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ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL UNDERWAY

Online back-to-school registration is now open in Crittenden County. Parents and guardians of current students are invited to complete their 2018-19 applications through the Infinite Campus portal at <https://goo.gl/LURZ4a>. If assistance is needed with a login, call the child's school or the board of education central office at (270) 965-3525. The school district advises that if you receive an error message after submitting the registration to disregard. The registrations are being received.

Online registration help sessions are set for 5-7 p.m. Monday in the elementary school computer lab and 5-7 p.m. Aug. 6 in the high school library. Parents of students at any school can go to either location for help.

Parents of students who didn't attend school in Crittenden County last year need to call their child's school to set up a registration appointment.

All registrations should be completed before Back-to-School Nights on Aug. 13, which are 5-6:30 p.m. at CCES and 4-6 p.m. at both CCHS and CCMS. School starts on Aug. 15.

LOG CABIN ANTIQUE SHOP BURGLARIZED

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department is investigating a burglary at Wheeler's Log Cabin of Ky. 91 North between Marion and the Cave In Rock Ferry.

Sheriff Wayne Agent was called to the business location last Wednesday. He said two windows had been broken out and burglars had gotten away with an undisclosed amount of lute from the cabins. The sheriff said the damage was significant to two cabin windows.

The two-story log cabin, located about 6 miles from Marion, is one of the oldest homes in the county. Barbara Wheeler sells antiques, herbs and other items there.

Anyone with information about the alleged crime may qualify for a reward from the Crittenden County TipLine. If you have information, call (270) 965-3500 and remain anonymous.



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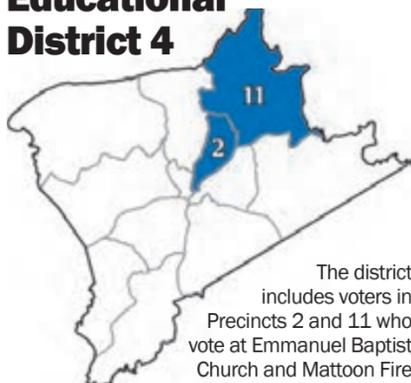
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Collins resigns board of education seat

Crittenden County Educational District 4



The district includes voters in Precincts 2 and 11 who vote at Emmanuel Baptist Church and Mattoon Fire Department, respectively.

STAFF REPORT

For the second time in as many years, Crittenden County Board of Education

Last Thursday, Educational District 4 representative Pam Collins announced she would be stepping aside amid her third term on the board so her eldest daughter would be eligible for a teaching position in the school system. State regulations prohibit close familial

relationships between board members and district employees.

"Who wouldn't do that for their kid?" reasoned Superintendent Vince Clark of Collins' decision. "I admire her for that."

Clark called Collins "rock solid" as both a board member and individual. She served as vice chair on the board of education and headed up the facilities planning committee in 2016 that ultimately recommended a school tax increase to fund a new high

school. As a board member, she voted to approve the unpopular levy in order to provide a better educational opportunity for local students. The tax ultimately failed at the ballot box in September 2017.

"There is not an individual that I know who cares more about Crittenden County students," Clark said at last Thursday's board meeting, "that's stood up strong for the students, asked hard question and has been more involved in help-

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Amanda Davenport, the executive director of the Lake Barkley Partnership three-county economic development group, is pictured in her office inside the Marion Ed-Tech Center. From Texas, the 29-year-old went to college at Murray State University and is familiar with western Kentucky.

Director brings zeal to economic development

By CHRIS EVANS
PRESS PUBLISHER

"Enthusiasm is a force multiplier."

Colin Powell, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, used that adage often to describe how zeal and passion can enrich and uplift others.

If energy and spirit can consolidate and rear this area's economic development efforts, then the Lake Barkley Partnership has found the right person.

Twenty-nine-year-old Amanda Davenport has been on the job only a few weeks, but she's rolled up her sleeves and made lots of hay while the sun is shining. Certainly, a Texas girl who loves competitive

horseback riding understands how to harmonize with western Kentuckians. Her husband is a native of Madisonville.

The economic development partnership was born from a need for three contiguous counties to become actual players in the broader economic development game. Individually, each had limited resources and was finding that despite their best efforts, they were falling far short.

Crittenden, Lyon and Caldwell counties pooled their individual and finan-

cial capital earlier this year to form a cooperative aimed at improving the economy in a small region of western Kentucky.

They've branded it with Lake Barkley, hoping the area's natural resources will be a primary drawing card for industry and commerce.

Marion and Crittenden County have been in the organized economic development business for 20-plus years. Although there have been a number of successes on which the Marion group can hang its

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School resource officer sought

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

Finding the proper fit for the position is proving more elusive than he first imagined, but Crittenden County Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark believes hiring a security officer for the school district will require patience.



We all have a role in keeping our schools safe.

-Vince Clark

Superintendent of Schools on the need for the entire community to help prevent violence at schools

"It needs to be the right person, the type of person the kids trust," he said of the school district's intent to hire a school resource officer (SRO) to improve safety for students and staff. "There has to be rapport. They have to be preventative in their practice."

Crittenden County Schools has not had a SRO in 10 years. But the board of education and Clark are committing long-term to increasing safety at schools by adding a security officer. They have shifted money in order to fund the salary for the position at about \$27,000 annually for a 185-day contract. In fact, the job of school security officer has already been posted on the district's website for about two weeks.

At press time, though, no one had submitted an application. Clark said competition from other school districts across the region adding the position or increasing their number of SROs is making the prospect of having one in place locally before the start of school on Aug. 15 a bit of a

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Longtime CCMS teacher transitions to principal

STAFF REPORT

A new principal has been chosen to lead Crittenden County Middle School. And she is a familiar face.

Kara Turley has called CCMS home for the past 14 years, teaching language arts to students in all three grade-levels. This fall, she will take on a new role with students as she begins her tenure as the school's new principal.

Turley replaces Tom Radivonyk, who accepted a position earlier this summer as principal of Lyon County High School. Radivonyk served two years as

head of grades 6-8.

Turley said the opportunity to lead the students and staff of CCMS is something she has long aspired to do.

"My heart and soul is tied to Crittenden County Middle School," she said. "It's my calling, my passion and my great pleasure to lead our school to continued growth."

Strengthening the school's positive culture and focusing on learning and growth for all students are two goals the new principal says are top priorities.

"We have a very positive energy in the middle school," said

Turley, "among students, staff, and parents. That's something in which our entire building takes a lot of pride. We want our students' academic achievements and growth to mirror that. Together, I know we can achieve this and watch our Rockets soar to new heights."

A graduate of Crittenden County High School, Turley obtained her bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University. She received a master's in reading and writing from Murray State University, where she

also completed her masters in school administration.

This will be Turley's first role in administration, and she will be one of two new principals among the school district's three facilities. After serving a year as assistant principal at the high school, Amanda Irvan takes the reigns from Curtis Brown, who retired in June.

Turley is a life-long resident of Crittenden County. She has two children and two stepchildren with her husband, Floyd Turley.



Turley

Except God, who else saw little Heidi?

A 5-pound, black, 11-year-old, female Pomeranian dog was lost on Piney Road Friday,

July 6 between 6:30 and 9 a.m., before a kind and wonderful man saw her, turned around and went back to get her. He called the number on her collar to find her owner and brought her to me, in answer to two and half hours of my frantic calling on God to please not let her get hurt and to please bring her back to us.

I kept reminding God He knew where she was, and that we had no idea. She had been in that pen for only a few minutes a day for 11 years of her life, and she had never even tried to get out of a tiny hole that we never dreamed she could.

The real mystery is how a little 11-year-old dog that has to be carried back up the hill after she tires from walking on a leash at the end of the drive can survive two and a half hours to make it up to Piney

Road 6 miles away through thick woods and underbrush. She has been in air-condition-

ing all her life and the weather was so hot that day.

All these facts have boggled my mind, and if anyone knows anything about all of this, or saw her anywhere during those hours, I would be so grateful to hear it.

Two things I know, she could not have gotten there on her own strength nor survive the traffic on that highway. The second thing is, God took care of her and guided one of His, made in His image, to care about a little helpless animal and find its owner.

Every time I hold the little thing, I know I'm holding a miracle from God. Awe overwhelms me.

Only those whose aching hearts have been comforted by a little animal – one of God's gentle creatures that looks up into your face and lays its little head over on your chest in



DARYL K. TABOR/THE PRESS

A tiny Pomeranian named Heidi was mysteriously lost miles from her home earlier this month only to be returned by a kind man.

such an understanding gesture – will in any way appreciate love like that. And I give my heartfelt gratitude and relief to God.

So my heart is constantly

full of praise and gratitude to God and to the man made in His image that obeyed Him, Mr. Paul Yandell.

What does it say about a busy businessman who sees a

little helpless lost dog on the side of a lonely road and takes the time to turn around and pick it up, call to find its owner and then take it to her?

When I was trying to thank him, he said, "It is the thing I would want someone to do for me, if I lost my dog."

That is the fulfilling of Jesus' words, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

The Bible tells us in Proverbs 12:10, "A righteous man regards the life of his beast; but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel."

And now in obedience to what the Bible tells us to do in Psalms 105:1, "O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name: make known His deeds among the people."

And the cry from the heart of King David and my own soul: "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men," reads Psalms 107:31. This he cried out four times in that one Psalm.

As dear Pop Brazel said many years ago, "If we all thanked Him more for all He does for us, we would not have to ask Him for as much."

UK tops in SEC in returning gridiron defense

It might be hard to believe, but Kentucky actually ranks first in the SEC in returning defensive production. However, coach Mark Stoops knows as important as experience is, having a defensive front that can control the line of scrimmage is even more important.

"It starts upfront. I've said it from day one, we're building. We're recruiting. We're doing the best we can to play at the level that it takes in this league," Stoops said at SEC Media Days. "Great defenses in this league are dominated by defensive lineman.

And we are getting much better. I feel much more solid about where we've been." He said sophomore nose guard Quinton Bohanna has him "excited" about this season and moving sophomore Josh Paschal from linebacker to the defensive front will be a big boost.

"He's a guy you give him a biscuit, and he can get to 300 pounds, but he's athletic enough to play on the edge," Stoops said about Paschal. "I really love the way he's playing the game. He's very athletic, very twitchy. He makes plays."

The good thing is that Paschal and Bohanna have older, experienced teammates to lean on.

"Adrian Middleton going into his senior year, he's made some plays for us and been consistent, look forward to him making a big jump," Stoops said. "We have a guy Phil Hoskins, who is very big, very strong. I love the energy, the attitude. I love how tough he

plays. He's twitchy, and he has some size. T.J. Carter is another guy inside.

"We have some bodies and that's where we need to make the big jump. Across the board, I challenge all of them to play at a higher level and a much more consistent level, and I think we're going to do that."

Damien Harris

Former Madison Southern standout Damien Harris, who rushed for 6,748 yards and 122 touchdowns in his high school career,

picked Alabama over Kentucky and now has won two national championships going into his senior season.

"It was an honor getting to say I made it out and kind of put the state on the map," Harris said. "They've had other guys recruited since then. It was a great feeling, especially when Kentucky is looked at as a basketball state. That's just kind of the mindset that it's not really a football state. I'm glad to be where I am, but I'm also glad to be where I'm from."

Harris opted to return to Alabama for his senior season rather than go to the NFL and now is projected as the top running back in the SEC — a projection that Kentucky junior running back Benny Snell obviously does not agree with (Harris and Snell were both named to the preseason all-SEC first team in voting at the SEC Media Days last week).

Harris says there is no chance of any complacency for him or his teammates due to



LARRY VAUGHT

Sophomores Josh Paschal (left) and Quinton Bohanna are being counted on by head coach Mark Stoops to help solidify UK's defensive front on the football field.

coach Nick Saban — much like UK basketball players say the same thing about John Calipari.

"No matter who we are playing, no matter what week it is in the season, whether we are playing a power five team or not, or whether we are playing in the national championship or not, one thing that we always focus on is just being the best team we can be," Harris said at the SEC Media Days. "We are confident in the fact that if we play our best football, offense, defense and special teams, that we are capable of being the best team in the country, year in and year out."

Harris also made it clear that Alabama players get the same royal treatment in Tuscaloosa that UK basketball players do in Lexington.

