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Relay for Life set for Friday at park

Relay for Life kicks off at 6 p.m. Friday at Marion Crittenden-County Park, honoring cancer survivors in the opening lap. Fifteen teams are working toward a goal of \$47,000 raised in various ways including food and luminary sales Friday night.

The lighting of 2017 and 2016 luminaries, which were not placed around the walking track last year due to rain, will begin at 9 p.m.

Coordinator Natalie Parish encourages survivors to check in at Relay at 5:30 p.m. She encourages survivors to notify a local committee member, since due to HIPPA laws, information about cancer survivors is not released to Relay for Life committees.

New this year is a Lip-Sync battle sponsored by Farmers Bank and a live auction conducted by Kenny Odom.

Ex-pitcher, senator Bunning, 85, dies

Jim Bunning, a political giant and Hall of Fame pitcher from Kentucky died Friday. He was 85.

Bunning served at every level of political office and is the only person in Major League Baseball history to



Bunning

have thrown a no-hitter in both leagues. He was no-nonsense both on the mound and in office. He retired from baseball in 1971 and entered elected office six years later on the Fort Thomas City Council across the river from Cincinnati. The Republican was elected to the Kentucky Senate two years later, ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1983 and was elected to the U.S. House in 1986, where he served 12 years. After that, he served 12 years in the U.S. Senate.

He won 224 games and entered the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1996.

No drivers' testing

There will be no drivers' testing in Crittenden County on Friday, June 9.

Public meetings

- Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce meets at 8 a.m. today (Thursday) at Marion Tourism Center.



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School tax vote today

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Board of Education will vote on a proposed 6-cent school tax increase today (Thursday). The levy is being considered in order for the school district to construct a new high school and move middle-schoolers out of their current, 68-year-old home.

The decision will take place following a formal public hearing on the matter that begins at 6 p.m. in the conference room of Rocket Arena.

Last month, the board voted 4-1 to begin formal proceedings to act on the pro-

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Centenarians celebrated by PADD

STAFF REPORT

Since 1917, the world has seen unfathomable changes, and only a select few have been around to experience each and every one.

Western Kentucky centenarians, including five from Crittenden County, were honored last Thursday at the Pennyrile Area Development District (PADD) office. Among the forty-five 100-year-olds who were recognized from the nine-county PADD area, Helen Springs and Ethel Tucker of Marion made the trip to Hopkinsville for the Celebrate Centenarians event.

Springs and Tucker, who both turn 100 in November, were supported by friends and family members at the PADD office. Each was given a legislative citation by state Rep. Lynn Bechler of Marion. Also honored but not in attendance

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PHOTO COURTESY OF PADD

Helen Springs of Crittenden County receives a legislative citation last Thursday from state Rep. Lynn Bechler in Hopkinsville at a Celebrate Centenarians event hosted by Pennyrile Area Development District. Springs, a former teacher, and Ethel Tucker were recognized at the event for turning 100 in 2017 along with four others from Crittenden County who were unable to attend.

Ex-mayor Person of Year

Chamber recognizes community contributors

STAFF REPORT

No one in the room was surprised that former mayor Mickey Alexander was named Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's Person of the Year for 2017, except for the man himself.

Blushing with modesty and clearly caught off guard by his selection, Alexander showed rare emotion last Thursday in accepting his second Person of the Year honor.

Alexander retired as mayor in February after serving for 29 years as the town's chief. He was first selected as Person of the Year in 1989, the first time the Chamber presented such an award.

Billed as a lifetime achievement honor, the Chamber's Person of the Year almost always personifies the town's spirit.

"I can truly say that I would not want to live anywhere else on earth," Alexander said in accepting the award. "And I have to say that I couldn't have done anything these last several years without the help of my wife Susan."



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

Among those honored last week by the Chamber of Commerce during its annual awards dinner were (from left) Kathleen Guess, Unsung Hero; Brennan Cruce, Unsung Hero; Mickey Alexander, Person of the Year; Phillis Hardin, Customer Service Award; Tourism Commission Director Lori Holeman accepting the Community Pride Award on behalf of the agency; and Elizabeth Floyd, Volunteer of the Year.

Alexander said he was both greatly honored and humbled to have twice been selected for the Chamber's most coveted honor.

Robin Curnel, a former Chamber president and last year's recipient of

the year's top award, described Alexander as a great ambassador of the community who is continually positive and always has a smile on his face.

"The individual selected for this

award always puts the community first and offers to do the often thankless jobs," Curnel said.

Alexander, she pointed out, has

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Walk of Honor founder saluted



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

Former Vietnam War Army flight medic Brent Witherspoon salutes the flag at Saturday's Memorial Day event at the Veterans Walk of Honor in Blackford.

STAFF REPORT

The driving force behind the Veterans Walk of Honor in eastern Crittenden County received his own monument to service last week.

Brenton H. "Danny" Witherspoon, or simply "Spoon" to many, received praise and recognition during Saturday's annual Memorial Day tribute to fallen soldiers at the trailhead of the Blackford Veterans Memorial Trail. But a marker to his service to the community and his country was unveiled to forever commemorate his effort to remember all of his fellow veterans.

