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NEWS

TOLU HOSTS ANNUAL FIREWORKS SATURDAY

Tolu will host its usual Independence Day celebration Saturday at the community center with food, live music, games and one of the area's largest fireworks displays at dusk.

FRIDAY LAST DAY FOR FIREWORKS IN MARION

Inside the City of Marion, only two days remain to legally shoot fireworks. City rules allow for fireworks only between noon to 11 p.m. today (Thursday) and noon to 10 p.m. Friday. The penalty for violating the fireworks ordinance can be up to \$250.

CIRCUIT CLERK CLOSING OFFICE TODAY, FRIDAY

Crittenden Circuit Clerk's office will be closed today (Thursday) and Friday in observance of the Independence Day holiday. There will be no driver testing offered Friday. Crittenden-Livingston Water District will also be closed today and Friday. Other city, county, state and federal offices will be closed today but will reopen Friday, including services like the animal shelter and convenience center, library, senior center and Extension service.

KY. PROPERTY TAX RATE REMAINS SAME

On Monday, the Kentucky Department of Revenue announced the 2019 state real property tax rate will be 12.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value, the same as last year. Statute requires the department set the real property rate no later than July 1 of each year. This rate is based on the revenue generated from the increase in taxable real property assessments from 2018 to 2019. If the increase in revenue is more than 4 percent after the exclusion of both new property added to the tax roll during 2018 and the property subject to tax increment financing, then the prior year rate must be reduced.

Because the assessment increase for 2019 is estimated at 3.92 percent, the state rate will remain the same as the 2018 rate, 12.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value. All revenue generated from the state property tax will go into the state's General Fund.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Board of Education will hold a special called meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the board office to approve telephone and intercom bids.



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Acquisition nearly doubles institution's assets Farmers Bank expands



GOOGLE STREETVIEW IMAGE First State Bank headquartered in Central City (above) has been acquired by Farmers Bank & Trust Co. in Marion, nearly doubling the local bank's assets to \$380 million. With 10 locations, the deal gives Farmers Bank a presence in seven western Kentucky counties when regulatory approval is granted this fall.

STAFF REPORT

Farmers Bank and Trust Co., of Marion is growing once again, and like once before, this growth is through acquisition rather than expansion. Marion's longest serving financial institution announced on Monday its deal to buy First State Bank headquartered in Central City, Ky. First State Bank has five locations in Muhlenberg, McLean and Warren counties, and is a subsidiary of Community Bancorp of Kentucky. The purchase is subject to customary conditions, including regulatory approval, but should close by the end of September.

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Terms of the cash purchase have not been disclosed. When the deal is complete, it will put Farmers Bank and Trust Co., near the top 25 percent of the largest banking firms in Kentucky. Farmers was founded in Marion in 1899 on the same street corner where it stands today. It began to grow beyond county borders in 2003 with expansion to Salem in Livingston County. Farmers opened a new branch in Henderson in 2015 and purchased the assets of Hopkinsville-

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Jail pays own way

STAFF REPORT

For the first time, incarcerating lawbreakers in Crittenden County has cost taxpayers nothing. Crittenden County Detention Center closed out its 2018-19 budget year Sunday in the black. And not only did the jail need no general fund transfers from the county budget, it closed out the fiscal year with \$85,000 in the bank, according to Jailer Robbie Kirk. "There should be a celebration in this town for what these 43 people have done," Kirk said, crediting efforts across the jail's entire staff to save the county money. When Kirk took over the jail four and half

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Community celebrates nation, service



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Event hails patriotism

Linda Brown leads a choir last Wednesday in the anthems of America's military branches at the annual Community Patriotic Service at Marion Baptist Church while the colors of the (from left) Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy and Marines are displayed. Held around Independence Day each year since 2002, the event recognizes military service and civilian service in the form of first responders. About 100 people gathered at the church to hear Crittenden County's Spec. Aaron Davis, a National Guard recruiter, describe what patriotism means to him. "Everyone has the opportunity to be a patriot, not just those in uniform," he said, asking the crowd to take July 4 each year to "slow down and revel in what it means to be patriotic." A tribute was also given to the late Barry Gilbert, a retired National Guard colonel who organized the services until a couple of years ago.

Mapleview Cemetery adding 1,300 lots



Marion Cemetery Association board member Denis Hodge (center) points out the area where the county's largest burial ground will be expanding as other board members look on. The expansion will eventually include 15,095 new gravesites.

STAFF REPORT

Only about 100 lots remain available in Mapleview Cemetery, prompting an expansion that will add 1,300 lots and a nearly two-acre lake. Community members and families of those buried in Mapleview are being asked to contribute to the project, which includes dirt work to raise the existing road at the back of the cemetery, clearing the first section to be developed for graves and creation of the new lake. Mapleview Cemetery is Crittenden County's largest cemetery and is the final resting place for more than 5,000 people. The expansion will begin on 30 acres behind the cemetery, which the cemetery board pur-

chased in 1990 from the heirs of Mary Rayburn. The plan calls for development in 15 stages, beginning with one section and the lake, which will be situated in a low-lying area unsuitable for grave spaces. Cemetery board member Denis Hodge early this year worked with the Crittenden County Conservation District to design the lake recommended in a master plan created by the Elberton Granite Association. "This expansion project is the vision of the late Bill Fox, and because of the legacy he left in the community, and specifically the cemetery, we are building the lake to fulfill

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Students encouraged to get #RocketRegistered

STAFF REPORT

Online registration now is open for families in the Crittenden County School District. Electronic registration opened Tuesday and offers families the ease and convenience of registering their children for school at their convenience. To access online registration, parents of existing students should log on to their Infinite Campus portal ac-

counts and click Online Registration. "We have added a password reset option this year for parents who may have forgotten their login information," Director of Pupil Personnel Diana Lusby said. Registration is self-explanatory and should take only a few minutes to complete, as the process has been shortened



Lusby

this year as much as possible. One application per family is all that is needed, no matter the number of students in the household. For families new to Crittenden County, parents will need to set up appointments at their respective schools to bring in the necessary paperwork for enrollment and complete online

registration. Lusby said the district is having a friendly competition between schools to help the district achieve 100 percent registration by Thursday, Aug. 1. The 2019-20 school year begins for students Wednesday, Aug. 14. For those needing assistance or without internet access

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July 4: Celebration of freedom, unity

Since the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the Fourth of July has been observed as a day for patriotism and unity. It is on this day that exemplary visionaries dared to create a new form of government for a new people — a country in which freedom reigned. It is with celebration, reflection and remembrance that we observe this Independence Day. “We, the people of the United States, have faced insurmountable odds since our young country’s conception but continue to fight for our



Sen. Robby Mills
R-Henderson
Kentucky Senate Legislative Review

God-given rights unique to the United States of America...” The Fourth of July is an opportunity to reflect on our country’s past and to take pride in our nation’s enduring principles. This day marks the first time it was decided that every person is born with certain God-given rights and the Declaration of Independence is still known as one of the most powerful statements of all time. “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain

unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.” Beginning as America’s foundation for freedom, these powerful words have since been transformed into a blueprint for the greatest nation on earth. Our nation – and our great Commonwealth – was founded on a simple principle: “united we stand, divided we fall.” Countless Americans have fought on and off the battlefield so that we could enjoy the freedoms and rights that we too often take for granted. Civil and international wars have been fought to expand these freedoms to all people. We are a nation that celebrates our differences; we do not persecute because of

them. We must keep these values at the forefront of our minds as we navigate today’s political discourse. Just as we remember the history of our Founding Fathers and our nation’s past, it is imperative that we honor the brave men and women fighting at home and around the world to preserve our future. Let us celebrate the Americans who put their lives on the line every day so that we may remain the land of the free. On July 4, Americans will gather at picnics, barbecues and parades in recognition and gratitude for the freedoms we cherish. It is my hope that together, as proud Kentuckians, we will continue to strive for unity and peace for our

country and our people. We are one nation, under God, and unitedly we will continue to live the lives our Founding Fathers envisioned. I wish you and your family a safe and happy Independence Day, and may God bless America. If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please call me toll-free at (800) 372-7181 or email me at Robby.Mills@lrc.ky.gov. You can also review the Legislature’s work online at Legislature.ky.gov (Sen Robby Mills, R-Henderson, represented Senate District 4 – Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Webster, Union and Henderson counties – in the Kentucky General Assembly.)

UK faces life without RB Snell; Riley high on Heat’s Herro

What will it be like for Kentucky’s offensive line not to have Benny Snell running the football? “That is a great question,” UK offensive line coach John Schlarman admitted. Snell had three straight 1,000-yard rushing seasons and became UK’s all-time career rushing leader. He’s now in the NFL after being drafted in the fourth round by the Pittsburgh Steelers. “I am excited about the running backs that we are going to be blocking for. Those guys have showed a lot of talent with A.J. (Rose), (Kavosiey) Smoke and (Chris)Rodriguez,” Schlarman said.