"I love being a part of the University of Alabama. The mindset across the entire University of Alabama is that we are champions, whether it is from an academic standpoint or an athletic standpoint. I love walking down the street in Tuscaloosa and somebody rolling down their windows when they drive by and are yelling 'Roll Tide,'" Harris said.

"There are just so many things about being a part of the University of Alabama and liv-

UK Football 2018 Schedule

UK finished 7-6 (4-4) in 2018, fourth in the SEC East. Kickoff is to be announced except for the first three games, with kickoff shown as Central Time.

SEPTEMBER	
1	.....vs. Central Michigan 2:30 p.m.
9	.....@ Florida* 6:30 p.m.
15	.....vs. Murray State 11 a.m.
22	.....vs. Mississippi State
29	.....vs. South Carolina*
OCTOBER	
6	.....@ Texas A&M
20	.....vs. Vanderbilt*
27	.....@ Missouri*
NOVEMBER	
3	.....vs. Georgia*
10	.....@ Tennessee*
17	.....vs. Middle Tennessee
24	.....@ Louisville

Bold denotes SEC opponent. Asterisk denotes SEC East opponent.

ing in Tuscaloosa that bring us so much joy as athletes. Coming back for my senior year wasn't hard."

Now that is one difference from Kentucky basketball because Calipari seldom gets a player to come back for a second year, much less a senior season.

Quote of the Week

"It is coming up quickly. We are getting ready to practice before we go. That will be invaluable for this team and going down and playing four games will be great as well. It will have a huge impact for our team," UK basketball assistant coach John Robic on the upcoming exhibition games in the Bahamas.

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ing kids be successful."

Board Chairman Chris Cook said her compassion for others was one of her most valuable traits.

"She has such a heart for our students, staff, district and community," he said. "Her calm demeanor, counsel, courage, discernment, insight and vision will all be missed."

Stepping aside

Collins was first elected in 2008 after defeating incumbent Ronald "Red" Howton in the non-partisan race and held the seat after unopposed elections in 2012 and 2016. Her term was set to expire in late 2020. District 4 stretches northeast of Marion to the county's boundaries and includes Precincts 2 and 11, which vote at Emmanuel Baptist Church and Mattoon Volunteer Fire Department, respectively.

"It is with mixed emotions that I submit my res-

ignation from (the board) effective July 20. It has been my pleasure to serve the district," Collins said in a brief, four-line letter announcing her intentions. "My resignation is made easier as my daughter begins her teaching career here in Crittenden County Schools."

Maggie Collins, a 2014 graduate of Crittenden County High School who finished her undergraduate degree from the University of Louisville this spring, will be teaching third grade at Crittenden County Elementary School. Pam Collins' youngest daughter, Mauri Collins, graduated from CCHS just two months ago.

"I feel like Maggie will be an asset to these schools," the former board member said at last week's meeting, explaining her decision. "She has wanted to be a teacher in this school system since she was a little girl. I would never stand in her way."

The superintendent said the situation under-

scores what the school district strives for, successful Crittenden County graduates who want to return home to help educate new generations and be a part of the community.

"This is what we try to preach," he said.

Former CCHS English teacher and current board member Eric LaRue echoes that sentiment.

"...Kids coming back to teach is so important," he said last Thursday. "We have currently 14 that graduated from Crittenden County who have come back to teach and be involved in students' lives. That's something else."

Replacement procedure

Clark has accepted Collins' resignation and forwarded it to the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) in Frankfort, which is expected to do the same in order to begin the process of filling Collins' seat. At press time, it was no known if the resignation had been formally accepted by KDE, making the timeline for a decision

from Interim Commissioner of Education Dr. Wayne D. Lewis Jr. uncertain. However, Lewis is required by statute to make an appointment within 90 days of the effective date of the resignation.

Last spring, former KDE Commissioner Stephen Pruitt appointed Ryan McDaniel from about a half-dozen applicants to fill the unexpired board term of Phyllis Orr, who resigned in January 2017 due to health reasons. McDaniel is up for election to the five-member, non-partisan board in November.

Unlike McDaniel, Collins' replacement will be guaranteed only a short time on the board. That's because McDaniel's appointment came in 2017, when no elections were scheduled. With the 2018 general election just a little more than three months away, voters in District 4 will have an opportunity to select their own replacement to finish out the two

years remaining on Collins' unexpired term.

The election, in fact, is why the process is on hold for a couple of weeks.

"(T)he Commissioner will advise applicants and the superintendent that

after the resignation is accepted, no further action will be taken regarding this vacancy until the deadline for filing for the 2018 November general election has passed," said Rebecca Blessing, director of KDE's division of communication. "If the qualified candidate is elected for the seat in the KY general election in November 2018, he or she will serve the remainder of the term, until the end of the year 2020."

Blessing said applicants for the post will be told they may wish to file for election to the vacant seat. Those wishing to run for the seat — just like McDaniel's District 5 seat and the District 2 seat currently held by LaRue —



McDaniel

have until Aug. 14 to file their candidacy paperwork with County Clerk Carolyn Byford's office.

Meantime, the local board of education and school district will have no input on who is selected by KDE. The department will select its own candidates to interview from the list of applicants, and the panel that conducts the interviews will make a recommendation to Lewis, who has the final say in the decision.

Several qualifications must be met by anyone seeking to finish out the unexpired term. Applicants must be at least 24 years of age, be a resident of the voting district and be a high school graduate or have received a GED. As with the reason for Collins' resignation, having a close family member — spouse, parent, child, sibling, etc. — as an employee of the school district would exclude applicants. The post is paid a nominal amount set by statute.

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Diversion to bypass U.S. 641 work opens

STAFF REPORT

A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) at press time planned to shift traffic to a diversion road at the north end of the U.S. 641 reconstruction project in Crittenden County on Wednesday or today (Thursday).

This traffic diversion just south of the Marion city limits along existing U.S. 641 was expected to become active once final paving and temporary connecting points were completed. Both northbound and southbound traffic will be diverted to the west of the existing alignment to allow completion of a concrete box culvert that will carry Crooked Creek under the new U.S. 641 near the Coleman Road intersection.

Once the diversion is activated, Coleman Road traffic will be detoured via Weldon Road to facilitate completion of the concrete culvert, as well as additional grade and drain work required to finish out a permanent northern

connecting point for the new U.S. 641 at the existing roadway.

Motorists should be alert for a reduced speed limit along the diversion to enhance safety. Motorists should be prepared to encounter changes in traffic flow created by the temporary realignment.

Traffic is expected to continue to run on the diversion until the new U.S. 641 is ready for two-way traffic sometime this fall. Meanwhile, a crew is has already started work on efforts to connect the south end of the new U.S. 641 to the existing roadway on the Caldwell County end of the project near Fredonia. That work should not require a diversion.

Rogers Group, Inc. is the prime contractor on a \$14.2 million project to pave both lanes of the new Super 2 highway and finish out permanent connecting points to the existing highway. Much of the paving along the new alignment was completed earlier this year. The project has a Nov. 15 target completion date.



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A Rogers Group paving crew lays down asphalt Monday on a new diversion road cut into properties along U.S. 641 just south of Marion. The temporary road was slated to open Wednesday or today (Thursday) and was installed to allow traffic to bypass work on the northern tie-in of the new Super 2 highway currently under construction (seen in the background at left) with the current roadway. Once the new, \$30 million-plus road opens, the diversion road will be stripped up and private properties will be restored.



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Workshop burns

A three-alarm fire Monday evening on Sisco Chapel Road/Ky. 2123 west of Marion brought out a few dozen emergency personnel from Crittenden, Sheridan and Salem fire departments and several other agencies. The blaze started in a workshop and was contained, preventing damage to the nearby homes of building owners Matt and Tabby Tinsley as well as those of neighbors. Everything inside the workshop – including two demolition derby cars and a four-wheeler – was a total loss. Though no cause has been determined, according to Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Scott Hurley, the fire was made especially dangerous with the presence of two fueled vehicles, cutting torch fuel and a small propane tank used for grilling. Hurley said foam was used to suppress the blaze. No one was injured.

FSA county committee nominations due

STAFF REPORT

Farmers and ranchers have until next Wednesday to nominate eligible candidates to serve on the local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committee for Crittenden and Livingston counties.

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.

"If you know of a great

candidate or want to nominate yourself to serve on your local county committee, visit your FSA office before the deadline to submit the nomination form," said Nina Hunt, FSA Executive Director for the Crittenden-Livingston County office in Salem. "I especially encourage the nomination of beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as women and minorities."

Committees consist of three to 11 members and meet once a month or as needed to make important decisions on disaster and conservation and commod-

ity price support loan programs, county office employment and other issues. Members serve three-year terms. This year, elections for Crittenden County will be held in Local Administrative Area (LAA) 3, which includes Tolu, Sheridan and parts of Marion. Nominations for Livingston County will be held in LAA 4, which includes Hampton, Salem, Joy, Lola, Burna and Carrsville.

A complete list of eligibility requirements, more information and nomination forms are available at FSA.usda.gov/elections.

CEO of health group in Marion to discuss reducing cancer risk

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky is the cancer capital of the nation, and while cancer deaths have declined about 20 percent nationwide since 1980, they have increased in Crittenden County and in most of Kentucky's other 119 counties. Crittenden County cancer deaths, at 205 deaths per 100,000 people, are 5 percent higher than the national average of 163.5.

Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky CEO Ben Chandler believes Crittenden County could reduce cancer mortality as well as other tobacco-related illness and death among area residents by decreasing the smoking rate. Chandler was in Marion Tuesday for a meeting with Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and Pennyroyal District Health Department Director Charles Hiter to discuss health issues in the area.

"The most effective policy tools we have to reduce smoking and secondhand smoke exposure are smoke-free laws and raising the state cigarette tax," said Chandler, who has served as a Kentucky congressman and state auditor and attorney general. "One in five Crittenden County adults smoke – that rate is 23 percent higher than the national rate. And nearly twice as many women in the county smoke while pregnant. Cut those rates and you'll not only reduce cancer and other smoking-related diseases, you'll create a healthier workforce that can attract new business investment."

The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky was the lead agency behind a statewide campaign to raise Kentucky's cigarette

tax in the 2018 legislative session, in an effort to reduce smoking particularly among youth and pregnant women. A new 50-cent per-pack increase went into effect on July 1.

According to a 2017 study in the Journal of the American Medical Association, while cancer mortality dropped 20.1 percent nationwide from 1980 to 2014, there were "clusters of high mortality in several areas ... with the highest rates of increase observed in Kentucky and scattered across regions of the South."

In Crittenden County, cancer deaths increased about 5 percent during that 34-year period.

In addition to cancers of the lung, head and neck, kidney, bladder, liver, pancreas, stomach, cervix, colon and rectum, smoking also causes stroke and heart disease, glaucoma, pre-term labor, birth defects and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Secondhand smoke causes heart disease and stroke among people who have never smoked.

In Crittenden County, 306 persons of every 100,000 die of heart disease, which is 153 percent higher than the Kentucky rate of 200 and 185 percent higher than the national rate 165.5.

Just shy of 35 percent of Kentucky's population is protected by smoke-free laws at the city or county level that cover all indoor public spaces and workplaces, according to the Kentucky Center for Smoke-free Policy. Henderson is the nearest smoke-free city to Marion, but its ordinance has significant exemptions, leav-

ing many residents and visitors unprotected.

In addition, just half of Kentucky's school children are protected by tobacco-free campus policies, according to the Kentucky Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program. These policies help reduce the risk of tobacco-related illness and also set an example that en-



Chandler

courages other community organizations to adopt similar measures. The Crittenden County School District is not tobacco-free.

The smoking rate for 10th graders in a five-county region including Crittenden County is 15.8 percent, according to the 2016 Kentucky Incentives for Prevention survey. That is 21 percent higher than the state rate of 13.1 percent and three times the U.S. rate of 4.9 percent.

That said, the smoking rate for 10th graders in the county has dropped dramatically from 26.9 percent in 2004. Just more than 12 percent of 10th graders in this region use smokeless tobacco (27 percent higher than the state rate of 9.7 percent), and 14.2 percent use e-cigarettes (25 percent higher than the statewide rate of 11.4 percent).

