 members. One of those members, Stacy Hughes, said the rocks have had a profound effect on her daily attitude.

"I think it puts a smile on your face when you find a random rock with something positive written on it," Hughes said. "I found one in

Princeton over a month ago that simply said, 'smile' and I did just that."

From messages of love, hope, scriptures and even colorful cartoon characters, the kindness rocks have a universal appeal; appeal that Morrison hopes will serve a legitimate need.

"You never know what kind of place someone is in, and finding something like that with the exact right words on it could change their whole day," Morrison said.

Morrison's passion for cultivating a kinder community is infectious; so much so that Hughes plans to start painting rocks of her own.

"I absolutely plan to join in with painting more rocks and getting them out there to brighten a random person's day," Hughes said. "How awesome is that?"

Marion citizens have found kindness rocks scattered in nearby parks, in the downtown area and around local businesses. Morrison encourages anyone who finds a rock to either keep it or re-hide it in a separate location for others to find. But no matter what they choose to do with it, Morrison hopes they serve as encouragement to every hand they encounter.

"Some people just need to be reminded sometimes in a kind way that they are valuable," Morrison said. "If they can see hope or peace just by reading that rock, then that's what it's all about."

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AG BRIEFS

Ky. crops surviving summer swelter

Kentucky farmers are cutting hay and spraying row crops as the hot, dry days of summer settle in. There is a presence of disease in some crops, but it is not widespread. Some crops were helped by the drier conditions, however others have been stressed by the intense heat throughout the state.

According to the USDA's weekly "Crop Progress and Condition" report released Monday by the National Agricultural Statistics Service, despite the summer sizzle, the vast majority of crops and pasture remain in good condition and moisture content in the top- and subsoil remain high.

Corn and soybean crop progress continues ahead of the five-year pace. Seventy-six percent of the corn crop is silking and 38 percent has milked. Meantime, 36 percent of soybeans are blooming and 16 percent are setting pods.

ARC, PLC deadline for farmers Aug. 1

Farmers and ranchers have until Aug. 1 to enroll in Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and/or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the

2017 crop year. These programs trigger financial protections for participating agricultural producers when market forces cause substantial drops in crop prices or revenues.

"Producers have already elected ARC or PLC, but to receive program benefits they must enroll for the 2017 crop year by signing a contract before the Aug. 1 deadline," said Kentucky Farm Service Agency (FSA) acting state Executive Director Robert Finch.

Covered commodities under the programs include barley, canola, chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice, safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

For more program information, contact the Salem FSA office at (270) 988-2180 or visit FSA.usda.gov/arc-plc.

Ky. expects 26.2M bushels of wheat

The July Crop Production report released last Wednesday from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) shows Kentucky farmers expect to harvest 26.2 million bushels of winter wheat during 2017.

Based on the Agricultural

Yield Survey conducted at the beginning of the month, the expected crop for 2017 would be down 18 percent from the previous year. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of July 1, and increased 4 percent from the June forecast. Growers expect a yield of 77 bushels per acre, down three bushels from 2016 and up five from June. Farmers seeded 460,000 acres last fall with 340,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Acres for other uses totaled 120,000 acres and will be used as a cover crop for tobacco or cut as silage or hay.

"Wheat fields that were harvested yielded surprisingly well," said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. "Some of the acres seeded last fall suffered too much freeze damage and weren't harvested as grain. NASS will survey farmers again in September to get their final acreage and production. If the current 77-bushel yield per acre forecast holds, it will be the second highest yield on record."

County committee nominees sought

Farmers and ranchers have until Aug. 1 to nominate eligible candidates to serve on local Farm Service Agency

county committees.

County committees are made up of farmers and ranchers elected by other producers in their communities to guide the delivery of farm programs at the local level. Committee members play a critical role in the day-to-day operations of FSA. Committees consist of three to 11 members and meet once a month or as needed to make important decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs, county office employment and other agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms.

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency administered program and reside in the local administrative area where the election is being held. A complete list of eligibility requirements, more information and nomination forms are available at FSA.usda.gov/elections.

All nomination forms for the 2017 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA county office by Aug. 1. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 6 and are due back to the local USDA Service Centers on Dec. 4. The newly elected county committee members will take office Jan. 1, 2018.

tourist attraction are woefully inadequate.

Internally, the goal-setting process revealed further concerns. City workers seem to be worried about their own futures with salaries frozen, benefits on the chopping block, staff reductions and inadequate training. Better communication, both inside city government and with the public, was also cited by respondents as a need.

Though it did not rate highly on the surveys returned to the city, a nationwide societal concern emerged from the goal-setting discussions as a major city priority – a growing drug epidemic. Most blamed a muddled judicial system for not properly addressing the drug crisis once arrests are made. But with limited resources, O'Neal said he cannot proactively approach the problem inside Marion and instead can only react to it, relying on the courts for a solution.