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist
Vaught’s Views

Schlarman, a former UK offensive lineman, says a lineman’s mentality doesn’t change regardless of who is running the football. “Obviously a guy like Benny can make you look good at times but I think the guys we have got are going to make us look good at times, too,” Schlarman said. “I don’t think for those guys (in the line) anything has really changed mentality-wise. “Will we miss Benny and the things he brought to the table? I am sure we will. But it is like what do you do next? Different year. Every year is like that. You have some pieces that move on, you

have some returning and then you have some new ones. I think it is just a matter of seeing how it all fits together and I am confident it will fit together just fine.” **Tyler Herro** Miami Heat president Pat Riley, a former UK All-American under Adolph Rupp, couldn’t say enough good things about Tyler Herro after Miami took him 13th in the NBA Draft. “Cal (John Calipari) couldn’t keep him off the court. Cal wants to win, and he said he just couldn’t keep the kid off the court (late in the season),” Riley said. “He had grown so much during the course of the year. He had so much confidence in him, so I think he’s a complete player that will compete defensively (and) get better. “He adds depth ... he is the perfect complement, I



NBA PHOTO
Miami Heat president Pat Riley likes the way Tyler Herro (right) can space the floor and shoot. Herro was the 13th pick in the NBA draft.

think, to any player because he can space the floor and shoot the ball. You can also put the ball in his hands, he’s a catch-and-shoot player, he’s a pick-and-roll player, but what I like about him is that his work ethic is second to

none ... I think he’s going to fit right in with all of these guys.” Riley already has former Cat Bam Adebayo on the Heat roster and says he likes drafting UK players. “Pat Riley has said to me before, ‘The best thing

about your guys is they know how to fight, and the second thing is that they’re good teammates because they know how to share here,” Calipari said. “It doesn’t mean that we don’t have volume shooters in the NBA; we do. Six or seven guys that are good volume shooters, but they weren’t here (to do that). They learned to be good teammates. Probably the best compliment that could be made is what he said right there.” Calipari said Adebayo texted him as soon as Herro got drafted wanting his phone number. “He texted Tyler and said, ‘You better be ready to work. That is what this organization is about.’ He showed me, Tyler sent it to me and I said, ‘He (Bam) has no idea does he?’ He (Tyler) said, ‘He has no idea,’ because that is what Tyler is about, and they knew that.”

Farmers sought for county committee

STAFF REPORT
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced that the nomination period for local FSA county committees began on June 14, 2019. “County committees are unique to FSA and allow producers to have a voice on federal farm program implementation at the local level,” said FSA Crittenden-Livingston Executive Director Nina Hunt. “It is also important that committees are comprised of members who fairly represent the diverse demographics of production agriculture for their community. I encourage all producers, including women, minority and beginning farmers and ranchers, to participate in the nomination and election process.” To be eligible to serve on the FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency-administered program, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local

Farm Bill program dates loom
STAFF REPORT
Signed into law last December, many of the programs in the 2018 Farm Bill have already been implemented, but dates still loom for some provisions to begin, including:
- The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will open Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage elections for the 2019 and 2020 crop years beginning in September.
- FSA plans to offer a general Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) sign-up in December. FSA began accepting applications June 3 for certain practices under continuous CRP and reopening enrollment for existing Conserva-

tion Reserve Enhancement Program agreements.
- On May 15, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced that it is investing \$25 million per year over the next five years to help support On-Farm Conservation Innovation Trials, part of the Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) and available to farmers eligible to participate in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. NRCS will accept proposals through July 15 for the new On-Farm Trials.
- On May 30, NRCS announced the availability of \$12.5 million to support CIG on agricultural lands. NRCS will accept proposals through July 30.

administrative area (LAA) where they are nominated. This year, nominations and elections for Crittenden County will be held in LAA 1, which includes the communities of Marion, Shady Grove, Frances, Crayne and Mexico. Nom-

ination forms must be postmarked or received in the Salem Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1. Producers may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Organizations representing minor-

ity and women farmers and ranchers may also nominate candidates. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign an FSA-669A nomination form. The form and more information about FSA county committee elections are available online at FSA.usda.gov/elections. Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues. County committees consist of three to 11 members. FSA will mail election ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 4, 2019. Ballots are due back in the Salem Service Center by mail or in person no later than Dec. 2, 2019. All newly elected county committee members and alternates will take office Jan. 1, 2020. For more information contact the Salem Service Center at (270) 988-2180.



FACEBOOK IMAGE

Newest fireman

Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department welcomed its newest certified firefighter this week. William Beachy (right) was presented his own helmet by Chief Scott Hurley for completing 150 hours of training to become certified. Beachy came to the department in August 2018 with no training, according to the fire department’s Facebook page, and in less than a year amassed all of his required training to become state certified. New firefighters are given up to two years to complete the necessary training.

U.S. 60 to remain open during most of I-24 Exit 4 interchange work

STAFF REPORT
Work at one of western Kentucky’s busiest traffic areas has been significantly altered to allow motorists to continue using U.S. 60 at the Interstate 24 Paducah Exit 4 while major construction takes place. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) engineers have developed a revised plan for construction of a double crossover diamond (DCD) along U.S. 60 at the I-24 Exit 4 interchange that is expected to reduce traffic congestion along a planned detour. The revision calls for U.S. 60 traffic through the interstate interchange to remain open initially while ramps at the interchange will close starting at 6 a.m.

Monday. Initial plans were to close both the interstate exit ramps and U.S. 60 for five weeks beginning next week, greatly affecting the 28,500 motorists that pass through the interchange each day. The contractor has worked to complete as much construction as possible prior to the ramp closures. This is expected to allow closures of U.S. 60 through the interchange to be limited to nights only. “While closing the ramps at Exit 4 and detouring traffic to the Ky. 305 Paducah Exit 3 interchange will create some inconvenience, keeping U.S. 60 open through the interchange should

greatly reduce the volume of traffic using the detour,” said KyTC District 1 Chief Engineer Kyle Poat. “This should improve traffic flow along the detour while the ramps are closed.” Poat noted that once the ramps close Monday, traffic signals at the ramp ends will be disabled. This will allow through-traffic along U.S. 60 between Coleman Road and James-Sanders Boulevard to move more efficiently. With the ramps closed, work can proceed with median barrier wall construction under and around the overpass. Once that concrete work is completed, the contractor will set a date for overnight closures of U.S. 60 to allow paving of lanes

for the DCD, which is designed to increase road capacity and improve safety. Engineers believe the change in strategy will not increase the length of the ramp closures. Once the Exit 4 ramps close on Monday, travelers on I-24 will be detoured to the I-24 Exit 3 interchange. Traffic seeking to connect to U.S. 60 East into Paducah and to access businesses on the Paducah side of I-24 near Exit 4 will detour via Charter Oak Drive and Coleman Road. Motorists seeking to connect to U.S. 60 West and businesses near the west side of the Exit 4 interchange will de-



Poat

tour via Ky. 998/Olivet Church Road and New Holt Road to reconnect with U.S. 60 near Kentucky Oaks Mall. Last week, KtTC engineers encouraged local commuters who travel to and from the area to consider alternate routes via New Holt Road, Pecan Drive, and James-Sanders Boulevard to help reduce the number of vehicles traveling the marked detour through the Exit 3 interchange. Detour signage and message boards will be placed around Paducah to help divert local traffic to Exit 7. Interstate traffic through the Paducah Exit

4 interchange will remain open throughout the ramp closure. Much of the planned work will take place along U.S. 60 between James-Sanders Boulevard and Coleman Road with closures limited to overnight hours. KyTC will provide timely notice when the night closures of U.S. 60 are scheduled to begin. The likely start date is Monday, July 22. Traffic is expected to move to the new DCD configuration after the first couple of nights of paving with the DCD to be substantially complete by Aug. 12. The contractor is required to reopen U.S. 60 and the ramps at the Exit 4 interchange by that date.

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Marion native Henderson deputy police chief

STAFF REPORT

A Marion native and law enforcement veteran has been hired as deputy chief with the Henderson Police Department.

Sean McKinney, a U.S. Army veteran who retired with the rank of captain from the Kentucky State Police, joined the police department serving Kentucky's 12th largest city Monday, according to a Facebook post from Henderson Police Department.

McKinney holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Murray State University and worked for the KSP for 17 and a half years from January 2001 to Aug. 1, 2018. He began as a trooper before promoting to sergeant, lieutenant and finally captain.

"The selection process for deputy chief was comprehensive and consisted of a written test, an assessment center and an interview. Sean was the top performer throughout the process and we are excited for him to come on board," said HPD Chief Heath Cox, who became chief of the department last September.

The announcement was made on HPD's Facebook page.

"Sean has been involved in the Henderson community for many years and he got his start at the Henderson Police Department," Cox added. "His wide range of experience will be an asset to the department and he will aid in helping the department to continue to deliver quality service to our community."

McKinney previously worked for Henderson Police Department from November 1997 to January 2001.

McKinney was sworn in by Mayor Steve Austin on Monday morning.

As captain with Kentucky State Police, he was commander over the Drug Enforcement Special Investigations unit that serves 63 counties in western Kentucky. He also oversaw criminal cases involving public and elected officials throughout western Kentucky.

McKinney graduated from Crittenden County High School in 1989.

Marion native Sean McKinney (right) was sworn in Monday morning Henderson Mayor Steve Austin as the city's new deputy police chief.