"Smoke-free laws don't tell people 'you can't smoke' anywhere; they just make indoor air safer to breathe for everyone who works or visits in places like factories, clubs, restaurants, bars and Bingo halls," Chandler said. "They also 'de-normalize' smoking and make the healthier choice the easier choice, providing an incentive to reduce the amount you smoke or to quit smoking altogether."



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Faith in Action - Sunday, August 5



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7:45 a.m.: Coffee/Juice Fellowship
8 a.m.: Service in FLC
8:30 a.m.: Community Christmas Class at Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center*
(one credit for the class)

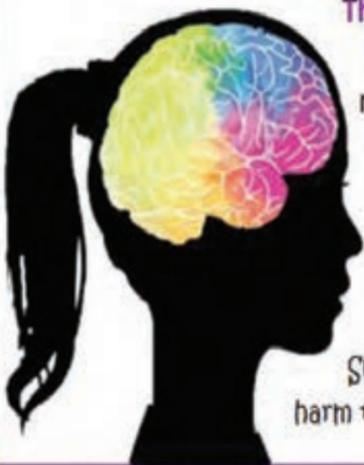
*Anyone taking the Community Christmas Class on this day, will receive a voucher which will allow them to shop the yard sale, receive school supplies and a food box at 9:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.: Doors open early for Community Christmas Class Attendees
10 a.m.: Faith in Action Begins (Be The Church)

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If you have a project you need help with, please contact the church office at (270) 965-5232 by Sunday, July 29

Did you know that your brain isn't fully developed until your mid-twenties?



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- ✓ Decision Making
- ✓ Controlling Emotions

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challenge.

"It's a very competitive area," the superintendent said.

Growing need

According to a June study by Chris Barrier, president of the Kentucky Association of School Resource Officers, there were 271 SROs in 113 of the commonwealth's 173 school districts, including neighboring school systems in Livingston, Caldwell and Lyon counties. With SROs present in 1,220 Kentucky schools, about two-thirds of the counties in the state have some type of police presence in schools.

Following the January school shooting at Marshall County High School that killed two students and injured 14 more, Kentucky schools have been scrambling to add security measures. Already this year, there have been 15 incidents with guns at U.S. elementary, middle or high schools. They have left more than 30 dead and another 30-plus injured. In fact, 17 were killed in Parkland, Fla., alone. Another 10 lives were claimed in Santa Fe, Texas.

But it was the incident in Benton, hitting so close to home, that seems to have prompted western Kentucky educators to begin taking additional measures. In Crittenden County, the school district

soon after purchased metal-detecting wands to check all students at the middle and high schools on random days.

The school district had already instituted numerous other measures to address school safety, including random checks by canine units searching for weapons and drugs, active shooter training on site for local law enforcement, weapons training, security cameras, Care and Connect time between classes in sixth through 12th grades, behavioral health services at all three schools and active shooter drills at the campuses.

"At Crittenden County Schools, we're asking, What more can we do to make our school district more safe and secure?" Clark said of the decision to add a trained security officer who would spend most of their time at the middle and high school campuses where the threat remains highest. "An SRO is the next best consideration."

Clark is clear to point out that the move to hire an SRO, who would also have a presence at the elementary school, is not a slight at local law enforcement.

"Anytime we call, they are here immediately," he said of Marion Police and Crittenden County Sheriff's departments.

The right fit

Just finding a qualified person can be difficult. An SRO must be fully trained just like any other law en-

forcement officer in the state and assigned by an employing police or sheriff's department to work in collaboration with schools. They are given sworn authority to arrest and carry out all policing duties. But having the intangibles – the right attitude and personality for successfully interacting with students from kindergarten age through high school teenagers – makes the pool even shallower.

Clark said he has pursued individuals he knew were ideal for the position, but for one reason or another, each attempt has reached a dead end.

With MPD and the sheriff's department each dealing with tight budgets and often working short-handed, neither agency has been able to fund an SRO for several years. Greg Rushing, through Sheriff Wayne Agent's department, served as an SRO from September 2006 to May 2008, according to the sheriff.

"It's just that budgets are tight all over," the superintendent said.

In some cases, Clark said, Kentucky school districts are allowed to act as their own policing agency by directly employing a special law enforcement officer, or SLEO. But that can be cumbersome. That's why the board of education is willing to fully fund the position at \$16-\$18 per hour through one of the local agencies. Both the city and county are on board with the idea, ac-

ording to Clark.

Grants for school safety are available, but to fund an SRO, the sponsoring agency must be the one to apply for the money.

"We are prepared to pay for the position," Clark said, adding that, "I don't want to do it for just one year."

But the superintendent believes making no hire is better than making the wrong hire, which could be counterproductive if students do not trust the officer. Waiting for the right person might take time.

"We don't want to offer any false sense of security (to parents, students and staff)," he said. "We're not necessarily going to find one (soon)."

In Union County, according to Clark, the high school does not have a dedicated SRO, but has an office available for law enforcement staff to use throughout the day. That makes policing visible at the schools. He said that could be a consideration here, if the district is unable to hire an SRO.

Meantime, Clark believes it's everyone's responsibility to ensure safety at schools.

"If we have guns at home, lock them up. If you hear or see a credible threat on social media, report it," he urges. "We all have a role in this today."

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hat, there has been misery, too. The embezzlement of tens of thousands of dollars by a former director was a tough cloud to shake, and alone, this community has always been far from being able to mount a serious economic development campaign beyond its own borders.

That is why this multi-community partnership made sense.

Now, it's up to a passionate young expert to deliver. And she's ready.

Over lunch last week, Davenport shared her vision for the region and for Crittenden County, where her headquarters will be at the Marion Ed-Tech Center. Drawing on data gleaned from various state and local resources and from personal experiences as a former economic development specialist in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Davenport has ideas. In fact, she has almost too many.

"For our strategic plan, we will have to decide what ideas make the most sense," she said in a defined Texas drawl.

Coming from a strong red state, Davenport hasn't had too much trouble picking up on the conservative values she found in the lakes region. She's a quick study of the communities she's serving and already has a keen sense of the history of Crittenden County and beyond.

"Marion is such a pretty town with all of its great architecture and design. You can tell it was a prosperous town and you can see that a lot of thought has gone into and investment made in this community," she said.

She knows that flourspar once put Crittenden County on the map. Now, she's looking for new niche to beef up the area's economy, but the process begins with selling the regional concept.

"Together, these counties have a little more than 30,000 people. That's very similar to the numbers in Hopkinsville or Paducah. What we have to do is build that regional identity and not approach this as three separate counties," she said.

With team spirit historically and sometimes prejudicially divided – largely on the boundaries of school colors and prep sports – Davenport knows the multi-community approach poses challenges, but she's not buying them

Leadership breakfast offers forum for strategic planning

STAFF REPORT

As part of the process to develop a strategic plan for the new Lake Barkley Partnership, there will be an open forum period during the Aug. 10 Chamber Leadership Breakfast at the Marion Ed-Tech Center.

The breakfast is sponsored by the partnership,

Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. and Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce. The cost is \$7 and it is open to the public.

Guest speakers will be Amanda Davenport, executive director of Lake Barkley Partnership, and Tim Capps, chairman of Lake Barkley Partnership.

as stumbling blocks.

"There is already trade, already commerce in these counties. Who shops at Walmart? Who goes to Hu-B's on the lake?" she questions before pointing out other areas of cohesion rather than segregation.

Indeed, a dynamic for development exists and synergy is reasonably possible, but until now there hadn't been anyone with an unbiased approach

blended with charisma and vigor to package it all up and make it a sellable commodity. Perhaps this eager equestrian can bring to bear the right stuff and bridle our potential show horse.

It will be interesting to watch, but you can bet that her vivacity will be the force multiplier needed to harness the great resources of these three counties.

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Roads weigh heavy at fiscal court meeting

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
PRESS EDITOR

It's not uncommon for roads to be a primary point of discussion and action at meetings of county government, and last Thursday's monthly gathering of Crittenden Fiscal Court was no different.

Magistrates last week closed a road that has been largely forgotten, listened to pleas for taking over another that serves a cemetery and is in disrepair and heard concerns about a city street that may be affecting commerce.

Rosebud Hill Road was officially closed last week and will be taken out of the county road system.

At just over a 10th of a mile long, the road has not been used in decades and is grown over in areas. It lies off U.S. 60 East in the northeast part of the county, just across from Rosebud Church Road.

The county has gone through the deliberate statutory process for closing the road, and a public hearing last Thursday saw no one oppose the measure.

After some confusion about which road was to be closed, many among a group of about two dozen people interested in access to Rosebud Cemetery left the court meeting unsatisfied.

Advocates claim three culverts along the roads serving the cemetery and church are crumbling and present dangers to motorists. One, in fact, has barrels put up by the county to prevent traveling across. But that road at the lower end of the church is not and has not been found to have ever been in the county road system, explained Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

"We set barrels up there to try to protect people because we thought it was the right thing to do," he said. "By law, we cannot put public money into this road."

Some in the gallery argued that the road has been maintained by the county in the past, but Magistrate Mark Holloman contended that a lot of things have been done in the past that are not legal now. However, Newcom invited the group to petition to have the road put into the county system, though County Attorney Rebecca Johnson said



DARYL K. TABOR/THE PRESS

Crittenden County Road Department Foreman Audi Maraman (left) was honored last Thursday by Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and the fiscal court for completing a Road Master program through the University of Kentucky College of Engineering transportation center that includes courses like communication, snow and ice removal, small bridge repair and maintenance and environmental awareness. Maraman. In 2016, Maraman completed the Roads Scholar program through the Kentucky Transportation Center.

it may not meet the parameters of what constitutes a public road, primarily because it does not serve two or more residences.

While caring for a road that services a cemetery and meets no other stipulation of what constitutes a public road is discretionary, Johnson cautioned magistrates that what is done for one would need to be done for all. She followed by saying there are more than 300 cemeteries in the county.

"It's just a hard situation," Newcom said of the county's financial inability to help maintain that and many other roads that serve a public good.

David Belt, arguing on behalf of the county taking over maintenance, had hoped for better, but was satisfied with the answer.

"We can get it fixed," he said.

Meantime, Newcom said any of the culverts on Rosebud Church Road that present a problem for travel will be looked at and repaired if necessary.

Country Club Drive

Magistrate Curt Buntin is concerned that the City of Marion's permitting fee for commercial traffic to use County Club Drive coupled with the Ken-

tucky Transportation Cabinet's lack of response to improve the cumbersome U.S. 60-U.S. 641 intersection at the stoplight in Marion may end up hurting the local economy.

Earlier this year, the city prohibited commercial traffic from using the half-mile County Club Drive without a \$1,500 permit for each use. Buntin said that is funneling that traffic to a turn at the stoplight that is difficult for large trucks and tractor trailers to navigate.

Some of that traffic, like a 70-foot rock crusher used to make aggregate at Rogers Group's quarry on Ky. 1668, simply would not be able to make the turn at the stoplight without causing major traffic issues, he continued.

"They're letting farmers carry 85,000-pound equipment, but then want to charge someone who generates jobs," Buntin argued about the city's permitting, qualifying that he has not been approached by Rogers Group about the issue. "I don't like it. I don't think it's right."

The city's restriction was put in place to help prevent further deterioration of the crumbling city street.

Newcom said he and city officials continue to

press the state about improving the corner, but no progress has been made.

Other action

The county road department is in the midst of summer spraying of nuisance roadside Johnson and other grasses and has begun its first mowing of the season. Foreman Audi Maraman said mechanical problems with equipment have slowed spreading the herbicides and mowing, but once the spraying is done, it should kill the nuisance weeds. He said in some areas, it will leave tall, brown grass several feet tall until it completely dies and is mowed down.

The fiscal court approved using Buntin Auction Service to sell three small surplus lots owned by the county inside Marion. The auction company, owned by Magistrate Buntin, was the only to bid on the sale. He abstained from the vote. County Attorney Rebecca Johnson said approval was fully legal.

The agreed upon price for enlisting Buntin Auction Service was \$656.

The contiguous lots lie off Blackburn Street and at the dead end of Nichols Street. Each is about 0.2 acres for a total of 0.65 acres. Newcom said the goal is to get the property out of the county's ownership and back into taxpayers' hands.