More than 15 years ago, Witherspoon began a mission to create the Veterans Walk of Honor on the site of the former Blackford Church on the bank of the Tradewater River. He spent countless hours lobbying local and state governments and area residents for support. He poured more on top of that in physical labor, and moved the process forward with his own money.

"This facility would not be here without him," said former U.S. Navy captain and state representative Mike

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City seeking \$1 million grant for sewer plant

STAFF REPORT

The City of Marion will take a significant step Friday in finding money to pay for state-mandated wastewater treatment system upgrades that will include a new sewer plant.

A public hearing is set for 10 a.m. Friday at city hall to begin the city's application for a \$1 million federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The money would help pay for a project estimated to cost as much

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any-time disposal returns

surveillance cameras are now onsite to monitor for illegal dumping of unnatural materials



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS
Former Crittenden County Judge Executive Fred Brown (right) helps with the unveiling of a marker at the Veterans Walk of Honor commemorating Brenton H. “Danny” Witherspoon’s role in creating the Blackford Veterans Memorial Trail and the walk of honor.

SPOON

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Cherry of Princeton during remarks honoring Witherspoon.

The first Memorial Day service was held at the remote location of the Walk of Honor in 2006. Since that time, at 2 p.m. each Saturday before the holiday, a tribute to the fallen has taken place. Over the years, two pavilions, a riser for speakers and other amenities have been added to the site.

“It’s always been a pleasure, Spoony,” Sen. Dorsey Ridley of Henderson said of working with Witherspoon to further the project throughout the years.

Due to poor health, Witherspoon no longer takes part in planning the services at the Veterans Walk of Honor, but his son Jim is part of a committee established to take over the founder’s role.

Witherspoon was visibly emotional following the unveiling of the vertical stone marker enscribed in his

honor. The monument outlines his military service in Vietnam and his role in establishing the walking trail and walk of honor.

“I’d do it all again,” he said after the inscription was read aloud.

Spc. Witherspoon served in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1980 and is highly decorated.

In the Vietnam War, he served as a flight medic, flying 1,382 missions aboard a med-evac helicopter to treat and extricate American casualties from the battlefield as well as retrieve the bodies of the dead. He received three Purple Hearts for being wounded on separate occasions, the Silver Star and the Bronze Star. The Silver Star is the third-highest honor for valor bestowed upon U.S. military personnel. The Bronze Star recognizes heroic or meritorious service.

Witherspoon received the Vietnam Service Medal with nine devices for his participation in operations and 33 Air Medals with six devices for valor.

“I never knew you had all these accomplishments,” said Cherry as he read aloud the list of decorations.

Witherspoon has kept those military honors quiet, he said, because he never wanted the spotlight on himself when honoring others who served.

“Mr. Witherspoon, thank

you so much,” said Col. Robert Ward, a Civil War reenactor with the Tennessee Valley Battalion in Princeton, of the Walk of Honor. “It’s in the middle of nowhere, but it’s worth the trip to see it.”

Ward’s group has been a part of each Memorial Day weekend service since 2006 except one.

The inscription on the marker to Witherspoon reads:

“This marker, presented before those present this 27th day of May 2017, is in recognition of SFC Brenton H. Witherspoon, U.S. Army 1967-1980, and his dedication to the establishment of this Veterans Walk of Honor and Memorial Trail site.

“Memorial Day weekend 2006 marked the dedication and inaugural service held at this site. Since that time, every Saturday before Memorial Day at 2:00 p.m. many attend such services to honor those who have served this great nation in defense of our freedom.

“It is with everlasting gratitude and appreciation that the citizens of Crittenden Co. and beyond mark this location in honor of his visionary efforts that led to the establishment of this memorial site and say thank you to an American Hero.

“Sincerely, All Veterans, Families, Friends, Local-State and Federal Governments.”

CHAMBER

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been president of the Lions Club and helped form the local economic development corporation among other deeds that have been positive factors for Marion.

Brennan Cruce and Kathleen Guess were selected as Unsung Heroes. Cruce is a volunteer fireman, active in the historical society and heir apparent to Brenda Underdown as the community’s official historian. He was instrumental in helping to refurbish the old Marion City Cemetery on Gum Street a few years ago. Guess has developed a number of community-minded activities at the public library. She is both an educator and creator, having taught art at local schools and led academic teams. She led a group that created a large mural of the county which hangs inside the tourism center.

The City of Marion Tourism Commission was given the Community Pride Award, largely for its development of the new Imogene Stout Market on Main, a more than \$200,000 farmers market project built largely through state grants.

Selected for the Community Service Award was Phillis Hardin of H&H Supply. She, too, was quite surprised and moved by emotion when her name was called.

“I don’t deserve this,” she said, but Chamber Director Madison Qualls disagreed.

“She is the perfect example of grace and kindness,” Qualls said when she presented Hardin with the award.