NEWS BRIEFS

Airport awarded \$270,000 grant

A portion of a \$750,000-plus federal grant for construction of a new hangar at Marion-Crittenden County Airport was awarded last week.

U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao announced June 24 that the Federal Aviation Administration will award \$495 million in airport infrastructure grants, including one for the local airport and 11 more in Kentucky. Marion-Crittenden County Airport will be receiving \$270,000 through the second allotment of the total \$3.18 billion in Airport Improvement Program funding for airports

across the United States.

"This significant investment in airport improvements in Kentucky will fund construction and rehabilitation projects that will help maintain high levels of safety in U.S. aviation," said Chao.

The new hangar at the local airport will be able to accommodate up to nine aircraft. A preconstruction meeting on the project was held last week. At a meeting of Crittenden Fiscal Court last month, airport manager and board chairman Jim Johnson said he is hoping to have site and concrete work done by the fall with construction beginning next spring.

Because this is funded through a federal grant, there is a local match of

2.5 percent. That will be split between the fiscal court and City of Marion, amounting to about \$9,500 each.

Conservation budget slashed

Magistrates trimmed almost \$82,000 Friday from the proposed budget of Crittenden County Conservation District in a special meeting of Crittenden Fiscal Court.

The move comes a week after the fiscal court denied the conservation district's request for millage tax to be placed on real property owners. The requested rate of 2.5 cents per \$100 of assessment would have generated an estimated \$84,000. Mag-

istrates did not want to place an additional burden on all property owners when only a small portion of the county, mostly owners of large tracts of land, utilize the district's services.

Upon denying the millage tax, the fiscal court was charged with adjusting the conservation district's budget for 2019-20. The new spending plan was based on prior years' expenses.

The fiscal court has appropriated \$10,000 to the conservation district in its budget, with a proposition for another \$10,000 before the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2020.

No one representing the conservation district was present at Friday's meeting.

JAIL

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years ago, the facility had just siphoned off \$759,000 from county's the general fund. That figure shrank in subsequent years, culminating Sunday with the \$85,000 surplus at the conclusion of his fourth full fiscal year.

"It allows you to do a little bit more everywhere," Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said of the jail's self-sufficiency. "It's how we've been able to help the rescue squad buy equipment, support the ambulance service and build a little cushion for emergency purposes."

The lockup averaged well more than \$200,000 in revenue each month of the just-concluded fiscal

year. Income originates from housing and transporting federal inmates and holding state prisoners and inmates from other counties. With the addition of a 39-bed restricted custody center in the fall of 2016, the jail now has 172 beds. And taking advantage of all available space allows Kirk to regularly keep more than 200 prisoners, including inmates held on local charges.

On Tuesday, the detention center was holding 207 paying prisoners and an additional eight Crittenden County inmates, who fall under the expense column rather than revenue like out-of-county violators.

Since the jail opened 11 years ago, the judge-executive said the jail would typically cost taxpayers between \$350,000 and

\$500,000 each year. At one point prior to Kirk's election, Newcom said the idea of shutting the facility was briefly considered.

"Closing it was kicked around a little bit, but that was put to rest quickly," he said.

That is because the balance of the 30 years of debt payments would still be owed, and Crittenden County would continue to need a place to house its own offenders.

Had the jail not had \$567,000 in debt service last fiscal year, revenue would have outdistanced expenses by \$652,000, Kirk points out.

During his time in office, his deputies have received two raises of a \$1 each and another \$1.50 bump that started Monday. That has allowed the

lockup to remain competitive with wages paid at nearby state correctional facilities. A starting salary is now \$13.40 per hour.

Kirk credits his predecessor, Phillip Parker, for the relatively quick move toward financial solvency. Strong policies and procedures put in place during Parker's 18-month appointment following the August 2013 resignation of elected Jailer Rick Riley, Kirk said, allowed him to spend his first few months focusing on improving finances at the local facility and not putting out fires.



Wreck injures Marion man

A local man was injured in a vehicle rollover accident on Ky. 297 shortly after 3 p.m., Tuesday. Jerry Belt, 74, of Irma White Road in Marion was taken by ambulance to Crittenden Community Hospital by Crittenden EMS. His condition was not available at press time, but his injuries did not appear life-threatening. The single-vehicle accident happened about four miles north of U.S. 60 in the Sheridan area. Belt was driving a Chevrolet pickup that went off the highway, down an embankment and into a wooded area. Crittenden County first responders from the sheriff's department, rescue squad and local volunteer firemen responded to the scene.

SCHOOL

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cess, please call the student's school or central office at (270) 965-3525 and arrangements will be made to assist those needing help. Crittenden County Public Library also offers free internet access.

To help the district in spreading the word about the importance of online registration, those completing the process are encouraged to watch the school district's social media sites and share their own #RocketRegistered posts when complete.

"We're very excited about the start of the 2019-20 school year, and we appreciate our Rocket Nation in helping us spread the word," said Lusby. "Let's get the new year rolling by getting #RocketRegistered."



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MPD activity report

The data below for Marion Police Department from June 2019 compare figures with June 2018 and reflects year-to-date totals for 2019.

CATEGORY	JUNE 2018	JUNE 2019	2019 TOTAL
Miles driven/patrolled.....	2,709	3,298	15,646
Criminal investigations	20	7	62
Domestics.....	11	11	53
Felony Arrests	3	0	9
Misdemeanor arrests	12	2	42
Non-criminal arrests	12	6	29
DUI arrests.....	1	1	3
Criminal summons served.....	2	2	8
Traffic citations	20	23	99
Traffic warnings.....	21	20	84
Other citations	27	12	104
Parking tickets	0	0	7
Traffic accidents.....	3	4	31
Security checks/alarms	58	76	381
Calls for service.....	191	181	1,067

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 85.31 ACRES - \$441,947.5 - This hunting tract is known for big bucks and amazing views. A large lodge is located on the property with a large eat-in kitchen, wood burning stove and gated.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CCHS, CCMS add entrance security layers



THE CRITTENDEN PRESS
Ronald Calhoun of Princeton Lumber Co. works Monday afternoon installing insulation inside a revamped office at Crittenden County High School.

STAFF REPORT

Work continues this summer on construction projects at both the middle and high schools, which will add layers of security at public entrances.

The projects, when complete, will require visitors to be buzzed through multiple doors before gaining access to student areas. Extensive work at the high school will give visitors three secure doors before entering the hallways, while installation of a wall in the foyer of the middle school will make access to the hallways by visitors a two-door procedure.

Entering CCHS will now take place at a new doorway constructed under the West Gum Street-facing portico to the right of the steps that lead to the former visitor entry

into a foyer. The new entry will require visitors to be buzzed through two security doors before entering a reconstructed office and a third to enter the hallways.

The new systems will be similar to what is already in place at Crittenden County Elementary School.

The previous public entry had only one security door, giving visitors unfettered access to both the middle and high school once allowed in. An office for the school resource officer will be installed in the foyer of the prior entrance.

High school administrative offices for the principal, assistant principal and guidance counselor will remain unchanged.

Princeton Lumber Co. project manager Dixon

School district ends five-year partnership with K9 Resources

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Schools have decided to end their partnership with a canine surveillance company in favor of a human-provided safety.

At last month's board of education meeting, elected members decided to forgo another contract with out-of-state K9 Resources. The school district has employed the company since 2013 to provide random searches for guns, explosives, alcohol and drugs on school campuses.

Instead, the board prefers to spend the money toward maintaining a school resource officer (SRO), which was reintroduced last year.

"They have been a good partner with us," Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark said, "but I think at this point, it is better for us to invest those funds in people who are here eight hours at our school."

John Shofner is currently the school district's SRO.

Taylor said a wait for doors and windows to be delivered has slowed progress, but he expects construction to be completed by the start of a new school year on Aug. 14.

The project cost is about \$305,000.

GED testing still offered at no cost

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Jailer Robbie Kirk believes residents of the county who have not finished high school are missing out on a golden opportunity to complete their education.

Kirk said only two people have taken their general education development tests, or GED, since the high school equivalency exams began being offered a few months ago at no cost to anyone living in Crittenden County. Thanks to a partnership Crittenden County Detention Center has established with a private benefactor, GED exams are provided at the Marion Ed-Tech Center for free. This saves those who pursue a GED \$120 for the four-part tests and eliminates the hassle and expense of traveling to bigger cities like Paducah, Madisonville or Henderson to take the exams.

Kirk said for someone working a minimum wage job, taking the GED used to cost half a week's take-home pay and a day off from work to complete testing at a facility an hour away. But thanks to a benefactor who does not want to be named, the GED can be free and taken right here at home.

The only condition applicants have to fulfill in order to be eligible, besides being a resident of Crittenden County, is to prepare and to take a pre-test at the Adult Education Cen-



FACEBOOK IMAGE

Crittenden County Detention Center Deputy Jailer Crystal Brantley (right) administers GED testing recently at the Marion Ed-Tech Center. Through a four-way partnership between the jail, the local adult education center, a private benefactor and Crittenden County Economic Development Corp, which allows use of the center for testing, anyone in Crittenden County is eligible to have the cost of getting a GED paid for 100 percent.

ter in Marion and score at least 150 points. Once completed, the applicant can take the actual test and the benefactor will cover all the fees for the four parts of the test if a passing score of 145 is attained.