The sale will be advertised in The Crittenden Press and with signs on the lots. A date for the auction had not been set at press time.

Magistrates approved a resolution supporting the federal government's efforts to eradicate the pervasive Asian carp from Kentucky and Tennessee waterways, threatening the \$1.2 billion western Kentucky fishing industry and tourism in western Kentucky. In fact, Congressman James Comer is holding an Oversight and Government Reform Committee Field Briefing at 2 p.m. Friday at the Lyon Convention Center located at 172 Lee S. Jones Road in Eddyville.

Magistrates approved the release of the 2018-19 appropriation of \$400 to Crittenden County Historical Society.

The fiscal court OK'd Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-free Community's request for their \$3,000 appropriation for the fiscal year.

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Buntin



Irvan

STAFF REPORT

The Senior Academy Collaboration is working with Madisonville Community College (MCC) in hopes of allowing students further dual credit.

Currently, 14 Crittenden County High School students are eligible for enrollment in the program. Dual credit courses allow high school students the opportunity to earn both the high school and college credits simultaneously. It is the first-ever MCC Senior Academy, which is partnered with Crittenden, Webster, Henderson and Hopkins counties.

The program will give students the opportunity to attend dual credit college level classes on the Madisonville campus. Students would be required to take a total of five classes per semester, leaving them to graduate high school with 30 college credit hours under their belts as sophomores and juniors.

"The students are ex-

cited about it," said CCHS Principal Amanda Irvan at last Thursday's Crittenden County Board of Education meeting. "It is the opportunity to graduate early, but to have (credits) while they're still under Crittenden's umbrella and have our support, which is very important. Teachers could tutor them and help them through this process, and the students attending could even help each other."

Not only would the program be beneficial to students by giving them an educational boost and support system, but it will help lift the financial burdens of college student loans. Students would pay roughly \$1,600 for their first year at Madisonville Community College, when traditionally it is \$5,000. As of last Thursday, there was one student signed up, four in the process and many other eligible for the program.

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State inmates lead way in jail receipts

Six of the last seven months have seen revenue at Crittenden County Detention Center eclipse \$200,000, helping the facility get closer to paying its own way without taxpayer help from the county's general fund. Jailer Robbie Kirk's monthly report for June given last week to Crittenden Fiscal Court showed revenue at more than \$206,000. The bulk of the revenue continues to come from housing state inmates, though receipts for housing and transporting federal prisoners is seeing a steady climb.

Inmate count as of July 18

State inmates.....	111
Federal inmates.....	59
Other counties.....	15
Crittenden County.....	13
Total inmates.....	198
Weekenders.....	2
Work release.....	0
Out to court.....	0
Actual total inmate bed count.....	200

June housing income

State housing.....	\$113,012.04
Housing days.....	3,606
Daily housing rate.....	\$31.34
Federal housing.....	\$81,522.70
Federal transport payments.....	\$9,702.70
Housing days.....	1,710
Daily housing rate.....	\$42.00
Other county housing.....	\$11,520.00
Housing days.....	360
Daily housing rate.....	\$32.00
Weekend/work release.....	\$128.00
Housing days.....	4
Daily housing rate.....	\$32.00
Total housing.....	\$206,182.74

June Crittenden inmate expense

Cost to house local violators.....	\$10,050.00
Housing days.....	402
Daily housing rate.....	\$25.00
Average daily population.....	13.4

Repton Cemetery Meeting

The annual business meeting for the **Repton Cemetery Association** will take place August 11 at 1 p.m. at the home of Tracy and Audra Hunt (2498 Ky. 1901).

Anyone interested in the care and upkeep of this cemetery needs to attend. No meeting was held last year due to zero attendance! It is important to have several attend this meeting.

There are a couple of important business items that need to be decided.



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Crittenden County Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark presented the July Rocket Way Employee of the Month last Thursday to Diana Lusby for her work and dedication as personnel director. Clark described her as a constantly positive individual and a force that can go "100 mph." "In a year where we've had 20 retirements, close to a dozen resignations and just a lot of personnel change, she's stayed on top of things," Clark said. "She has stayed in front and keeps folks informed on who is available. While she's doing all of this, she's doing her duties as director of personnel, and a lot of other things." Lusby took over as director of pupil personnel when Al Starnes retired at the close of the previous school year and is also school health director.

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No driver tests in county Friday

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

Meantime, according to Crittenden Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill, there will be no driver testing in the county this week. Both the written and road exams for Friday have been cancelled. The next exams will be given Friday, Aug. 3.

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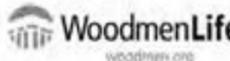
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Area Deaths

Burklow Long

Rayford Burklow, 66, of Panama City Beach, Fla., formerly of Marion, died Saturday, July 7, 2018 at a local health-care center.

He was a Kentucky Colonel, a Tennessee Squire, a volunteer firefighter and a retired paramedic with over 20 years of service. Prior to that he was an EMT, an underground coal miner and had also served as a police officer.

Surviving are his wife of eight years, Carla Tandy Burklow; sons, Timothy Burklow (Melanie) and Jeremy Burklow (Jean); stepsons Michael Sigler (Joleine) and Matthew Sigler (Racheal); a brother, Artel "Bill" Burklow (Darla); and grandchildren Tim Burklow, Avery Burklow, Olivia Burklow, Wyatt Burklow, Cole Sigler, Morgan Sigler and Kara Sigler.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Glenda Burklow, and his grandmother, Verna Belle Blades, who reared him.

Graveside services will be at 7 p.m., Aug. 11 at Tandy Cemetery, located on Ky. 126 in Caldwell County with Bro. David Parker officiating. Immediately following, there will be a celebration of life service at the fellowship hall at Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, located on Rose Avenue in Princeton.

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Stanley "Steamer" Ross Long, 56, of Marion died Friday, July 20, 2018 at his home after a long illness.

Surviving are his mother, JoAnn Long of Marion; four brothers, Wayne (Lori) Long of Ledbetter, Steve Long of Salem, Robert Long, Ronald Long of Marion; two sisters, Janice (Mike) Johnston of Hopkinsville and Teresa (Scott) Kayse of Marion; aunts, Connie Cowan of Marion, Bonnie Penn of Owensboro and Sue Belt of Marion; uncles, Terry Young of Salem and Stanley Young of Marion; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Herbert Long; maternal grandparents, Johnnie and Annie Young; paternal grandparents, Johnny and Gertie (Waddell) Long; an aunt, June Driver Norman; and other aunts and uncles.

Graveside services were Tuesday, July 24 at Salem Cemetery in Salem.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem was in charge of arrangements.

Delaplaine

Mildred Underdown Delaplaine, 84, of Carmel, Ind., died July 3, 2018 at her home. She was born in Marion on Feb. 18, 1934 and graduated from Crittenden County High School in 1951.

Surviving are her husband, Rey Delaplaine; daughters, Deborah

Mann of Crown Point, Ind., and Joni Jackson of Lake Station, Ind., granddaughter, Andrea Witt; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Johnny and Jewel Underdown; an infant brother, John Braxton Underdown; sisters; Janie Thompson and Mary Lou Owen; brothers, William "Bill" Underdown and Glenn Underdown of Marion; and a grandson, Josh Jackson of Crown Point.

Services were July 9 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Carmel, Ind. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Indianapolis, Ind.

Bohman

Anna "Ruth" Bohman, 94, of Milan, Ill., formerly of Rock Island, Ill., died Monday, June 25, 2018, at Avonlea Cottage in Milan.

She was born June 2, 1924 in Marion to George and Minnie Belt Gass. She married Glenneth Hodge and later Donald Bohman. She was involved in the Croatian Club.

Survivors include her daughter, Virginia Hamerlinck of Orion, Ill.; two grandchildren, Neil (Beth) Hamerlinck of Orion and Julie (Chris) Wheaton, Moline, Ill.; four great-grandchildren, Ashley (Jake) Wheaton, Brittne (Jake) Cadogan, Nicholas Hart, and Scott Liedtke; and two great-great-grandchildren, Elizabeth LaFrancois and Calvin Cadogan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandson, Craig Hamerlinck; son-in-law, Ken-

neth Hamerlinck; and a sister, Madeline Gass.

A graveside service was at Western Township Cemetery in Orion. Kirk, Huggins & Esterdahl Funeral Home of Orion was in charge of arrangements.

Cruce

Richard Cruce, 82, of Marion died Sunday, July 22, 2018 at his home.

He was a lifelong Democrat, a real estate developer, restaurateur, businessman, former city councilman, past president of West Kentucky Waterlands, past president of the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce, past president of Jaycees, member of the Kentucky National Guard, a UK fan, lifelong supporter and coach of youth sports and master of the barbecue pits.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Betty Cruce. They celebrated their anniversary on April 26, 2018. Also surviving are a daughter, Karen Cruce-Smith of Indiana; a son, David Cruce of Henderson; a brother, Gary Cruce of Marion; grandchildren, Jada Cruce and Zach, Kyle, Neil and Kate Smith; great-grandchildren, Channing, Tinley, Adalynn, Alexa, Alyssa and Brian Smith and Taylor Guess; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Thelma Cruce; and brothers, Eddie and Donnie Cruce.

Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 28 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be at Mapleview Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 5-8 p.m.,

Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Crittenden County Humane Society.

Herrin

Carol "CR" Herrin, 87, of Marion died Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at Crittenden Health And Rehabilitation Center.

Surviving are a son, Russell Herrin of Marion; two daughters, Carolyn (Danny) Belt and Debra (Larry) Hearell, both of Marion; a brother, Beverly E. Herrin of Marion; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Minnie Herrin.

Graveside services were Saturday, July 21 at Repton Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ballard

Bonnie Ruth Ballard, 74, of Paducah died Thursday, July 19, 2018 at Baptist Health Paducah.

She was former owner of Country Junction on Bridge Street and a member of the Paducah Eagles.

Surviving are her son, Gary John Campbell Jr. (Wanda) of Paducah; grandson, David Campbell (Mandy) of Boaz; and great-granddaughter, Jacey Campbell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tommy Ballard; parents, David and Agnes Webb Luton; half-brother, Billy Luton; and half-sister, Snook Luton.

Services were Tuesday, July 24 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was at Salem Cemetery.

Barnes

George E. Barnes, 86, of Burna died Sunday, July 22, 2018 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

He worked as a pump operator on a sand dredge for Ingram Materials Company for over 33 years. He was a member of Carrsville Masonic Lodge #812, Smithland Masonic Lodge #138 and was a Shriner.

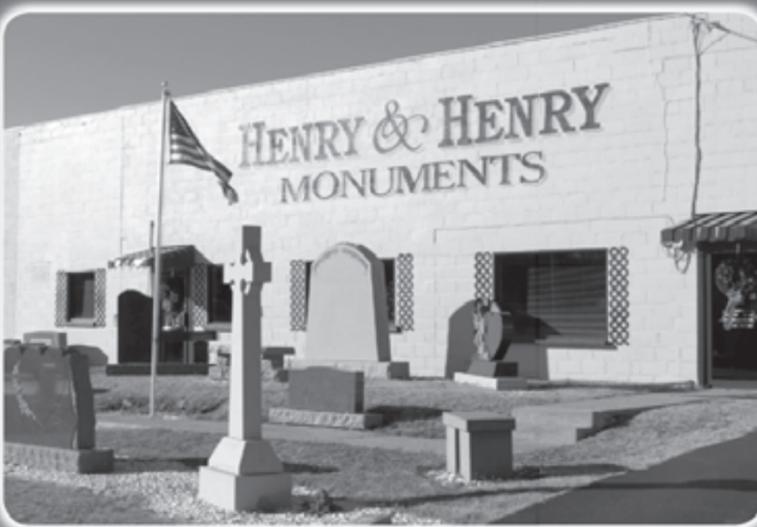
Surviving are a daughter, Teresa (Tony) Sanders of Burna; two sons, Larry (Angie) Barnes of Tiline and Martin (Ann) Barnes of Lone Oak; three stepdaughters, Brenda (Leo) Tabor of Smithland, Betty (Bobby) Brown of Marion, and Donne Sue Tabor of Marion; a stepson, Tom Tabor of Burna; a brother, Jimmy Barnes of Lola; 11 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mamie Barnes; a step-son, J.C. Tabor; a step-grandson, Jeff Hopper; and his parents, John S. and Thelma Woodyard Barnes.