The council will in August prioritize goals for the next two years. That should lead to a plan for capital improvements and spending to address what are agreed upon as areas of major concern.

Ledford plans to revisit goal-setting every other year.

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opment, 9.

- Inadequate training, declining benefits and salary freezes for city employees, 9.
 - Street improvements, 8.
- Among a litany of concerns related to his areas of responsibility, Thomas said "multiple millions of dollars" in street repairs are needed, including serious work on Country Club Drive. At Monday's meeting of Marion City Council, elected officials agreed to continue patching sporadic potholes, but asked Thomas to come back with an estimate to make more permanent repairs to more serious failures in the street.
- Population loss, 6.
- As Ledford went around the room asking department heads to share their biggest concerns, Thomas painted the bleakest picture. From the streets and sidewalks above ground to water and wastewater utilities below the surface, maintenance has been long neglected.
- While as much as \$12-million in mandated sewer system upgrades are already underway, Thomas classified the city's stormwater collection as "horrendous," with many 100-year-old lines made of materials like clay, brick or orangeburg pipe, a bitumenized fiber pipe made from layers of wood pulp and pitch pressed together.
- Many of the city's 30 grinder pumps that chew up solid waste before entering sewer lines are beginning to fail or are near their expected life. There is no plan – or money set aside – to demolish the current sewer plant once a new one goes online in a couple of years. The city's water plant is 70 years old with the last update having

- come 40 years ago. Roughly half of the city's 250 or so fire hydrants are nearing 80 years old and about 40 do not work or are impaired in some way, a needed fix costing about a quarter of a million dollars. And one of the city's two storage tanks no longer holds treated water and needs about \$200,000 in repairs.
- Where do we focus?
- The goal-setting questionnaire, which was made available to the public at city hall, the public library and The Crittenden Press, also asked for significant programs the city should undertake. Top responses were:
- Housing revitalization, 8.
 - Downtown business district revitalization, 8.
 - Street repairs, 7.
 - Sidewalk repair, 4.
- Even the city's police chief, who shared his need for police and 911 upgrades, called crumbling walks a problem.
- "It's a big issue, I think," Chief Ray O'Neal said, pointing to Sturgis Road, where no sidewalk exists, as the biggest problem. "It's a safety concern, as well. People are walking out into streets because sidewalks are not good."
- Incentives for business development, 6.
 - Using more tourism dollars for Marion-Crittenden County Park, 5.
- On Monday, the city council accepted the resignation of park board member Todd Riley, the third director of the six-member, joint city-county board to resign in the last few weeks. Board members have said funding and resources to maintain the county's largest

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The Greatest

Legacy of Cassidy Moss will loom large for ages

BY BLAKE SANDLIN
PRESS REPORTER

"I think I just got lucky."

That's how Crittenden County's all-time leading scorer and Brescia University two-sport recruit Cassidy Moss described her illustrious athletic career with the Lady Rockets.

Yet, four seasons of unprecedented achievements – an historic 25-8 basketball season, a Fifth District basketball championship, an All A Second Region title in basketball and softball and 1,825 career points – might point to a little more than good fortune.

To get to the root of Moss's unparalleled success, you must retreat back to a time when her competitive spirit was born; a period when her father pushed her to spend hours outside throwing softballs into an old mattress to perfect her pitching. Moss said the training and guidance from her dad never felt like a chore because she had a desire to improve her craft.

"He asked me when I was 8-years-old, 'Cassidy, are you sure you want to do this? It's a lot of work', and I'm like, 'Yeah dad, I want to do it,'" Moss said.

Her father, Ronnie Moss, has an athletic background himself, having the distinct honor of being a Crittenden County Hall of Farmer and he played college football and basketball for a time. He saw a competitive desire in his daughter at an early age, and he knew it was special.

"With some kids you can tell that the talent is going to be there, and I think you could see it in her eyes that she wanted to play and she wanted to win," he said. "She doesn't like losing. I could tell from an early age that she had the potential to be a good athlete."

He was right on point.

The younger Moss's mental fortitude brought a slew of success during her five-year career at

I EXPECT HER TO BE AN ALL-AMERICAN AT BRESCIA

– CCHS Softball Coach Stephen Smith

CCHS. Success exemplified in the way she led the Lady Rocket basketball team to its first All A Classic State Tournament victory and the honor of being the winningest team in school history. Moreover, it surfaced when she willed her softball team to its first All A State Tournament appearance with a .526 batting average and a team-best .591 ERA on the mound.

Those memories are not lost on Crittenden County softball head coach Stephen Smith, who said Moss's on-the-field talents cannot be undervalued.

"Cassidy was everything," Smith said. "She was a constant force that you could count on every game, and a very humble athlete that was a joy for me to coach. I expect her to be an All-American at Brescia."