"On the outside, this is right up there with anything the jail does in the community," Kirk said, indicating services like mowing and roadside cleanup provided by inmates. "This is something that lasts forever."

Some research indicates a GED can result an

additional \$385,000 in earnings over a person's life for those who never finish high school.

Crystal Brantley, lead educator at the jail, serves as the proctor for the local testing.

Anyone interested in the program should contact the Adult Education office at (270) 965-9435.

On the inside, 39 inmates have completed their GED since Kirk started as jailer in 2015.

When he took office, the Adult Education Center was pre-testing interested inmates, but there was no actual testing for the GED. There was no testing cen-

ter available in Crittenden County and the nearest ones were an hour away.

The GED test is the only high school equivalency test recognized in all 50 U.S. states. It gives individuals who are at least 18 another chance to get a high school certificate without going to school again. The certificate is often required when applying for college or training institutions, when applying for higher paying jobs and for work promotions.

The test consists of four subject areas – mathematics, science, social studies and reasoning through language arts.



Kirk



MADISONVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Local teens tour Big Apple

The TRiO Talent Search program at Madisonville Community College took 40 of their high school participants, including eight from Crittenden County, on a cultural experience trip to New York City last month. The group visited the Statue of Liberty, the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, Times Square, Central Park, Wall Street and the financial district, the Brooklyn Bridge, Rockefeller Center, Grand Central Terminal, St. Patrick's Cathedral, General Grant National Memorial, Chinatown and Little Italy. Participants also toured the campuses of Columbia University and New York University and attended a performance of the off-Broadway show, "Stomp: The Rhythm of NY." The TRiO Talent Search is a federally funded program that works with 6-12 grade students, providing academic, career and financial counseling to its participants and encourages them to graduate from high school and continue on to complete their postsecondary education. The students from Crittenden County, pictured with other participants at Times Square, are Caitlyn Riley, Jalaine Noel, Sara Jones, Alaina Cowsert, Ashleigh Dunkerson, Grace Roberts, Hailey Belt and Chloe James.

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Unemployment falls in Crittenden in May

Unemployment rates fell in 91 Kentucky counties, including Crittenden County, between May 2018 and May 2019, rose in 22 and stayed the same in seven counties, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics.

For May 2019, the jobless rate in Crittenden County was 4.3 percent, down 0.4 points from the prior month and 0.9 points from the fifth month of 2018. All surrounding counties except Caldwell County, which remained unchanged, also saw a drop from May of last year.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate at 2.8 percent. Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate at 9.9 percent.

Below are the jobless rates for select counties from the state's low in February to the highest, with rates for Crittenden and surrounding counties included between.

AREA	MAY 2019	APRIL 2019	MAY 2018
U.S.	3.4%.....	3.3%	
Kentucky.....	4.0%.....	3.9%.....	4.3%
Pennyrile Region.....	4.7%.....	4.6%.....	5.0%
COUNTIES			
Woodford (1)	2.8%.....	2.7%.....	3.0%
Webster.....	3.8%.....	3.8%.....	4.2%
Lyon.....	4.1%.....	4.0%.....	4.5%
Union.....	4.2%.....	4.1%.....	4.9%
Crittenden.....	4.3%.....	4.7%.....	5.2%
Caldwell.....	4.6%.....	4.4%.....	4.6%
Livingston.....	5.0%.....	5.3%.....	7.0%
Magoffin (120).....	9.9%.....	10.4%.....	12.4%

Kentucky's county unemployment rates and employment levels are not seasonally adjusted because of small sample sizes. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. The comparable, unadjusted unemployment rate for the state was 4 percent for May 2019, and 3.4 percent for the nation.

NEWS BRIEFS

Ky. State Fair tickets on sale

Kentucky State Fair advance discount tickets are now on sale.

The Kentucky State Fair is Aug. 15-25 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville. Tickets are available at all Kroger locations and online at Ticketmaster.com. The discount applies to admission and parking and is available through Aug. 14.

Admission is \$7 per person in advance and \$10 per person at the gate. Parking is \$5 in advance and \$10 per vehicle at the gate. Children 5 and under are free.

For more information, visit KyStateFair.org/tickets or find the Fair on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

Bill would put end to standard time

Two Republican state lawmakers are filing legislation for the 2020 General Assembly to end the practice of Kentuckians having to "spring forward" and "fall back."

The measure, sponsored by Reps. Bart Rowland of Tompkinsville and Brandon Reed of Hodgenville, would make daylight saving time permanent throughout the state, but only if Congress first passes a federal law allowing states to observe daylight saving time year-round.

By putting an end to the practice of changing clocks every March and November, and giving Kentuckians more evening daylight hours during winter months, Rowland and other supporters believe that Kentuckians will reap immediate benefits.

"Studies show that adding more light at the end of the day improves everything from traffic safety to crime and the use of electricity," said Rowland.

He points to research from the Brookings Institute, which found a 19 percent drop in the probability of any robbery occurring in the weeks after DST begins, and a 27 percent decrease in the robbery rate during sunset hours.

— Kentucky Today

KU rated best for utility satisfaction

Kentucky Utilities Co. was recently named the top ranking mid-sized utility in Midwest electric residential customer satisfaction. The distinction was awarded by global market research company J.D. Power following the company's newly released 2019 Electric Utility Residential Customer Satisfaction Study.

— Kentucky Today

"This is the fourth year in a row KU has received this honor, which really speaks to the focus our company and employees have placed on our customers' experience with our company and the services we provide," said LG&E and KU Energy Chairman, CEO and President Paul W. Thompson.

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Hemp seminar set for next week

Are you interested in learning about growing industrial hemp? If so, a seminar in Marion next month aims to answer questions growers may have.

University of Kentucky Extension Specialist Tom Keene will head up a meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the Marion Ed-Tech Center to discuss production practices, enterprise budget worksheets, policies and issues surrounding industrial hemp.

"I have had several calls recently about growing industrial hemp and there seems to be some confusion (from the process to thinking they can get rich quick by throwing seed on the ground," said Crittenden County Extension Agent for Agriculture & Natural Resources Dee Brasher Heimgartner.

For more information, call Crittenden County Extension Office at (270) 965-5236.

Lexington U.S.'s 5th best run city

Kentucky's two largest cities fared well in a report on The Best and Worst Run Cities in America, released Monday by the personal finance website WalletHub.com.

Lexington ranked fifth overall in a survey of the top 150 cities in the United States, while Louisville finished at No. 28.

To make the determination, WalletHub developed a "Quality of City Services" score, comprising 37 key performance indicators grouped into six service categories, that was then measured against the city's total per-capita budget. The six categories were financial stability, education, health, safety, economy, and infrastructure and pollution.

They used data for over two dozen government agencies, financial services and other organizations to come up with rankings.

Nampa, Idaho, a city of just under 82,000 people earned the No. 1 spot overall, while Washington, D.C., finished last among the 150 cities in the survey.

— Kentucky Today

AREA DEATHS

Dugan

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

She was a member of Pleasant Grove General Baptist Church and had worked as a nurse's aid.

Dugan is survived by several cousins.

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

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Deer Creek Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Visitation at the funeral home will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and continue until service time.

Boone

Mary Belle Boone, 93, of Fredonia died Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at Baptist Health Paducah.

She worked as a seamstress at the Princeton Hosiery Mill for years and owned and operated the Old Fredonia School Flea Market and Gym. She was of the Baptist faith.

Boone is survived by her two sons, James Malcolm "Mac" Boone of Fredonia and Donnie Boone of Fredonia; two step-daughters, Sandra Shinall of Kuttawa and Janice Patterson of Nashville, Tenn.; two grandsons; three step-grandsons; several great-grandchildren.



Boone

She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Malcolm Boone; her parents, Robert Luther and Ethel Irene Green Beavers; a sister, Ethel Longabaugh; seven brothers, Orville Beavers, Edward Beavers, Rev. James H. Beavers, Marshall Beavers, Wallace Eugene Beavers, Raybon Beavers and Wayne Beavers.

Funeral services were Sunday at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton with Dr. Jerrel White and Rev. Jeff Boone officiating. Burial was in Fredonia Cemetery.

Charitable contributions may be made in Boone's memory to the Caldwell County Cemetery Board, c/o Richard P'Pool, 600 E. Main St., Princeton, KY 42445.

Green

Kerry Preston Green, 74, of Dycusburg died Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

He was a farmer and a retired truck driver. He attended Dycusburg Baptist Church.

Green is survived by his wife, Sandy Patton Green of Dycusburg; a daughter, Jenni (Shane) Padon of Salem; a son, Chris (Jaime) Green of Kuttawa; a brother, Don (Phyllis) Green of Mayfield; four grandchildren, Nicholas Richardson, Morgan Green, Skylar Padon and Savannah Padon; a brother-in-law, Jim Chaney of Dycusburg; a sister-in-law, Juanita Green of Kuttawa; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Edna Mae Henry Green; four sisters, Joann Chaney, Betty Guier, Nancy Rideout and Virginia Brown; and five brothers, Duke Green, J.C. Green, Luther Green, Oscar Green and Ronnie Green



Greene

Funeral services were Friday at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville with Revs. Ronnie Fox and Steven Kirk officiating. Burial was in Asbridge Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center, 1530 Lone Oak Road, Paducah, KY 42003.