Services will be 11 a.m., Thursday, July 26, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow at Hampton Cemetery.

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New look card

AG warns of Medicare ID scams

STAFF REPORT
Kentucky seniors should be receiving their newly designed Medicare card in the coming days, and Attorney General Andy Beshear is warning enrollees to be on the lookout for scams.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) unveiled the new-look cards last year and have been issuing them in phases by geographic region since April 2018. The new Medicare card contains a unique, randomly-assigned number that replaces the current So-

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Despite improvements, Ky. near bottom in senior health

By **MELISSA PATRICK**
KENTUCKY HEALTH NEWS

Kentucky ranks 48th for seniors' health in the most recent America's Health Rankings Report – a potential source of great concern, since the senior population in Kentucky, and the rest of the nation, is only growing larger. Only Mississippi and Louisiana ranked worse than Kentucky.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that one in five Americans will be over the age of 65 by 2030, and by 2035, seniors will outnumber children younger than 18.

The report looked at 34 measures of senior health that included factors that influence health, which were broken into four categories: behaviors, community and environment, policy and clinical care, and health outcomes. Kentucky also ranked 48th in both of these broad categories.

It also highlighted two supplemental measures, senior suicide and risk for social isolation, which has been linked to increased mortality, poor health status and greater use of health-care resources.

The report found Kentucky seniors are at a high risk for social isolation, scoring in the bottom 10 states for four of the six indicators used to measure this risk, including seniors who are divorced, separated, or widowed; poverty; disability,



The above Kentucky map from U.S. Census Bureau data shows the risk of social isolation by county in adults 65 and older relative to all U.S. counties. The darker the color, the higher the risk. Data from the "American Community Survey, 2012-2016" on poverty, living alone, marital status, disability and independence indicates Crittenden County was in the 58th to 77th percentile of highest risk.

and difficulty living independently. This indicator was also broken down by county. (See map.)

Since the 2014 report was published, the national suicide rate among seniors increased by 12 percent, to 16.6 deaths per 100,000 adults 65 and older, but it remained the same in Kentucky at 20 deaths per 100,000.

Health strengths and improvements

Despite their low health ranking, Kentucky's seniors have shown many improvements on the health front and have

some solid strengths.

For example, the report found that only 4.5 percent of Kentucky seniors are heavy drinkers and only 6.9 percent who require a low amount of care are in nursing homes, ranking the state seventh and eighth, respectively.

Kentucky also ranked high for the percentage of seniors with prescription-drug coverage, 87 percent; those with a dedicated health-care provider, 95.2 percent; and diabetes management, 81.6

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MEDICARE SPENDING IN COUNTY \$15.65M

STAFF REPORT
Analysis of 2016 U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services shows Crittenden County's 2,128 seniors on traditional Medicare accounted for \$15.65 million in spending in 2016. That amounts to \$9,997 per person, 23rd highest in the nation.

The age of the average enrollee is 70. Participation in Medicare Advantage was fifth lowest in the nation.

PACS offers senior rides

STAFF REPORT

Pennyrile Allied Community Services offers rides to seniors and the general public weekdays 4:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. with 24-hour notice unless otherwise denoted. The cost is 70 cents per mile for in-county trips or to adjacent county or \$1.10 per mile for other locations up to 250 miles one way.

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Fun and games

Bingo is just one of the many fun activities offered at Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center. Above, (from left) Carolyn Travis, Roberta Shewmaker and Jerry Beavers play the game Friday at the center prior to lunch. The center, located at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion, typically hosts the game each Wednesday and Friday beginning at 10:30 a.m. Pennyrile Allied Community Services senior centers also offers transportation, outreach, information and assistance, educational classes, health promotion and congregate and home-delivered meals (see menu on Page 8). In addition to these services, the senior center provides socialization, recreation like billiards and board games, exercise equipment, arts and crafts, volunteer opportunities, intergenerational programs and an enjoyable place to gather and fellowship with others. The center is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, with lunch served at 11:30 a.m. For more information on the services offered through the center, call (270) 965-5229.

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Housing greatest expense for Americans 55 and up

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According to a study from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), housing is the greatest expense in dollar amount and as a share of total expenditures for households in which a person 55 and older is considered the primary owner or renter of the home.

Total annual household expenditures, which were culled from the BLS' 2014 Consumer Expendi-

ture Survey, totaled just over \$49,000. These expenditures included food, housing, clothing, transportation, health care, and entertainment, among other expenses.

The BLS study found that housing accounted for nearly one-third of annual household expenditures in households headed by people age 55 and older. In households headed by people between the ages of 65 and

74, housing expenses accounted for a slightly smaller percentage of overall annual expenditures, while housing accounted for 36.5 percent of overall expenditures in households headed by men and women age 75 and older.

Such figures illustrate the need for men and women to account for housing expenses in their retirement planning.

HEALTH

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percent.

And while many Kentucky senior-health measures ranked near the bottom, they showed some improvement. For example, senior dental visits, which ranked 44th in the nation, rose to 58.6 percent from 57 percent in 2017; the number of home-health workers per 1,000 adults 75 and older (45th) increased to 62.6 per 1,000, from 56.5; the percentage of adults having teeth extracted (47th) decreased to 22 percent from 23.9 percent; and the number of nursing home beds with four- and five-star ratings (45th) increased to 35.6 percent from 29.5 percent in 2017.

Challenges persist

Smoking plagues every age group in Kentucky, with Kentucky seniors ranking 49th for this measure, at 12.4 percent -- though the researchers say it's never too late to quit.

"Cessation, even in senior smokers, can have profound benefits on current health and long-term outcomes," the report says. "For example, the risk of dying of lung cancer drops by half 10 years after cessation."

Kentucky also ranks near the bottom for its low number of "able-bodied" seniors, 57.7 percent, compared to the national average of 64.8 percent; and its high number of preventable hospitalizations, 76.6 per 1,000 Medicare enrollees.

And though Kentucky's flu vaccination rate is higher than many states, the number of Kentuckians who got vaccinated this year

Center offers meals, socializing to seniors

STAFF REPORT

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

Upcoming activities and menu include:

- Today: Menu is baked spaghetti, broccoli salad, Mandarin orange and garlic breadstick.

- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, buttered spinach and tropical fruit.

- Monday: Ladies exercise with Full Body

Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m. Menu is breaded pollock, pinto beans, cole slaw, cornbread and vanilla pudding.

- Tuesday: Menu is chicken parmesan, baked potato with margarine and sour cream, broccoli casserole and pineapple delight.

The menu for August has yet to be released. Milk, coffee, tea and water are available with each day's meal.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability. The center is located at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion.

Call the center at (270) 965-5229 for further information. The center is a service of Pennyriple Allied Community Services.

dropped 12 percentage points, from 67.3 percent to 59.4 percent.

This is important because "around 71 to 85 percent of flu-related deaths occur in individuals aged 65 and older, and half of flu-related hospitalizations were among older adults in 2015-16," says the report.

Kentucky also ranks low, 44th, for the number of seniors who were enrolled in hospice during the last six months of life after a diagnosis that held a high probability of death: only 43.4 percent. In the state with the highest health ranking, Utah, nearly 66 percent who met this criteria enrolled in hospice.

Food insecurity is also an issue for Kentucky seniors, with 18 percent saying they had faced the threat of being hungry in the past 12 months.

Kentucky ranked 49th for home-delivered meals to seniors, delivering only 3.8 meals per 100, compared to the national average of 9.1 per 100. Utah, ranked first for senior health, delivered 19.1 meals per 100; New Hampshire, ranked second, delivered 33.7 meals per 100.

The report also shows Kentucky ranks 39th for the share of seniors (49.1 percent) who participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly called food stamps; only 42 percent of eligible seniors participate in the program.

"The purpose of the report is to promote data-driven discussions among individuals, community leaders, the media, policy makers and public health officials that can drive positive change and improve the health of seniors," says the report.

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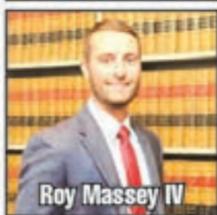
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Myriad services aim to offer seniors help

STAFF REPORT

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The Pennyrile Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living is designated in Kentucky to develop and administer comprehensive programs and services for seniors, particularly those in rural areas.

Community services

- Senior employment services: Provides part-time employment opportunities for low income individuals age 55 or older. The emphasis of the program is to provide training to enable the

participant to enter or re-enter the job market.

- Legal services: Provides seniors with competent legal advice and representation.

- Disease prevention: Provides wellness and fitness information along with an exercise program for seniors.

- Benefits counseling: Provides one-on-one assistance with the often complicated and confusing process of accessing Medicare, Medicaid and other public and private benefit programs.

In-home services

- Assessment: The collection of in depth information about a client's situation and function so a plan of care can be developed to meet his/her needs.

- Case management: Ongoing client contact to ensure appropriate, comprehensive, and timely services are received.

- Homemaker home management: House keeping services to aid a person in activities such

as cleaning, shopping and laundry.

- Homemaker personal care: Services to aid the client in personal care activities such as bathing, dressing and hair care.

- Respite care: Limited in home services to provide relief for the caregiver, including those of Alzheimer's patients.

- Home-delivered meals: Nutritious meals delivered Monday through Friday to persons who are homebound due to an illness or disability.

- Home repair: Minor home adaptations and modifications to aid the elderly in maintaining independent living and to ensure safety.

If you are interested in any of these services, you may contact the Pennyrile Aging and Disability Resource Center at (866) 844-4396. You may also complete an online form at <https://goo.gl/GEYRqh> and someone will contact you.

Baby Boomers drive up U.S. age; Midwest grows younger in last 7 years

STAFF REPORT

Approximately half of the nation's 531 counties that were getting younger between April 2010 and July 2017 were in the Midwest, according to newly released 2017 population estimates. But by sheer number of counties where the population is aging, the Southeast - including Crittenden County - was the most graying region.

"Nationally, almost 17 percent of counties saw a decrease in median age from April 2010 to July 2017. The majority of the counties getting younger were in the Midwest, and of these counties with 10,000 people or more in July 2017, some of the largest decreases were in North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska," said Molly Cromwell, a demographer at the U.S. Census Bureau said in an agency news release.

Despite the decrease in median age in many of the Midwest's counties, a majority of counties in the country continued to grow older. The nation as a whole experienced a

median age increase from 37.2 years to 38.0 years during the period 2010 to 2017. This continued aging of the country is consistent with the projected changes to the nation's population through 2060. In fact, 10,000 Baby Boomers turn 65 each day.

"Baby Boomers, and Millennials alike, are responsible for this trend in increased aging," Cromwell said. "Boomers continue to age and are slowly outnumbering children as the birth rate has declined steadily over the last decade."

Last year, Florida had

the largest percentage of seniors with 20.1 percent. Maine saw its median age increase to 44.7 from 42.7 years old in 2010, making it the state with the highest median age.

In Crittenden County, where 20.2 percent of the 9,084 residents are 65 or older, the median age - the age where half of the population is younger and the other half is older - increase was fewer than two years from 2010 to 2017. According to the website Kentucky-Demographics.com, the median age in Crittenden County is 43.3 years.

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Social Security loses 3rd of value since 2000

SENIOR CITIZENS LEAGUE

Social Security benefits have lost 34 percent of buying power since 2000, according to the 2018 Social Security Loss of Buying Power Study released last month by The Senior Citizens League, one of the nation's largest nonpartisan groups aimed at educating and alerting seniors about their rights.

"This is the biggest loss of buying power recorded since 2012, and that was the biggest loss that The Senior Citizens League's study has recorded to date," says study author Mary Johnson, a Social Security policy analyst for the League.

The findings represent a significant one-year loss of 4 percent in buying power from January 2017 to January 2018. The loss occurred even though beneficiaries received a 2 percent annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for 2018. Housing and medical costs –

particularly home heating expenses and Medigap premiums – were among the most rapidly rising costs over the past year. The study examines the growth since 2000 in price of goods and services that are typical for retired and disabled households and compares that to the growth in Social Security benefits due to annual COLAs.