In the duration of Crittenden County High School's existence, it's seen a surplus of young budding talent pass through the hallways. Talent that's far surpassed what's expected from a school of its size. Yet despite all of that, Chris Evans, a longtime publisher for The Crittenden Press, said Moss is in a league of her own.

"What singles Cassidy out above most other athletes is her competitive spirit," Evans said. "Her will to win is paramount to her athletic skill. She is no doubt a gifted athlete, but what really puts her into an elite category is her bull-dogged stubbornness. The tougher things got, the harder she played. It's been a tremendous blessing to be

able to watch her perform on the basketball court and the softball diamond these last few years."

Evans, who has marvelled at Moss's talents since she got that first taste of varsity play in eighth grade, said the incoming Brescia freshman and all-time leading scorer has played her way not only into the hearts of Crittenden County fans, but also to the title of the greatest athlete to ever put on the royal blue and white.

"If she's not the greatest female athlete to come out of Crittenden County High School I don't know who it would be," Evans said. "Certainly, Crittenden's basketball coach, Shannon Hodge, was a great high school player. She went on to become a collegiate Division III All American. I did not ever see Jeannie Hinchey play, but they say she was a great athlete and so was Vanessa Gray, who played at Murray State. I saw her in college. Taking nothing at all from those great players, I do believe Cassidy is the best we've ever seen here, at least in the last 30 or 40 years. She has proven it with her statistics, her teams' successes and the way she carries herself as a real champion."

Hodge knows what it takes to play two sports in college. She did it at Centre in the 1980s. She admits that times have changed and softball will require more time for Cassidy, than it did her.

"There is no doubt she will be successful in college," Hodge predicts.

Hodge says that perhaps the greatest tribute to Moss's ability came from an unnamed person at the All A Classic State Tournament. The man approached Cassidy and Coach Hodge following Crittenden's first-round win over Sayre. "He was an older gentleman and he told Cassidy that he had been going to the state tournament for 20 years and had never seen anything like the game she had just played," Hodge recalls. "That

has stuck with me, and I told Cassidy at the time that should really mean something to you because he didn't have to look you up after the game and say that. And you know there have been a lot of great players go through that tournament."

"No doubt, she's a special, special player," Hodge added.

Moss's impact stretches far beyond the walls of Rocket Arena and into the classroom. Her 3.9 cumulative GPA throughout high school only solidifies what many think of when they hear the name Cassidy Moss: A true master of all trades.

For Moss, though, she wants only to be remembered in one way.

"Just a competitor," Moss said. "Somebody that likes to win. I love to win. Somebody that always gives it their all."

Moss is receiving a scholarship to play both basketball and softball for the Lady Bearcats at Brescia University, a Catholic, liberal arts college in Owensboro. As she prepares to take her talents to the next level in August, she leaves an incredible legacy at Crittenden County High School. But as she prepares to enter the next chapter of her athletic career, only two things matter.

"Getting good grades and hopefully doing well in sports," Moss said. "That's what I care about."

Over the last few weeks, Moss has been seen screaming words of encouragement from the bleachers during the Lady Rockets' summer scrimmage games, where her younger sister, Chandler, is now playing. Even though she's no longer a part of the CCHS roster, Moss says she will forever be apart of the Family.

"Coach Hodge always told us 'Once a Lady Rocket, always a Lady Rocket'. So I just love to see them do well," Moss said. "I like to think that I helped them get to that point by leadership and skills, and hopefully a little bit of what I did is passed down."



Swim Relay Winners

Marion Swim team had a couple of relay squads that won first place during a meet July 11 at Greenville. At top are male swimmers (from left) Kane Hill, Clay Stevens, Chase Stevens and Hayden Hill. Directly above are the female winners (from left) Payton Maness, Taylor Guess, Carly Towery and Ava Henry. The Stingrays were in action Tuesday of this week at home against Murray. Results were not available at press time.



Slogging

Crittenden County's football pre-season football workouts are in full swing on the high school campus. Hopes are high in camp this summer as the team returns a number of regulars from a pretty solid Class A team a year ago. The Rockets were 5-7 last season and one touchdown away from going to the regional championship. Pictured at top are Brock Langston and Devin Porter playing tug-of-war with a new liquid-filled drill device called a Water Slog. At left are projected starters at quarterback and fullback, Hunter Boone and Gavin Dickerson. Both are returning all-conference players.

Gilchrist making most of summer

Local golfer Lauren Gilchrist continues to make the most of her opportunities on the summer golfing circuit.

Gilchrist, who will be a sophomore at Crittenden County High School this year, is currently No. 2 in Kentucky in the race for the Junior PGA summer league championship.

Last week, she finished second out of 14 girls in the Junior PGA

event at Indian Hills Country Club in Bowling Green. She shot an 80 in that tournament.