Schumann

Linda Williams Schumann, 71, of Marion died Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at Crittenden Community Hospital in Marion.

She was a member of Marion Baptist Church, Woman's Club of Marion, Fohs Hall Inc., Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community and Crittenden County Tomorrow.

Schumann is survived by her cousins, John Shelby Williams of Central City, Barbara Teer of Robards, Ben Walker of Richmond, Ky., Sonny Williams of St. Charles, Mo., Sandra Overton of Lafayette, Tenn., Pat Eissler of Lafayette, Harriett Massy of Shelbyville, Ky., and Nancy Kovach of Shelbyville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John H. and Lemma Williams.

Services were 10 a.m. Friday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Maplevue Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Fohs Hall Inc., Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community or Crittenden County Tomorrow.

Wiabel

William E. Wiabel, 84, of Salem died Sunday, June 23, 2019, at his home.

He was a Mason, Shriner and member of Scottish Rite.

Wiabel is survived by his children, Mike Wiabel, Dan Wiabel, Bryan Wiabel and William Wiabel Jr.; a brother, Bob Wiabel; two sisters, Betty Rainbolt and Debra Gadini; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

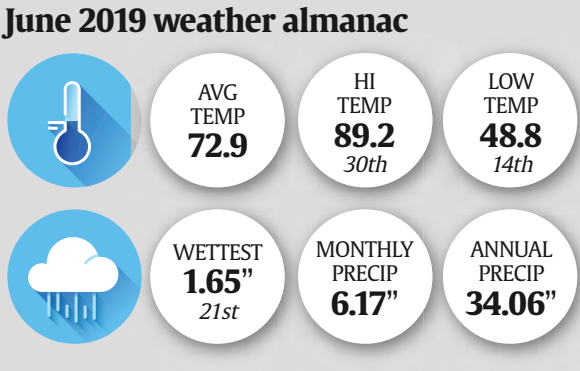
He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Rosalie Wiabel, and brother, Richard Wiabel.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion is in charge of arrangements.

June temperature, precipitation recap

Last month was wetter than normal and considerably cooler than the average June as recorded by the Kentucky Mesonet weather and climate monitoring station in the Repton community that began recording data in July 2009. But as wet as last month seemed, the precipitation total was almost 1.5 inches below June 2018's 7.59 inches. Rainfall totals across the county, however, varied widely, with some areas receiving more than 5 inches over a two-day span. The warmest day in June 2019 was Sunday, with the mercury topping out at 89.2 degrees. Below is a recap of the previous month's weather:



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For the last several years I've enjoyed the beauty seen while driving by the home and lawn of Linda and Eddie Myrick out on Fords Ferry Road at the intersection of Brown School Road. The gardening wisdom Eddie uses is a talent I've always admired but never had myself.

It is something to behold, the way he has all kinds of perennial lilies coming up in the same bed at different times. All are in such superb condition.

The entire property is painted with beautiful flowers. I know so well the hard work, time and expense incurred by those who beautify the world in this way.

In early spring you see daffodils planted far up the Brown School Road fence-



Lucy Tedrick
Guest Columnist
Religious and Political Views

line, and all along the Myrick property behind their home.

Eddie loves doing all of this work does it not only for his enjoyment in helping God create such beauty, but he also wants all who pass his way to see unusual and magnificent handiwork of God's flowers. Those who see them feel just a little more peaceful and thankful. God's love and Eddie's talent allow us this delight in a time when it's desperately needed. Eddie usually works morning and evening. When I would pass, he always waves. Others will attest to this, too.

About a year ago, I learned that on Feb. 14, 2016 Eddie was diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus and was told by doctors that he was terminal.

On Feb. 14, 2017, Eddie came home from driving the school bus and found Linda in bed unconscious with a hemorrhage of the brain.

After much prayer and good doctors, Linda has recovered with only some short memory loss.

This is a hindrance to her especially when she sees some of the students she taught for years and cannot recall their names.

They are giving God glory for their now being

well into their third year since Eddie's diagnosis.

But as is with all of us, they still face difficulties that touch their hearts. Their son in St. Louis broke his ankle in three places a few weeks ago, and Linda and Eddie spent time with him, only recently returning home. Eddie missed a few weeks of being in his yard while tending to his son.

As is with all of us, years and physical difficulties slow us down, hindering our memory and limiting us from doing so many of the things we love. It takes its toll on some, certainly me.

There is a family on that same road, Tim and Rita Binkley, who also take time beyond their other jobs to have interesting lawns. Because of family before them, they try to represent some of their interests. Rita is also a school teacher. Several of their people were in the military. Because of this they put up about 30 American flags on fence posts surrounding their property at particular times of the season.

Tim always keeps that part of the grass mowed, which shows off the beauty of the flags.

A flag also is on their and their daughter's mailboxes all season.

In the blooming times of

the year, they have their flower boxes at the intersection of Whippoorwill Drive set with beautiful flowers.

Pat and Naomi Jamison, at 220 College St., keep their property looking like a touch of Heaven, too, with all kinds of delightful flowers and foliage. There's beautiful brick fence posts on one side of their lawn, all kinds of lovely décor all around the home and like the others who do such beautiful work for others to enjoy, they display such sweet attitudes.

Pat is also a beekeeper with a hive in a corner of the yard. The bees make their own contribution to total Jamison sweetness.

For all of the blessed work and expense they each endure for others to enjoy, I give my love and prayers for these special folks who show they love their neighbors as themselves.

Thank you Eddie, Linda, Tim, Rita, Pat and Naomi for providing a scenic treasure for those of us who pass by your properties. You add joy to and highlight our county roads and city streets.

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

Binkley named senior pastor at Decatur, Ill., church

STAFF REPORT

Marion native Rev. Carlton Binkley has been called further north.

Binkley, who got his start in rural Crittenden County as a youth minister at Union Baptist Church, has been in ministry since 1999. At the end of this month he will preach his first sermon as pastor at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Decatur, Ill.

"It's been one of the toughest things we've ever had to do in ministry," Binkley said Tuesday from his home near Mount Vernon, Ill., where he has been pastor for seven years.

Leaving his current church, Wood-

lawn First Baptist Church, was a difficult decision.

"We are perfectly happy here, but feel like the Lord is calling us to Decatur," he said.

His new church has a ministry staff of eight, a 1,200-seat auditorium-style sanctuary and about 500 members. He will be the senior pastor.

Binkley, 40, and his wife Jenny have four children ages 10, 8 and twins three months old.

Decatur is a city of about 80,000 in central Illinois, just east of the Illinois state capitol in Springfield.



Carlton Binkley and his wife Jenny have four children ranging in age from infant to 10. He grew up in Marion and got his start in ministry at Union Baptist Church.

Emmitt Ellington grew this 21.4-pound cabbage in only a few weeks thanks to some good compost and Miracle Gro. The growing endeavor was part of a third-grade project for Maggie Collins Markwell's class. His big headed, leafy vegetable has been entered into a Bonnie's Plants contest, which is a program to promote gardening.



Faith-Based Events & Outreach

New Union General Baptist Church located at 726 New Union Church Rd., in Salem will be having a one-day VBS for children ages 2-12. The theme will be Bible Circus Starring Jesus, as The Greatest Showman, on Saturday, July 13 from 1-5 p.m. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. There will be lessons, music, crafts and games and special guest, Jerry McDonald The Balloon Guy, during closing service at 5 p.m. A meal will be served afterwards.

WORSHIP

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For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

—Matthew 18:20

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Extension

– Are you interested in learning about **growing industrial hemp**? UK Extension Specialist Tom Keene will discusses production practices, enterprise budget worksheets, policies and other issues. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m., Monday at the Ed-Tech Building. Call the Extension Office to pre-register at (270) 965-5236

– The annual Crittenden County **Extension District Board** has been cancelled and will meet during the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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

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

– **Challengers and After Hours** Homemaker clubs do not meet in July and August.

4-H events

– **4-H Project Days** are a good time to get ready for the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair. Create art projects and they will be entered into the county fair. Must RSVP for classes. Call the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236. Classes are July 9-12 and July 23. Some class sizes are limited. Call for details.

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

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

Senior Center

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

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

Menu and activities for the following seven days include:

The center will be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Friday - Menu is baked catfish, navy beans, cole slaw, ambrosia fruit salad, cornbread and margarine. Bingo will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Monday – Menu is hashbrown ham casserole, lima beans, wheat roll and ambrosia fruit salad. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

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

July 10 – Menu is hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes with gibley gravy, buttered spinach and tropical fruit. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

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

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

Outlaws, pioneers had storied history at cave

I have written articles before about the Outlaws at Cave-In-Rock and the reign of terror that went on in this area of the county. Although Cave-In-Rock is in Illinois, it's early history is a part of our history, as it was so connected to our Kentucky side and many of the people that were victims got there by way of Kentucky.

This interesting article is from an old book titled "The Ohio River," printed in 1906 by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, Chapter IX. The Reign of Outlaw and Rowdy.

I love these early printings, for I feel the earlier they were printed the more truthful they are, as the stories haven't been recopied and added to during the years of being reprinted.