Based on consumer price index (CPI) data through May of this year, Johnson estimates that the COLA for 2019 will be about 3.3 percent, the highest since 2012. That number could change since there are still four months of data to be collected before the Social Security Administration announces the COLA.

More than 1,057 respondents participated in The Senior Citizens League's annual senior survey, which was conducted from January through March of this year. Partici-

pants confirmed that monthly household expenses made steep increases over the past year, far in excess of the dollar amount that their COLAs increased benefits. More than half, 56 percent, indicated their monthly expenses went up by more than \$79. Yet 50 percent of survey respondents said that their COLA increased benefits less than \$5 per month, after the increased Part B premium for 2018 was deducted from their Social Security benefits.

Social Security beneficiaries receive a small automatic increase in their Social Security checks most years, intended to help their benefits keep up with rising costs. But since 2000, COLAs increased benefits a total of just 46 percent, while typical senior expenses have jumped 96.3 percent.

"When costs climb more rapidly than benefits, retirees must spend down retirement

savings more quickly than expected, and those without savings or other retirement income are either going into debt, or going without," Johnson says.

The survey found that a person receiving the national average Social Security benefit in 2000 – \$816 per month – would have \$1,193.10 per month by 2018. However, because retiree costs are rising at a substantially faster pace than the COLA, that individual would require a Social Security benefit of \$410.30 more per month, or \$1,603.40 in 2018, just to maintain his or her 2000 level of buying power.

The study examined the increase in costs of 39 key items between 2000 and January 2018. The items were chosen because they are typical of the costs of most Social Security recipients, and include expenditures like Medicare Part B premium, that are not meas-

ured by the index currently used to calculate the COLA. Of the 39 items analyzed, 26 exceeded the percentage of increase in the COLA over the same period.

"This study illustrates why Congress should enact legislation to provide a more fair and adequate COLA," Johnson says. "To put it in perspective, for every \$100 worth of groceries a retiree household could afford in 2000, they can only buy \$66 worth today," Johnson adds.

A majority of the 59 million senior and disabled Americans who receive Social Security depend on it for at least 50 percent of their total income, and one-third of all beneficiaries rely on it for 90 percent or more of their income. To help protect the buying power of benefits, TSCL supports legislation that would base COLAs on the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly.

USDA food program helping local at-risk seniors

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County residents who are 60 or older may qualify for a federally-funded supplemental food program.

The Commodity Food Supplemental Program, sometimes referred to as Senior Food Box or Senior Food Program, has dozens of participants from the county. Kathy Belt of the Pennyrile Allied Community Services (PACS) office inside Crittenden County Assistance Center on North Walker Street oversees

the program. There are regular slots currently available for qualifying seniors.

On monthly distribution day, seniors receive food packages that include a variety such as nonfat dry and ultra high-temperature fluid milk, juice, farina, oats, ready-to-eat cereal, rice, pasta, peanut butter, dry beans, canned meat, poultry, or fish, and canned fruits and vegetables.

Food is generally distributed from 8 a.m. to

noon on the Friday following the second Wednesday of the month at the assistance center at 402 N. Walker St. in Marion. If that date falls on any holiday, the distribution date will be changed. The next distribution day will be Aug. 10.

In addition to being at least 60 years of age, seniors must meet income qualifications. Belt said any kind of income must be counted from all household members. That includes Social Se-

curity, SSI or any type of pension and child support received for a grandchild that is living in the household.

As an example of eligibility, a one-person household can gross up to \$1,316 monthly. A two-person household, such as a husband and wife, can gross up to \$1,784 a month. Each additional person in the household increases the limit by \$468.

Participants must show up on distribution day to receive the food. If

they cannot pick up the food personally, they may fill out an application in which they can have a designated representative pick up the goods for them.

To determine eligibility, individuals must also bring photo identification, driver's license or a birth certificate. They must also bring their Social Security card. Further inquiries can be made by calling the PACS office or by calling (270) 965-4763.

Each year individuals

have to be recertified to participate in the program.

Eligible seniors who participate in the Crittenden County Food Bank program as well. The next food bank distribution will be Friday at the PACS office from 8 a.m. until noon. There are no income guidelines or paperwork to fill out, but you must be a resident of Crittenden County.

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Clear vision, independent living priority for seniors

NEWS RELEASE

Fluctuations in vision are often one of the first health changes adults notice as they get older. Although these changes can be bothersome, even more troubling problems could be lurking beneath the surface and cause vision loss.

According to the American Optometric Association's (AOA) 2015 American Eye-Q survey, the inability to live independently would concern older consumers the most if they developed serious vision problems. Dr. Adria Porter, a Marion optometrist, offers several recommendations to help seniors safeguard their vision.

Yearly eye exam

Comprehensive eye exams by a doctor of optometry are one of the most important, preventive ways to preserve vision, and the only way to accurately assess eye health, diagnose an eye disorder or disease and determine the need for glasses or contact lenses.

Common eye conditions in older adults that can be detected through a comprehensive eye examination include age-related macular

degeneration, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma and dry eye. The number of adults with these eye conditions will increase as the population of older adults grows –according to the U.S. Census Bureau, 72 million Americans are expected to be over the age of 65 by 2030 compared with 39.6 million in 2009.

"Many eye conditions develop without any warning signs or symptoms, so it's important to visit a doctor of optometry every year to ensure your eyes are healthy," said Porter. "Early diagnosis and treatment of serious eye diseases and disorders is critical and can often prevent loss of vision."

Healthy lifestyle choices

Following basic healthy habits can help ward off eye diseases and maintain existing eyesight. One of the essential building blocks of a person's overall health is diet. Enjoying a diet rich in the antioxidants lutein and zeaxanthin can improve eye health – these can be found in spinach and other green, leafy vegetables, as well as eggs. Other "power foods" for the eyes in-

clude fruits and vegetables high in Vitamin C and fish containing Omega 3 essential fatty acids, such as salmon. Also, an optometrist can discuss vitamin therapy options for patients experiencing vision problems and for preventive treatment.

"Not only can a healthy diet improve your eye health, but not smoking, monitoring blood pressure levels, exercising regularly and wearing proper sunglasses to protect eyes from UV rays can all play a role in preserving eyesight and eye health," Porter added.

Adapt surroundings

According to the 2015 American Eye-Q survey, 75 percent of Americans age 55 and older have experienced vision problems. It's especially important for older adults to visit their doctor of optometry to ensure their vision is good to prevent falls and driving accidents.

Older adults can ease the stress on their eyes by making some simple changes:

- Wear quality sunglasses for daytime driving and use

anti-reflective lenses to reduce headlight glare. Limit driving at dusk, dawn or at night if seeing under low light is difficult.

- Define essential objects in your home, such as light switches and telephones, with different colors so they can be spotted quickly and easily.

- Install clocks, thermometers and timers with large block letters. Magnifying glasses can also be used for reading when larger print is not available. Text size on the screen of smartphones and tablets can also be increased.

People dealing with eye disease and vision loss can also seek rehabilitative services. These services can teach patients a variety of techniques to allow them to perform daily activities with their remaining vision and help them regain their independence.

Maintaining yearly eye exams, or more frequently if recommended by an eye doctor, provides the best protection for preventing the onset of eye diseases and allows adults to continue leading active and productive lifestyles as they age.

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cial Security-based number. More than 900,000 Kentuckians are to be issued new cards starting this month.

The mailing of the new cards, which are designed to help minimize fraud by replacing the members' Social Security numbers (SSN) with 11-digit I.D. numbers, are triggering scam warnings across the nation. Reports indicate scammers are pretending to be CMS employees calling enrollees and claiming they need to provide personal and financial information or a payment in order to receive, replace or activate their new card.

"I want Kentucky senior citizens to know Medicare will never initiate a call and ask to verify information over the phone," said Beshear. "If you are contacted by someone claiming to be a Medicare employee asking for information, money or threatening to cancel your health benefits, hang up and report the scam to the federal government at 1-800-MEDICARE."

CMS has assigned all people with Medicare benefits a new, unique Medicare number, which contains a combination of numbers and uppercase letters. People with Medicare will receive a new Medicare card in the mail, and will be instructed to safely and securely destroy their current Medicare card and keep their new Medicare number confidential. Issuance of the new number will not change benefits that people with Medicare receive. According to Medicare.gov, as long as an enrollee's address is up-to-date, they do not need to do anything to receive their new card.

Health care providers and people with

Medicare will be able to use secure look-up tools that will allow quick access to the new Medicare numbers when needed. There will also be a 21-month transition period where doctors, health-care providers, and suppliers will be able to use either their current SSN-based Medicare Number or their new, unique Medicare number, to ease the transition.

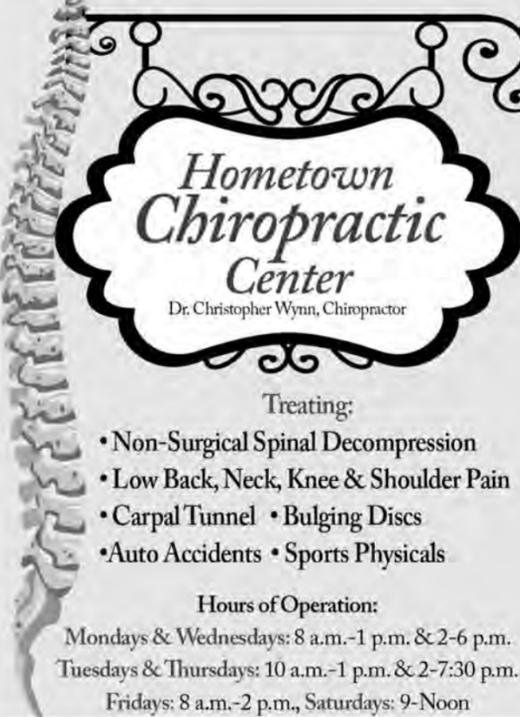
This initiative takes important steps towards protecting the identities of people with Medicare.

Kenton County Sheriff Charles Korzenborn earlier this year notified residents of a similar Medicare scam where the caller claimed they could qualify and enroll a local senior in Medicare.

"After receiving this call, our citizen was suspicious and immediately contacted the national Medicare fraud number and was assured it was a scam and that Medicare never advises of coverage options via the phone," said Korzenborn. "This citizen did the right thing

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Restaurants gone but not forgotten

As I try to put together this article, I know that there are many out there that will know more history on this subject than I do. Many have memories of the variety of good eating places of yesteryear in Marion and the surrounding area. The many different eating places through the years are always a part of the conversation when one is remembering growing up in Marion and Crittenden County. Everyone has memories of their favorite restaurants, and I know I can't possibly mention them all, but it will be fun recalling some of the places in the past.

What little history I have on some of the past eating places are just the descriptive advertisements I found in the old Crittenden Presses. They help tell the history of some of our eating places scattered around Marion, and there were many during the years.

Some places we remember for the atmosphere, other places it was for the food, and perhaps a good memory of sitting around the table eating and enjoying good company with friends, such as one of mine. It was at the Coffee Shop on Main Street, when Bill and Kory Wheeler were owners. Two regulars at our table were Orman Hunt and Ozella Bailey, they are both gone now, but the good times around the Coffee Shop round table remain with me always.

The 88 Dip is the only restaurant that is still operating today under the same name it started with, most locations are even gone, but they are still part of our past collective culinary memory.

During the period of 1933-Sept. 1936, before the county voted to go dry again, there were several eating places that sold beer. A couple of ads found in The Crittenden Press tell of their menu.

One that sounded like a good time was the Snappy Tavern, located close to where the old Fritts car dealer shop used to be on what was

known as the curve-in (building now torn down). It had an open air dance floor, and live music and also a jukebox.

Also located in the same vicinity was the Curve Inn, run by Wathen Rankin and Grace Rankin. I think this was located where Marion Auto Parts is now.

The Sunrise Cafe' was located on North Main Street behind where the Western Auto Store was and (today the Marion Fire Department). This restaurant had several owners and from what people have told me, each had their own personality. Guy and Edith Drennan owned it, and their blue plate specials were very popular with the community. Mr. Drennan liked to hire local girls to work in the restaurant so they would have a job. It was also remembered that there were several couples that met here and were later married. One of these couples that met there and later married was Loma Stone and Bro. A. C. Hodge. Another owner of the cafe' was the Baker family, I was told they turned the eating place into cafeteria style. Still remembered and talked about today as a popular place to eat and gather.