Gilchrist plays in the girls' 13-15 age division. She is a two-time event winner this summer and has qualified for the sub-regional Junior PGA chip, putt and drive competition next month at Bowling Green.



Chop, Chop

The Lady Rockets volleyball team is selling pork chop sandwiches and meals Friday at Conrad's parking lot. All proceeds benefit the team.

Wiffle ball opps

There are two opportunities for teams to participate in Wiffle Ball Tournaments in the area. The annual Jake Hodge Foundation Wiffle Ball Tournament is Aug. 4-6 at Little Busch Stadium in Princeton. For more information, call (270) 704-0643. Also, the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Wiffle Ball Tournament at Marion-Crittenden County Park on Saturday, Aug. 19. Contact Chris Evans to register (270) 704-0435.

QB Club hosting golf

The Crittenden County Quarterback Club is hosting its annual fundraising golf tournament on Wednesday, July 26. It will be held at The Heritage at Marion Country Club. For more information or to register, contact Ronnie Myers at (270) 704-0108 or Al Starnes at (270) 704-0036.

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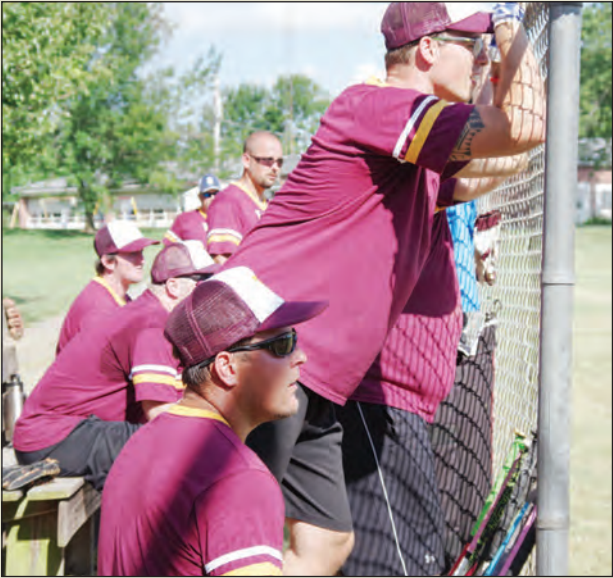
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Softball Saturday

A four-team softball tournament at Tolu Saturday drew a crowd of onlookers and ultimately raised hundreds of dollars to maintain and improve the grounds at Tolu Community Center. Teams Tolu, Crittenden, Siemens and Fredonia battled it out on the diamond at the center in Saturday's heat, with Crittenden taking home bragging rights in the double elimination tournament. "The tournament went great, and we had a good crowd cheering them on," said Ali Perryman. The Tolu team may have been runner-up, but the community won with \$1,400 raised through concessions, entry fees and raffles to go toward restoring the playing field to its glory days. At top, Marion Mayor Jared Byford drives a ball into the outfield for Tolu as Siemen's catcher Gary Middleton and umpire Jim Cosby look on. Above left, Barrett Sherer (seated), Brandon Deboe and the rest of the Tolu team watch the action from the stands. Above right, Tolu pitcher Josh Tinsley serves up a toss as Crittenden's Ethan Hunt edges off second base and field umpire Darron Holliman awaits the play. Saturday was a success, but softball at Tolu is not finished for the year. "The Tolu boys plan to host another tournament in either September or October of this year," Perryman said.

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Foster care review volunteers sought

Crittenden among 71 counties in need of individuals to make recommendations to courts on behalf of children

STAFF REPORT
Citizen Foster Care Review Boards (CFCRB) in 71 Kentucky counties, including Crittenden and all surrounding counties but Webster, are seeking volunteers to make a difference in the lives of local children in foster care and other out-of-home care. The boards are in need of volunteers to review cases of children placed in care because of dependency, neglect or abuse to ensure they are placed in safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible. Area counties in need of volunteers to be trained soon are Crittenden, Caldwell, Livingston, Lyon, Union and

many others in western Kentucky. Volunteers are not required to live in these counties. The Kentucky General Assembly created the state CFCRB in 1982 as a way to decrease the time children spend in out-of-home care. CFCRB volunteers review Cabinet for Health and Family Services files on children placed in out-of-home care and work with the cabinet and courts on behalf of the state's foster children. The volunteer reviewers help ensure that children receive the necessary services while in out-of-home care and are ultimately placed in permanent

homes. All volunteers must complete a six-hour initial training session. Potential volunteers are encouraged to apply as soon as possible so they may be screened and, if approved, scheduled for training in their area. Training sessions are scheduled for Friday in Christian County and three other dates across the state. All potential volunteers must consent to a criminal record and Central Registry check. A recommendation is then made to the chief judge of the District Court or Family Court for appointment. To get more information and apply to be a volunteer, visit the CFCRB web page at <https://goo.gl/PVWwN7>.

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