The pioneers who entered the Ohio Valley after its conquest from the Aborigines found it to be a beautiful gem very much in the rough. Savage conditions did not prevail, it is true, so far as scalping and burning at the stake were typical of them, but it was many years before life and property were safe from outlaws, and more before rowdies and rowdysm ceased to menace liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Drifting about from place to place setting up claims for land that rightfully belonged to others, now and then, if the exigency of the case demanded, committing brutal murder, and at all ties brawling in grogshops and pilfering along the rivers, the outlaws of the "Ohio Country" gained a national reputation.

But it will be readily admitted that in this matter there has been a vast deal of exaggeration; there was but one Micajah Harpe, and but one Harpe's head raised on a pole; yet to read some pages one would believe there was a Harpes head on every tree in the West, and an uncouth murderer behind every bush that grew along the wild Ohio's bank of flowers.

Every new county must needs suffer, it

seems, from the pens of travelers who portray exceptional incidents so vividly as to make the exception seem the commonplace. And it is also true that local historians have been guilty of exaggeration of events in their own localities; many small affairs have assumed great proportions under the gentle breath of legend.

The lower Ohio River was very sparsely settled until a comparatively late date and in pioneer days this portion of the river was for a time a noted resort for bands of pirates from whose hands the descending flat-boatman did well to steer clear.

Cave-in-Rock, on the Illinois shore near the present hamlet of that name, was a notorious rendezvous for a number of years. This is a cavern measuring about 200 feet long and 80 feet wide; at its mouth it is 80 feet wide and 25 feet high. The floor was very smooth throughout and the walls arose in grades like seats in a theatre.

Strange hieroglyphics dating far back into prehistoric days covered the gloomy walls. The mystery of the place was enhanced by another room-like apartment over the cavern; the passage-way to this second cavern was like a huge chimney some 14 feet long.

Since about the time of the war of 1812, if not before, this grotto has born the name Cave-in-Rock; about it towers a rocky eminence into which the grueling hands of the floods have torn this aperture.

Early in the century a man named Wilson brought his family to this river stronghold and made it his home. More than that, he threw the home open to the passing public and mounted his hospitable sign, "Wilson's Liquor Vault and House of Entertainments,"

where not the passerby reads "St. Jacob's Oil" if the proprietor's liquids were not a balm it was not because there were not broken heads to mend.

For the idea gained for its originator all the returns that his ingenuity deserved; flatboats were continually passing down the river to Mississippi ports and a grogshop (an alcoholic liquor, esp. run diluted with water) at the water's edge was a feature that at that day and that place could not fail to attract both the curious and the thirsty.

As evil never fails to carry in it the seeds of its own undoing, so here the House of Entertainment soon gathered a plotting band of guerillas headed by none other than Wilson, the proprietor, which began a murderous confidence game that take rank in the West with the worst of outrages.

The gang made its headquarters on nearby Hurricane Island and the plan of operations was fiendishly simple; richly laden, were inveigled to the cave, where in short order a crew from the island took charge of the boat and floated it to New Orleans; here the cargo and boat were sold and upon returning to Cave-in-Rock the proceeds were divided. Many circumstances combined to make this conspiracy safe and the conspirators wholly free from suspicion.

The danger of the river travel on the Ohio and Mississippi was great, and so many boats were wrecked that the owners of any one of the captured boats could easily account for their loss of the score of dangerous navigation.

Then too, there were the dangers of the return overland trip from New Orleans in case the boat did reach its destination safely; this journey through Tennessee and Kentucky, as will be shown, was perilous in



This haunting night-time drawing from the book, "The Ohio River," shows some of the typical river activity near the cave shown on the right.

the extreme for those carrying money. Thus the desperadoes at Hurricane Island were not suspected for some time and it was longer still before the scattered population of the region took the matter into its hands.

Wilson's band numbered nearly 50; many of these escaped before the storm broke; a few were taken prisoners. A large price was set on Wilson's head and to obtain it, one of its own murderous gang killed him. "Not long after," writes so good as authority as Collins, "In the upper room of his mysterious cavern were found about 60 skeletons, which confirmed the take of systematic confidence, betrayal and murder.

The reign of outlawism in the area was of prolonged duration, attracting wide attention and gaining for the area a reputation as unique as it was unsavory.

The river was the highway of travel and consequently social conditions here came under the eye of hosts of travelers, whose accounts had, after a wide circulation. Frequently these accounts were told with literal truthfulness and yet, as they stand, are misrepresentations.

The outlaw-ism was a natural product of the era of disputes over land and of grubbing (clearing of the land). It was a hard time to live or let live; the good old days

are written and spoken of lightly but they must not be made to cover the first two generations of pioneer life.

The life was exhausting; the forests were to be felled, the great logs rolled together and burned, and families reared and provided for, and usually the land to be paid for – with markets many miles away.

All this had to be done under the most difficult climatic conditions, the fevers attacking the men at their work in the wet forests, especially along the river, with regularity and often with fatal effect.

When this homebuilding and land-clearing was accomplished, if one had a picture, it would reveal not only the changes that had been wrought, but a host of prematurely broken down men and women, besides and undue proportion resting peacefully in a family grave yard nearby.

If one could attempt truly to chronicle merely the hardship and suffering of a day when dentist and rubber boots were unknown, the result would be too painful to be interesting reading.

(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).

Summer classes for CCHS students

School may be out for summer, but learning continues as Crosswalk Learning Center hosts its summer session July 8-11 on the Crittenden County High School campus. During a four-day span, students who will be enrolled in grades 9-12 in the coming school year may attend from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., each day for some exciting learning opportunities. Letters were mailed to students who qualified for academic assistance, and staff will be available to help. All students may participate in the following classes:

- Sewing. Learn how to hand stitch and use a sewing machine.

- Film Class. Utilize equipment and learn acting skills to create a movie
- Poetry, Cursive & Calligraphy Class. Create a framed piece to take home
- Creative Writing Class. Create and publish a children's book

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. and lunch just before the session ends each day.

Please drop off and pick up your children at the Crittenden County Middle School entrance. If you have any questions, email Crosswalk Learning Center coordinator Jeff Hughes at jeff.hughes@crittenden.kyschools.us.

MSU adds two new degree programs

Two Murray State University programs are among five undergraduate academic programs and one master's approved Friday by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE).

The Murray programs online Bachelor of Arts in human services and Bachelor of Arts in culture and language studies. Other programs include Bachelor of Science in consumer economics and personal finance , Bachelor of Arts in public policy and lead-

ership and Master of Science in data science for the University of Kentucky and Bachelor of Arts in Japanese for Northern Kentucky University.

The Council on Postsecondary Education is leading efforts to get more Kentuckians more highly educated. By 2030, at least 60 percent of working-age adults in Kentucky will need to have earned a postsecondary education degree or credential to meet expected workforce demands.

Martin reappointed treasurer

Yvette Martin has been re-appointed county treasurer for full four-year term by Crittenden Fiscal Court. Magistrates approved the appointment unanimously at last month's regular meeting.

In October 2018, Mar-

tin replaced Sue Padgett, who served as treasurer for the previous decade. Martin had served as finance officer alongside Padgett since



Martin

Summer great time for grilling

Grills are so versatile for preparing a variety of foods including fruits and vegetables. Grilling fruits and vegetables has many benefits. You can add new flavors to some of your favorite dishes, increase your family's fruit and vegetable intake, and they typically take 10 minutes or less to cook. This summer, enjoy some of your favorite healthy dishes fresh from the grill.

Fruit and vegetables will be at their peak of freshness at different times throughout the growing season. Shop your local farmers market for the freshest offerings. Remember to

arrive early to get the best selection as many popular produce items tend to sell out quickly at the market.

Stone fruits like peaches, cherries and plums do extremely well on the grill as do apples, strawberries and bananas. Select firm fruit that is not too ripe, as over-ripe fruit can end up too soft when grilled. You can enhance their flavor by applying olive oil or lemon juice before placing them on the grill.

Firm vegetables like corn on the cob and asparagus are easy to prepare on the grill. Place them right on your grill's cooking grid. Frequently turn veg-



Janeen TRAMBLE
FCS Agent
Home Notes

etables to keep them from burning on the grill. You can grill smaller or chopped vegetables by wrapping them in aluminum foil and then placing them on the cooking grid. Season your vegetables with olive oil and fresh herbs in the aluminum foil. Grilled vegetables taste great as a side dish or dipped in hummus.

You can even involve your family in preparing fruit and vegetables for the grill. Preparing fruit or vegetable kabobs is a fun hands-on activity. Have your children help you chop up fresh fruits and vegetables of your choosing into large chunks. Place the chunks on a skewer and grill.

More information on grilling and nutrition is available at the Crittenden County Extension.



FOOTBALL
7on7 series opens

Crittenden County will open its pre-season 7-on-7 football series at the McCracken County Invitational Tournament next Thursday, July 11. The event features skilled-position competition in an all-passing style game of touch football. The Rockets finished runnerup in their class last season at the McCracken event, which is one of the biggest 7-on-7 competitions in the area, featuring some of the best teams from the tri-state area. A schedule of other 7-on-7 competitions printed in last week’s newspaper had the wrong date for the event at Trigg County. It will be on Tuesday, July 16.