Lots of people have memories of the restaurant known all these years as the Hole In The Wall. It was located in a small room behind the Farmers Bank, close to where the steps are on West Carlisle Street, the area now part of the expanded Farmers Bank. It had only one small booth and a few stools at a counter, but was big on its reputation for good hamburgers and short orders. It was owned by Dewey and Sylvia McDowell. Mr. McDowell ran a taxi cab that was located across the street from the restaurant. Besides her regular customers, Sylvia would fix box lunches for some of the local miners.

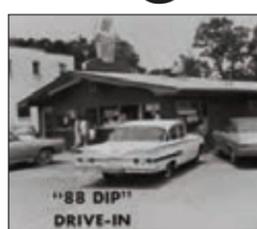
Another place around the court square that is talked about was Gene Beard's grocery store located in the area of the former Alan Stout office. His lunch counter food is still talked about today. A lot of county people that came to town on Saturday's to do their weekly shopping loved to eat there. When Gene moved his store to the later location on U.S. 641 South where state offices are located now, his lunch counter was still a popular place to eat. It seems two of his lady cooks couldn't get along, so he just stopped that by closing the eating area and turned it into the produce department. The good food in the small area was missed daily by faithful patrons.

One cannot talk about restaurants in Marion without recalling Marion Cafe and Cap and Edith Cline being at the top of the list. The Clines first entered the business in September of 1945 as partners with Boyce Belt. At that time, the menu consisted mainly of ice cream and sandwiches. Through the years they worked with several partners in the business, not taking sole ownership until 1957. As the years passed, the menu was expanded and the business grew until it became known throughout western Kentucky as one of the area's outstanding eating establishments.

The day's work for Cap began about 4 a.m. as he prepared a portion of the food for the day along with donuts for the hungry breakfast group which began arriving at the 5:45 a.m. opening hour. At about 11 a.m. Mrs. Cline would arrive to assist with the plate lunches for the noon crowd. She would remain until around 9 p.m., serving everything from charbroiled steaks to deep fried oysters. So many memories surround the name of the Marion Cafe' and have carried down through several generations. The Botanicals Flower and Gift Shop is located in this building today.

Rohrer's Drive-In on Gum Street was another well remembered and popular place to eat. The menu was well-rounded with plate orders and short orders and fountain service. Rohrer & Johnson first opened the Drive-In restaurant in 1953. Later this was a favorite place for the high school crowd to gather in the 1960s and find out who was dating who. They had car hop service, where several local high school girls would find work. Lots of good memories here. The popular place was last a coin-operated laundry and today the old building sets empty and forlorn.

The 88 Dip holds a special place in many a heart, as many of our teenage years were centered around this special place. The grand opening was in August of 1951. The owners were Gene and Thelma Cruce and Raymond and Florence Jones. The name "88 Dip" was taken from the new 88 Oldsmobile that was sold from their car dealership next door. The newspaper ad in 1951 tells of the new drive in dairy bar. It had



The Marion Cafe (left) and 88 Dip (above) are two of Marion's most storied restaurants.

Other fondly remembered places to gather for ice cream and other goodies were the City Drug Store and Robard's (later Babb's) Drug stores. You can't think of Main Street in Marion without remembering these two favorite hangouts and the great people that owned and ran them.

In 1969 John and Mary Holloman had the Merry Dairy Drive-in on the Princeton Road (south side of Marion). It was a great place, they had burger baskets, chicken baskets, Italian Pizza, and of course great ice cream. At the time it was really nice to have a Dairy Drive-in on this side of Marion. Being from Crayne, it was so handy for the folks that lived on that end of the county to be able to go here.

There was also a Dairy Queen on North Main Street, located where the loan office is today. Another great place to eat was the Rustic Inn in the Darben Plaza.

Sara and Eddie Cruce, a special wonderful fun-loving couple, opened their new restaurant in January of 1978, and named it Cruce's Coachman. A popular place to gather, with some new food items on their menu that were new to the Marion area. This location today is known as the Front Porch and is owned by Bill and Kory Wheeler.

I hope you enjoyed this little trip down memory lane of some our past eating places. They are definitely a part of our fond memories of days gone by.

(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.)



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Crittenden County Middle School will host Jumpstart, a program for incoming sixth graders Monday. Students can attend from 8-10 a.m. or from 4-6 p.m. and will receive schedules, tour the building, practice opening lockers and participate in team-building activities.

Parents who wish to stay (not required) can also get a "jumpstart" on Online Registration and other required forms with staff members. Call (270) 965-5221 for more information.

Band plans alumni event

The Crittenden County Band Alumni is planning a reunion from 4-8 p.m., Sept. 15 at Fohs Hall from 4 to 8 pm. The cost is \$20 for one person or \$30 a couple. For more information or to provide contact information, contact Carol Hodge at (270) 704-9052, email ccmarching-band17@gmail.com or through the Crittenden County Band Alumni page on Facebook.

Extension

The Quilt Club will meet at 9:30 a.m., Monday at the Extension Office.

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

Calendar

Lady Rocket Volleyball will host a **pork chop sale** Friday at the Farmers Market. Meals are \$6 and sandwiches \$4 each. Free delivery is available to Marion businesses. To order, contact Valerie Gilbert at (270) 704-0630.

Adult Trivia Night at Crittenden County Public Library returns Friday with music trivia. Snacks and prizes are provided. Trivia begins at 7 p.m.

The **Digital Bookmobile National Tour** is making a stop in at Crittenden County Public Library from noon to 6 p.m. Monday. Visitors are invited to a free interactive experience to learn about and try eBooks and audiobooks available from the library.

Woman's Club of Marion will meet today (Thursday) for the annual planning session. A potluck salad supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. For further information contact Nancy Hunt at (270) 704-0057.

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

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

Rosebud Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting at 1 p.m., Saturday at the cemetery. Please bring a lawn chair.

The Princeton Optimist Club's **Black Patch Heritage Festival** will be Sept. 8 in downtown Princeton. All vendors wanting to participate in the Street Fair, must turn in their application by Aug. 25.

Church Notes

New Union General Baptist Church in Lola will have Vacation Bible School from 1-5 p.m., Saturday. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Closing service will be at 5 p.m., with a meal to follow. The theme is superhero with lessons called Jesus League: Becoming One of Jesus' Super Followers. Everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite superhero shirts. Contact April Dunkerson at (270) 704-2614 for more information.

History quilted in church keepsake

STAFF REPORT

A piece of Enon General Baptist Church history has been donated back to the church.

The motivation of a hand-embroidered quilt is uncertain, but Mary Denton has done some research in an attempt to date the quilt after it was donated last month.

Curtis Harridson of Sebree, the great-grandson of Curtis Martin, presented the friendship quilt June 10. The quilt had been in his family since it was hand-crafted by members of Enon Church and presumably raffled as a fundraiser.

"It was either made to buy a piano or warm-morning stove," said Denton. "Each square was made by a different lady, and people paid a nickel or 10 cents to have their name on it."

The quilt has 20 blocks, each with 17 names embroidered on them for a total of 340 names. Some sir names on the quilt are Hill, Martin, Towery, Travis, Little, Ford, Ross, Brinkley, Leet, Simpson,



Morrow, Todd, Melton, Woodall, McDowell, Brown, Babb, Rogers, Marvell, Reel, Moore, Brantley, Carson and many more.

In order to date the quilt, Denton started with some phone calls and leg work to identify the years some couples were married and the birth years of some of the individuals' names on the quilt. But the

research also sent Denton to a local cemetery to track down some information.

"My mom (Edna Martin) and dad (Remus Morrow) married in 1942, and her name is missing on the quilt," Dutton said. "Knowing I had to go back in time, I called a member of Easley Hill's family, and they told me he was born in June 1934. His name is on the

quilt."

To see if she could more closely date the quilt, Denton went to the Babb Cemetery.

"There, I found Charlie and Alma McDowell Simpson had married Sept. 19, 1923. They appear on the quilt under their married name, but no children are included," Denton said.

"Then we found Christine Fowler's



This quilt originally created as a fundraiser for a church purchase has recently been returned to Enon General Baptist Church.

birthday of June 7, 1922 and she listed on the quilt, so my conclusion is the quilt is about 96 years old."

Enon General Baptist Church now has the quilt on permanent display. The church was established Dec. 6, 1847. Elders were Jacob Holeman, Casual Mason and Ludwell Brackett.

David Perryman is the pastor of the church, located on Ky. 132, just off Ky. 120. Services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. each Sunday.

Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Orville Truitt

Truitts celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Truitt of Marion will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary July 26. Family and friends are invited to a reception in their honor from 2 - 4 p.m., Saturday at West Kentucky Association of General Baptist Camp David, located at 134 Ky. 1668 in Marion.

They have two children Julie (Jeff) Leet of

Shady Grove and Jennifer (Larry) Gibson of Salem. They also have four grandchildren, Erika (Kyle) Salyers, Alyssa (Hayden) McConnell, Kaylee Gibson and Jake Gibson.

Mrs. Truitt is the daughter of the late Floyd and Berna Brantley. Mr. Truitt is the son of the late Leamon and Flora May Truitt.

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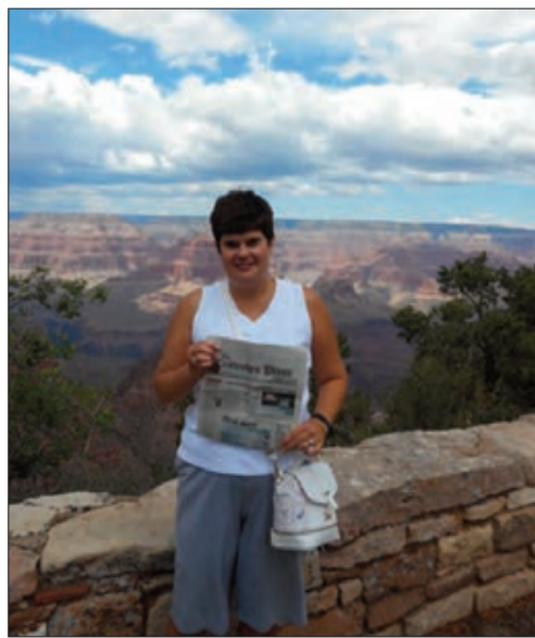
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Five students from Crittenden County have been awarded scholarships for the academic year that begins in August at WKCTC. They are Nicole Adams, Ethan Hunt, Megan Sherrell, Tiffany Stewart and Kaylyn Woodall.

Livingston County students earning scholarships are Chaney Adams, Alisha Boone,

Rachel Cherry, Allison Doyle, Fernando Molina, Tiffany Padon, Addison Ringstaff, Hailey Stafford and Macie Young.

Caldwell County residents awarded scholarships for the academic year that begins in August at WKCTC. They are Felicity Baker, Macey Baker, Austin Blackburn, Josie Gibson, Erin Goodaker, John Riley and Laci Vinson.



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Reading reward

Whyatt Clarida rode away on this bicycle after being chosen the grand prize winner of the Crittenden County Public Library's summer reading program. Friends of the Library donated the funding for summer reading prizes, including the bike. Clarida also received a bicycle helmet donated by Pennyrile District Health Department. Other winners of the Children's Summer Reading Program were Emmitt Ellington and Caleb Combs, who both won gift certificates to Books-A-Million; Caroline Martin and Jazzlynn Fowler, who won movie gift packages to Capitol Cinemas; and Lacey Boone and Corbin Clarida, who each won a ukulele and instruction book.

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FOOTBALL

Jr Pro registration

Junior Pro Football registration for boys in grades 3-6 will be Tuesday, July 31 at Rocket Arena. Enter through the bottom door. Fifth and sixth graders will register from 6-7 p.m., and third and fourth graders from 7-8 p.m. Players will need a copy of their birth certificate. Cost is \$65. Practices for both teams will begin Aug. 7 at Marion-Crittenden County Park. The squads open play on Aug. 25 in the pre-season jam-boree.

Flag football signup

Fall flag football signups for players in grades K-2 will be held during Sneak-a-Peek at Crittenden County Elementary School on Aug. 13. For more information, call Serena Dickerson at (270) 704-1871.