Dead Period ends

Crittenden County student-athletes will be back to off-season conditioning next week when the annual KHSAA-imposed Dead Period ends on Tuesday. The state high school athletics association sets aside a two-week period every summer for a mandated break in any type of scholastic sports activities.

YOUTH SOFTBALL
Park hosts tourneys

Marion-Crittenden County Park will host its annual All Star Softball Tournaments starting July 18-20. The park drew hundreds last weekend to its annual all-star baseball tournaments.

SUMMER CAMPS
Camp Curry sign-up

Registration is now open for Crittenden County students in grades 4-6 and now older than 13 interested in attending Camp Currie near Benton on the week of July 15-19. Cost is \$225. Register online at fw.ky.gov. The week-long camp includes conservation education, including nature, archery, boating, outdoor survival, firearm safety, fishing, casting and swimming.



GOLF
Day, Shoulders win

Local golfers Charlie Day and Jeremy Shoulders won the Princeton Golf and Country Club Two-Man Golf Tournament championship last weekend. The duo fired a 19-under-par total of 60-65–125 to win the two-day, 36-hole event.

Men’s invitational

Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem will host its annual Men’s Invitational Golf Tournament on July 13-14. Tee times for this medal play will be assigned. Call the pro shop to register at (270) 988-4653.

QB Club golf event

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

OUTDOORS
Hunting Seasons

Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Bullfrog	May 17 - Oct. 31
Squirrel	Aug. 17 - Nov. 8
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Bow Deer	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Crossbow Deer	Sept. 21 - Jan. 20
Youth Deer	Oct. 12 - Oct. 13
Muzzleloader Deer	Oct. 19 - Oct. 20
Gun Deer	Nov. 9 - Nov. 24
Squirrel	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Dove	Nov. 28 - Dec. 8

All Star Champions!



Crittenden County’s 8-under all-star baseball team won the championship of last weekend’s tournament at Marion-Crittenden County Park. The Rocket players are (front from left) Whyatt Clarida, Kasyn Drury, Hayden Hughes, Beau Maraman, Jordan Belcher, Daryl Sherer, (back) Nolan Payne, Roane Topp, Cameron Nesbitt, Eli Lovell, Elijah Durham and Braden Patton. The team is coached by Jason Nesbitt, Wes Lovell, Grant Patton and Kenton Drury.



Softball Runnerup

Crittenden County’s 12-under Royals finished second in the post-season Lakes Area Softball League tournament at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Pictured are (front from left) Riley Kirby, Addison Wood, Karlie Beavers, Dixie Hunter, Cheyenne Starkey, Aliyah Maraman, (back) coach Shawn Holeman, Taylor Haire, Georgia Holeman, Kayleigh Weathers, Hannah Mott, Rachelle Stahlgren, Jaycie Champion, Aubrey Grau and Chloe Hunt.



State champion Tucker Budro.

Boudro captures state archery title

Local archer Tucker Boudro won a Kentucky outdoor state championship last weekend at Madisonville’s West Kentucky Archery Complex. Boudro, 10, competed against other young archers from across Kentucky in the Kentucky S3DA Outdoor State Tournament. Archers shot six rounds of six arrows at targets from various distances. After regulation shooting, Budro advanced to a shoot-off with other top archers. He won the shoot-off after three rounds. Boudro will participate on July 10 in the Outdoor National Competition in Metropolis, Ill.

FIRST TEAMERS



All Area Selections
Track and Field

ALL CLASSES

Girls 1600 Meter Run
Second Team Kate Keller, Crittenden County

Boys 4x800 Meter Relay
Second Team Crittenden County: Gavin Davidson, Sawyer Towery, Michael Kirk, Preston Morgeson, Jamie Burt.

CLASS A

Girls 4x800 Meter Relay
First Team Crittenden County: Ryleigh Tabor, Kenlee Perryman, Courtney Fulkerson, Kara Fulkerson, Lilly Hayes, Leah Long.

Boys 4x800 Meter Relay
First Team Crittenden County: Gavin Davidson, Sawyer Towery, Michael Kirk, Preston Morgeson, Jamie Burt.

Boys 4x200 Meter Relay
First Team Crittenden County: Eli Moss, Gavin Davidson, Branen Lamey, Devon Nesbitt, Doug Conger, Parker Johnson, Zack Weathers.

Girls 1600 Meter Run
First Team Kate Keller, Crittenden County

Boys 1600 Meter Run
Second Team Michael Kirk, Crittenden County

Boys 4x100 Meter Relay
First Team Crittenden County: Eli Moss, Gavin Davidson, Branen Lamey, Devon Nesbitt, Doug Conger, Parker Johnson.

Girls 400 Meter Dash
Second Team Grace Driskill, Crittenden County

Boys 400 Meter Dash
First Team Eli Moss, Crittenden County

Boys 800 Meter Run
First Team Gavin Davidson, Crittenden County

Girls 3200 Meter Run
First Team Kate Keller, Crittenden County

Boys 3200 Meter Run
First Team Preston Morgeson, Crittenden County

Girls 4x400 Meter Relay
Second Team Crittenden County: Cortne Curnel, Courtney Fulkerson, Kara Fulkerson, Keller.

Boys 4x400 Meter Relay
First Team Crittenden County: Doug Conger, Branen Lamey, Devon Nesbitt, Eli Moss, Noah Perkins, Sawyer Towery.

Boys Long Jump
Second Team Branen Lamey, Crittenden County



Marion’s Stringrays swim team is off and stroking this summer at Marion Golf and Pool. Pictured are team members (front from left) Zoe Foster, Sarah Grau, Nora Hollis, Brendan Eichelberger, Beau Maraman, Zane Smith, Aubrey Debat, Isabelle Foster, Jordy Byford, Caroline James, Bode Merrill, Dakota Dunkerson, (second row) Zak Smith, Aubrey Grau, Delaney Dunkerson, Abigail James, Aidan Smith, Noah Byford, Sam Eichelberger, Aliza Maraman, Grier Crider, Kaden Herrington, Aubrey Hollis, Aliyah Maraman, (standing) coach Shelby Cooper, coach Andrea Hollis, Paris Foster, Rain Elder, Eli Eichelberger, Dougie Smith, Aaliyah Littrell, Koltar Gilland, Ali Hollis, Caleb Combs, Braelyn Merrill, Ava Henry, Morgan Stewart, Katie Beth James, Charlie Ledford and coach Patti Merrill. Not pictured were Wells Tucker, Wyatt Maddux, Laura Faye, Marley Phelps, Evan McDowell, Chase Stevens, Lacey Boone and Zade Smith.

Marion Stingrays are off blocks for first meet

Marion Stingray swim team hosted its first meet of the season last week against Murray Myst. The Stingrays won the event 467-181. Here are some results from the meet:

1st Place Finishers
(Fastest Heat)
Caroline James 6-u 25 Freestyle
Bode Merrill 6-u 25 Free
Laurel Johnson 8-u 25 Free
Trenton Holland 8-u 25 Free
Amelie Johnson 10-u 25 Free

Noah Byford 10-u 25 Free
Aubrey Hollis 12-u 50 Free
Cooper Eye 12-u 50 Free
Coral Brogan 14-u 50 Free
Rain Elder 14-u 50 Free
Gwynnie Gesler Open 50 Free
Nora Hollis 8-u 25 Butterfly
Beau Maraman 8-u 25 Fly
Amelie Johnson 10-u 25 Fly
Noah Byford 10-u 25 Fly
Aubrey Hollis 12-u 50 Fly
Dougie Smith 12-u 50 Fly
Coral Brogan 14-u 50 Fly
Shelby Cooper Open 50 Fly

Caroline James 6-u 25 Backstroke
Bode Merrill 6-u 25 Backstroke
Laurel Johnson 8-u 25 Back
Beau Maraman 8-u 25 Back
Amelie Johnson 10-u 25 Back
Noah Byford 10-u 25 Back
Aubrey Hollis 12-u 50 Back
Cooper Eye 12-u 50 Back
Coral Brogan 14-u 50 Back
Rain Elder 14-u 50 Back
Shelby Cooper Open 50 Back
Caroline James 6-u 25 Breast
Bode Merrill 6-u 25 Breast
Laurel Johnson 8-u 25 Breast

Kaden Herrington 8-u 25 Breast
Braelyn Merrill 10-u 25 Breast
Noah Byford 10-u 25 Breast
Aubrey Hollis 12-u 50 Breast
Cooper Eye 12-u 50 Breast
Meg Robinson 14-u 50 Breast
Rain Elder 14-u 50 Breast
Gwynnie Gesler Open 50 Breast
Amelie Johnson 10-u 100 IM
Noah Byford 10-u 100 IM
Aubrey Hollis 12-u 100 IM
Cooper Eye 12-u 100 IM
Meg Robinson 14-u 100 IM
Gwynnie Gesler Open 100 IM

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YARD SALE, Sat., 7 a.m.-2 p.m., 111 Meadow Dr., Marion (Greenwood Heights), household items, 18" doll accessories, dresser with mirror, Build-A-Bear clothes. (1t-1-p)

Friday and Saturday, 7 a.m.-? From Marion, take new U.S. 641, first driveway on right past Lilly Dale Road. Women's plus size clothes, girls, women's and boys clothes, household items. Rain cancels (1t-1-p)

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Notice is hereby given that on June 26, 2019, Brantley Dean of 4612 Woodridge Dr., Lawrence, KS 66049 was appointed executor with will annexed of Jennifer Kennedy Dean, deceased, whose address was 198 Country View Drive, Marion, Ky. 42064. Wesley A. Hunt, 108 East Carlisle St., Marion, Ky. 42064, agent for Service of Process.