GOLF

Heritage junior event

The Heritage Golf Course at Marion Country Club will host a Junior Golf Tournament starting at 9 a.m., Tuesday. The event will include competitive play and a chip, putt and drive competition for the youngest players. Up to high school age participants are eligible. Register at the club pro shop or call for more information (270) 965-5415. There will also be a free golf clinic from 9 a.m., until noon on Monday with instruction by Adams Pro Tour player Chapman Herwood.

Results from Deer Lakes Junior event

Here are results from the Deer Lakes Junior Golf Tournament held Tuesday:

Girls 16-18

- Lauren Gilchrist91
- Kennedy Croft116
- Carsyn Jones117

Boys 16-18

- T Roy Ringstaff76
- Sam Greenwell77
- Calen Banks77
- Darit Barnes81
- Zac Fleet85
- Tate Roberts89
- Landon Crider101

Girls 11-13

- Skylar Waller47
- Addie Hatfield67

Boys 11-13

- Evan Belt45
- Jeremiah Foster46
- Avery Belt61
- Asa McCord65
- Carson Brown67

FUNDRAISING

JHF Wiffle Ball

The annual Jake Hodge Foundation Wiffle Ball Tournament will be played Aug. 3-5 at Princeton's Little Busch Stadium. Proceeds from the tournament benefit the foundation's scholarship program, which doles out thousands of dollars each year to deserving graduates in Lyon, Caldwell, Crittenden and Livingston counties, plus to Junior Rodeo participants. To contribute, go online to the Jake Hodge Foundation web site or Little Busch Stadium. Last year, the event raised \$33,000.

Crittenden County's 12-under all stars won the USSSA State All Star Tournament that finished last week in Hopkinsville.



Crittenden County's 10-under all stars were 2nd at the USSSA State All Star event at Hopkinsville and won the Silver Division last weekend at Princeton.



Crittenden County's 8-under all stars won the Silver Division championship at Princeton last weekend.



Greenwell grooving swing for state run

CCHS will field young team

STAFF REPORT

If deliberate practice is key to becoming a great golfer then Crittenden County High School sophomore Sam Greenwell is well on his way to earning that college scholarship he covets.

Greenwell, 15, will almost certainly be the No. 1 golfer on the Rocket boys' team this season, which begins Friday at the Best of the West Tournament at Boots Randolph Golf Course at Lake Barkley State Park.



Since recovering from a wrist fracture earlier this summer, Greenwell has been even more dedicated and methodical about his game and taking it to a higher level. Virtually every morning, Greenwell can be found on the job – tuning his stroke – at the Deer Lakes Golf Course driving range. He hits 200 balls on the range, then spends the next three or four hours chipping and putting at the practice green. From there, it's to the course where he plays nine, usually with teammates. In the afternoon, it's break time before he plays another full round with his father (and de facto coach) Zac Greenwell.

"I spend about eight hours a day at the course," said Greenwell. "You have to practice a lot if you want to get to where you're going."

The destination, at least in the short term, will be a berth in the KHSAA State Tournament – something no Rocket male has achieved since 1995 when Ryan Perry qualified as a junior after finishing fourth the First Region Tournament.

Greenwell said this season will be something of a rebuild-

ing one with so many young golfers and one of its best – freshman Peyton Purvis – having transferred to Paducah St. Mary. The boys' golf team will be young with a couple of classmates joining Greenwell as the veterans of the squad. They are Tate Roberts and Landon Crider. Beyond those three, there are middle schoolers led by eighth grader Evan Belt and seventh grader Jeremiah Foster.

Greenwell shot a 79 at the Country Club of Paducah last year to finish two strokes from qualifying for the KHSAA State Tournament. He likes his chances this time because his game is improving and it will be held on a course he plays a great deal.

"I think I could have a pretty good chance this time. Last year, I barely missed it and really had an off day. I play Paxton Park a whole lot and feel really confident there."

Eventually, Greenwell hopes to parlay his golf talent into a college degree, preferably from the University of Kentucky. It's an ambitious goal, but Greenwell is impressing his mentors and coaches.

"His work ethic is impeccable," said Crittenden County golf coach Vicki Hartfield. "Lauren's is, too. They both work really hard."

Lauren Gilchrist will lead the Lady Rocket golfers this fall. She's a two-time state qualifier and three-time All A Classic state qualifier. A junior, Gilchrist's resume is already studded with stars and that's where Greenwell hopes to be pretty soon.

He won the Red Bird Classic at Calvert City Golf Course a couple of weeks ago and has performed well against stiff competition in the Kentucky Junior PGA events this summer.

Although Greenwell has been spending hours on end working on his short game, it's the driver that's tuning up this summer.



High school boys' golf season opens Friday with an 18-hole Best of the West Tournament at Boots Randolph. Next week, the boys and girls both play in the Christian County Invitational at Western Hills.

Rocket golfer Sam Greenwell is concentrating on his game this summer with hopes of making a successful bid this fall for a berth in the KHSAA State Golf Tournament.

"I have just now gained my distance back (after the injury)," he said. "And I've changed to a stronger grip and working on my time. With the new grip, my timing has to be perfect or the ball goes crazy."

Greenwell is getting about 260 yards out of his driver right now, but wants more.

"By the end of the year, I hope to be flying it 260 and getting 280 on the roll," he said.

Deer Lakes Golf Pro Ric Hughes says Greenwell is indeed among the top young

golfers in the area. He says Livingston Central, last year's All A Classic First Region champion, will return several quality players, too, including Cameron Head, T. Roy Ringstaff and Darit Barnes.

"Sammy is pretty disciplined. He's hitting several balls every day," Hughes said. "The practice he is putting in this summer will go a long. He's really grooving his swing right now, and it's a swing that will hold up in pressure situations."



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) Sean O'Leary, Devon Nesbitt, Ethan Dossett, (back) Payton Riley, Ian Ellington, Caden McCalister, Jake Gibson, Hunter Boone, Xander Tabor and Travis Guess.

IRONMAN COMPETITION

Pre-season competition kicks off 2018

STAFF REPORT

For more than 17 years, Crittenden County football players have been starting the season with an individual strength, speed and agility competition called the Ironman.

Fifty players competed in this year's pre-season competition and senior Devon Nesbitt came out on top, collecting his second Ironman championship. His first came as a sophomore and he finished second last year to Adam Beavers. Nesbitt was the Class A First District Player of

the Year in 2016.

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. 17 at home against Tennessee opponent Stewart County. The boys will host Graves County for a controlled dual-practice session Aug. 6 and then scrimmage at Fort Campbell on Aug. 10.

IRONMAN LEADERS

Overall Points

1. Devon Nesbitt
2. Ethan Dossett
3. Sean O'Leary
4. Caden McCalister
5. Xander Tabor
6. Hunter Boone
7. Travis Guess
8. Jake Gibson
9. Ian Ellington
10. Payton Riley

QUICKNESS / AGILITY

40 Yard Dash	
Devon Nesbitt	4.66
Ethan Dossett	4.84
Travis Guess	5.00
Payton Riley	5.03
Xander Tabor	5.03

Verticle Jump

Ethan Dossett	27"
Devon Nesbitt	27"
Xander Tabor	25"
Payton Riley	24"
Travis Guess	23.5"

WEIGHT LIFTING

Power Clean	
Gavin Dickerson	215
Jake Gibson	215
Mitchell Joyce	205
Brock Langston	205
Devon Nesbitt	200

Bench

Hunter Boone	260
Gavin Dickerson	240
Brock Langston	240
Jagger Hayes	225
Dylan Yates	215

Squat

Brock Langston	430
Sean O'Leary	385
Ethan Dossett	360
Jagger Hayes	325
Riley Gobin	320

For Complete List of Individual Results See Rocket Football Online

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Par 4 Plastics launches new brand identity

STAFF REPORT

On Monday, the Marion-based plastic injection molder located in the heart of the automotive region in Kentucky for more than 28 years, announced the launch of a new corporate brand identity to accurately convey the company's personality and commitment to forward innovation.

"The new identity at Par 4 Plastics will not only be easily recognized in the industry but has generated a heightened level of team moral internally," says Tim Capps, President of Par 4 Plastics. "Respect to the company's founder, Joe McDaniel, was very prevalent during this process. Joe was an avid golfer and his love and pride for this company was sustained as it



Capps

was important to him to have an image that our customers would always remember. He developed a foundation of strength at Par 4 Plastics in order for the current leadership group to excel the company to new levels."

Par 4 Plastics' new logo matches the ingenuity and dynamic creativity exemplified by the entire team at Par 4. The logo icon is comprised of four individual pieces that come together to form one entity, a nod to the Par 4 name and the teamwork put forth by all employees.

The negative space within the icon carves out the number "4" in a customized font that simultaneously resembles a golf flag. The inner portion of the "4" represents a fairway



and retains the color green, which has been associated with the company since its beginning. The three outside portions, naturally in Kentucky Wildcat blue, can be seen as water. Overall the new Par 4 Plastics logo is meant to portray a unique mix of modern artistic design and professionalism.

As Par 4 Plastics celebrates a new brand, it also signifies a pivot in their future direction as a growing supplier in plastics.

"Our new branding will po-

sition us for growth opportunities with valued customers, vendors and partners," says Capps.

The majority of Par 4's products are manufactured for automakers, including Toyota, Ford, Nissan and others. The company also makes laundry baskets, gun stocks for Remington and Marlin long guns, construction materials such as rebar stakes and chairs and electronic parts for nearby Siemens.

"In their pursuit of best-in-class, the Par 4 team is known

for its transparency, trustworthiness, and the open-mindedness to solve complex problems," according to a news release announcing the branding update. "Par 4 Plastics is pro-customer with relationships built on goodwill and a commitment to first-time quality."

With 185 employees, Par 4 ranks among the top three employers in Crittenden County. Employees work three shifts producing some product lines that run 24-hours a day, five days a week.

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Conservation District struggling with funds

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Crittenden County Conservation District is struggling with its county-level funding to carry out its intended purpose.

Last week, representatives of the service approached Crittenden Fiscal Court about increasing their funding. For the currently fiscal year, their allocation was cut to \$10,000 from \$15,000 the year before. The district had requested \$80,000 in order to help provide services to landowners.

A local conservation district consisting of seven elected supervisors represents each county in Kentucky. The districts assist property owners with creating and implementing practices to protect the soil and water quality, matching their needs with technical and financial support. With dwindling funds, said District Chairman Larry Duvall, that is becoming difficult.

Duvall explained the money from the county along with state cost sharing and federal programs jointly fund the service. The money used to help landowners goes into local pockets of the rock haulers, dozer operators and other service providers to improve conservation, he said.

Since 2005, the district has brought \$3.26 million into the county through federal programs, state cost sharing and watershed protection. More than a half-million was contracted through federal programs in Fiscal Year 2018. In addition, they pay \$17,000 in annual salaries to two workers and host dozens of youth awards

and community activities.

"When we can't even keep our doors open to the office, it's hard to generate funds," Duvall said, adding that studies show a local dollar will turn over five to seven times in a community.

The office on East Belleville Street is down to only two days, and they are currently looking for part-time administrative assistant or district administrative secretary.

"A lot of landowners are from out of the county, and they come in on weekends and want things done," Duvall said. "They have the land, and they're paying the tax money, so we need to be able to serve those people."

Newcom regrets the funding problems, but said the county's own limited budget and extensive needs led to the \$5,000 reduction in the 2018-19 allocation.

"Conservation and soil erosion control is important to everyone," said the former farm supply store-owner.

Duvall said the conservation district would like the county to consider a property tax, or millage, to fund its portion of conservation district operations. More than 70 of Kentucky's 120 counties, including Livingston County, levy a soil conservation tax.

Conservation District Vice Chairman Jody Heron said he would like to resubmit the district's budget to the fiscal court in order to work together on where the district could make the necessary cuts to operate with the county's contribution.

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Duo preps for derby

Nicole Watts and Brad Walton are teaming up in this year's demolition derby at the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair to celebrate being cancer free. Both are seven-year cancer survivors and will compete in the derby on Aug. 4, the final night of the fair, in this 1970 Oldsmobile 98. Walton has participated in the derby since he was 18, save for a couple years he was battling colon cancer. This will be Watts' first time to participate in the powder puff division. Assisting the two is Dakota Craddock.

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