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CIVIL ACTION 19-CI-00057
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VS.
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Ky. corn acreage way up

STAFF REPORT
Corn acreage in Kentucky is up from 2018, according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Acreage and Grain Stocks reports released Friday. Routine data show the state's 2019 corn planted at 1.65 million acres, up 23 percent from last year.

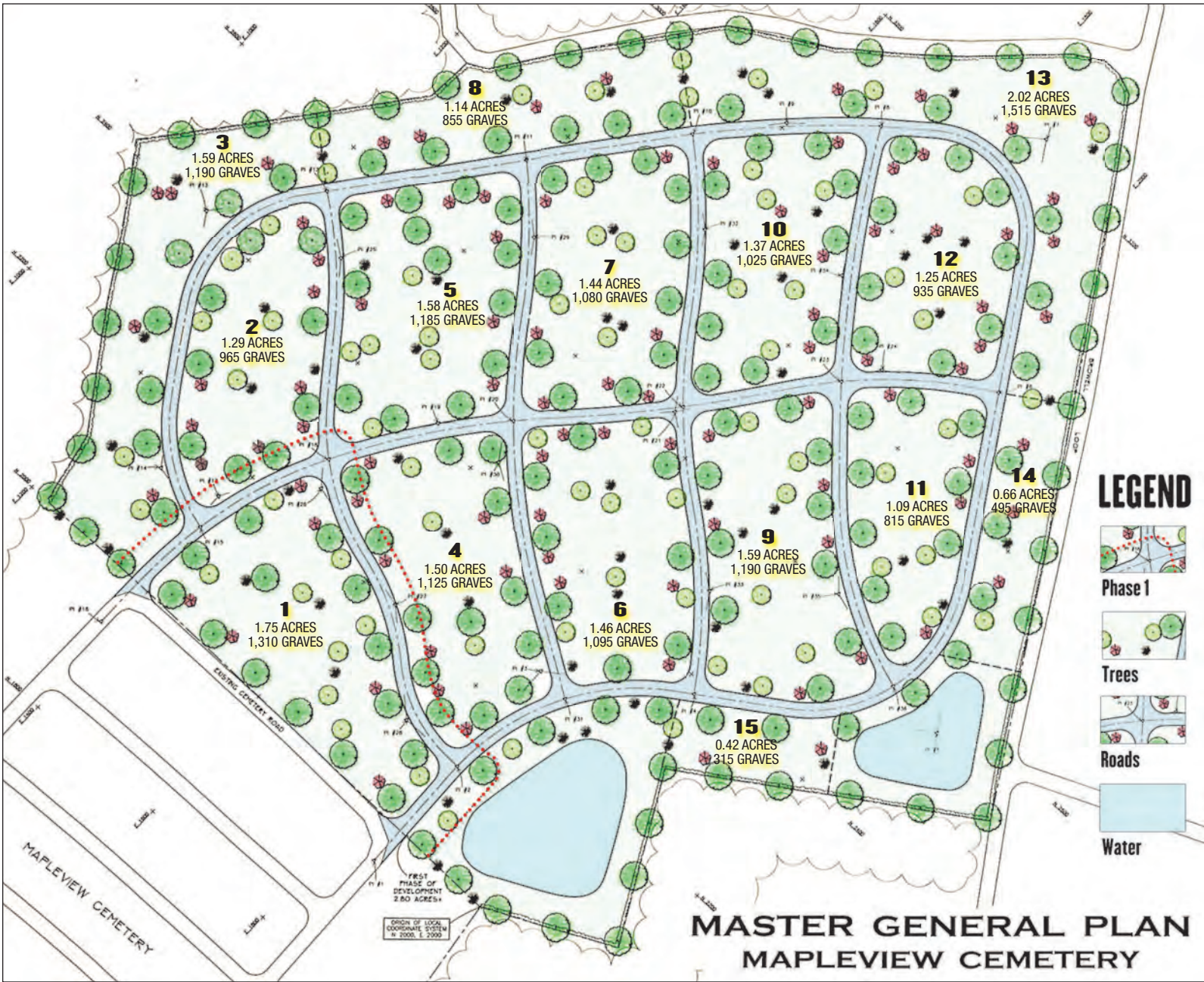
"This is the highest number of acres planted since 2012, when there were 1,650,000 acres planted," said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. "Too much rain was the big news story this year, but producers were able to plant most of their intended corn acres. Planting progress ran close to the 5-year average early in the season, before rains in the latter half of May slowed the pace."

Kentucky corn harvested for grain was estimated at 1.55 million acres, up 320,000 acres from last year.

Soybeans planted in Kentucky were estimated at 1.7 million acres, down 300,000 acres from 2018. Acres harvested for grain, at 1.69 million acres, was 300,000 acres below acres a year ago.

Winter wheat seeded acreage in Kentucky was estimated at 460,000 acres, 10,000 acres above the previous year. Acreage harvested for grain was estimated at 320,000 acres, 20,000 acres above 2018.

Non-alfalfa hay in Kentucky was estimated at 2 million acres, up 250,000 from a year ago.



CEMETERY

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his vision," Hodge said. "The lake is also a practical way to protect water run-off."

In 2009, the cemetery board took advantage of the granite association's offer to provide design assistance and blueprints for new or expanding cemeteries.

"The cemetery board feels that the time has come to begin the actual expansion," said cemetery board president Dianne Newcom, Fox's daughter, who began leading the cemetery association after his sudden death. "Only about 140 lots are available in Maplevue and approximately 40 of those are not very desirable because of the way they

lay."

Families who own lots in Maplevue or have loved ones buried there are being asked to consider donating to the cemetery expansion account. Cemetery boards are non-profit organizations, so all donations are tax deductible.

A substantial donation of \$5,000 was recently received by the cemetery board and was used to

kick off the fundraising campaign. Letters describing the project and scope of work will be mailed to potential donors this month, and the project itself will likely not begin until the dry months of August and September. Belt Construction was recently awarded the bid for cleaning the land and digging the lake.

Donations of any

amount may be mailed to Marion Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 544, Marion, KY 42064.

The cemetery board does not want to use the Perpetual Care Fund that is earmarked for maintenance and improvements of the cemetery. That money is needed for mowing, tree trimming and other annual expenses – the most expensive being mowing.

BANK

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based United Southern Bank in Madisonville in 2016. Farmers currently has about \$202 million in assets. After acquiring First State Bank, that value will rise to approximately \$380 million. The bank expects revenue to grow comparatively.

Beyond its flagship location in Central City, First State Bank has another branch in Muhlenberg County at Greenville. It also has branches in Calhoun and Livermore in McLean County and one in Bowling Green in Warren County, which is one

of the fastest growing areas of the state and partly responsible for First State Bank's triple-digit growth in the past few years. The bank opened its Bowling Green branch in 2016.

First State Bank was founded in McLean County in 1904 and its headquarters moved to Central City about 10 years ago.

Farmers Bank and First State Bank have a number of similarities in history, growth and size.

"Both banks love to help people," said Wade Berry, Farmers Bank's president and CEO, in a prepared statement released early this week.

"We look for ways to say yes instead of reasons to say no. We both treat people the way we would like to be treated and we spend a lot of time and money serving our communities."

Berry said First State Bank is almost a "mirror image of Farmers Bank." They have both experienced similar expansion in the past 20 years.

The deal has been in the works for about a year and was struck out of a relationship Berry has developed with First State Bank CEO Mike Mercer and the bank's majority shareholder Clarence Brewer.

First State Bank has

almost 40 employees. Berry said that once the acquisition is complete, First State Bank's name will be changed at each of its locations to Farmers Bank and Trust. He does not anticipate any loss of jobs on First State's payroll after the acquisition. The unified group will include almost 100 employees once the transaction is finalized.

This growth, Berry explained, positions Farmers Bank and Trust to continue serving Crittenden County in greater fashion well into the future. He said the headquarters of the growing

financial institution will always remain in Marion.

"Farmers Bank is more committed than ever to serving our home base here in Crittenden and Livingston counties," he said in the prepared news release. "Part of serving our local communities is providing jobs for our young people that will allow them to stay here after they graduate. The more we can grow into new communities, the more we can afford to hire the best and brightest local young people to work here at the Marion office to support our customers through-



Berry

out western Kentucky."

The move continues to put Marion on the "banking map" in Kentucky. In the past few years, banks with local ties have expanded greatly while others have moved into town. Besides Farmers Bank's recent expansion projects and renovation of its downtown headquarters, The Peoples Bank of Marion has branched out to Glasgow, Ky., and First United Bank, headquartered in Madisonville, has built a branch on Main Street in Marion. Also, C-Plant Federal Credit Union has announced its plans to soon locate a branch on South Main Street in Marion.

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