The Chamber chose one of its own as Volunteer of the Year, but it wasn’t solely her work with the Chamber that lifted Elizabeth Floyd to recognition. Manager of Legacy Oxygen and Home Care, Floyd has spearheaded a number of local projects. She is perhaps best known, however, for raising more than \$23,000 for Project Graduation this year.

CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 17-05
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 THROUGH 2020/2021 BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the Marion City Council as required by KRS 81A, and;

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed said budget proposal and message and made necessary modifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MARION CITY COUNCIL:

Section One: That the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, is hereby adopted as follows:

	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Municipal And	Public Land	Road/Police	Total
Revenue							
Property Tax	107,140						107,140
Permit/Fee	164,022						164,022
Fine							
Intergovernmental	165,512			2,700	5,000		173,212
Interest							
Street Income	30,430	17,000		200		20	47,630
Water Sales		652,600					652,600
Sewer Sales			436,700				436,700
Sewer Charge		12,000	15,000				27,000
Grants							
Environmental Fee			200,000				200,000
Land Proceeds			5,000,000				5,000,000
Transit Fee	130,325						130,325
TOTAL REVENUE	51,004,219	662,600	5,652,700	3,000	5,000	52,000	57,924,419
Expenditures							
Administration	14,000	10,000	162,111				186,111
Appropriations	22,000						22,000
Police Dept	452,000						452,000
Fire Dept	2,000,000						2,000,000
Public Works	9,000						9,000
Street Dept	45,000						45,000
Lights	22,000						22,000
Planning/Zoning	60,000						60,000
Building Dept							
Water Plant		552,000					552,000
Sewer Plant			5,200,000				5,200,000
System							
Water Dept		25,500	194,119				219,619
Public Works				10,000	10,000		20,000
Transit							
TOTAL EXPENSE	51,004,219	662,600	5,652,700	3,000	5,000	52,000	57,924,419
Proposed Reserve							
Debt Service	500						500
Other							
TOTAL	51,004,719	662,600	5,652,700	3,000	5,000	52,000	57,924,419

Section Two: Money allocated and approved at the time item, "Public Assistance," shall be withheld from organizations receiving in the aggregate an amount equal to or greater than \$25,000. Council approval is required for disbursement to any organization for which money is withheld. This money shall not be advanced to any organization from these line items until a budget is submitted. Further, organizations receiving in the aggregate an amount equal to or greater than \$10,000 shall, in addition to submitting a budget, appear by personal representative before the Council to explain budgetary documents.

Section Three: That this ordinance shall be effective on July 1, 2017.

Section Four: All ordinances and parts thereof in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

COUNCIL MEMBERS	YES	NO
Donald Artlick	X	
Phyllis Sykes	X	
Darin Tabor		X
Michael Byford	X	
Dwight Sherrer	X	
D'Anna Sallan	X	

It appearing that 5 Council Members voted for the adoption of this ordinance, and 1 voted against, with 0 abstaining, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

IN PROOF OF AND GIVEN FIRST READING: MAY 15, 2017
GIVEN SECOND READING AND PASSED: MAY 23, 2017
PUBLISHED IN THE CRITTENDEN PRESS: JUNE 1, 2017

JARED BYFORD, MAYOR

ATTEST: Pam Enoch
PAM ENOCH, CITY CLERK

CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 17-06
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PAY PLAN FOR CLASSIFIED CITY EMPLOYEES AND NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS AND SETTING COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018, AND ADOPTING THE PAY PLAN FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS FOR THE SAME FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, desires to adopt a pay plan and set compensation for classified city employees, non-elected officials, and elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MARION CITY COUNCIL:

Section One: That the pay plan attached hereto as EXHIBIT A shall govern the compensation of all classified city employees, including non-elected officials, full-time employees, and employees in emergency or employment other than full-time, for services rendered on and after July 1, 2017, until amended by ordinance.

Section Two: That all part-time employees working between 30 and 39 hours per week are entitled to benefits as provided in Chapter 13 of the Marion Code of Ordinances.

Section Three: That the pay for elected officials attached hereto as EXHIBIT B shall govern the compensation of city-elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.

Section Four: All ordinances and parts thereof in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

COUNCIL MEMBERS	YES	NO
Donald Artlick	X	
Phyllis Sykes	X	
Darin Tabor		X
Michael Byford	X	
Dwight Sherrer	X	
D'Anna Sallan	X	

It appearing that 5 Council Members voted for the adoption of this ordinance, and 1 voted against, with 0 abstaining, the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

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JARED BYFORD, MAYOR

ATTEST: Pam Enoch
PAM ENOCH, CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT A
CITY OF MARION - ESTIMATED ANNUAL OFFICIAL PAY PLAN
FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

Position	Current Pay	New Pay	\$ Increase	% Increase
City Clerk				
City Administrator	\$ 65,829	\$ 67,000	\$ 1,171	1.8%
City Treasurer	41,671	41,671		0.0%
City Attorney	12,000	12,000		0.0%
Planning & Zoning				
Planning/Zoning Coordinator	\$ 28,000	28,000		0.0%
Public Works				
Public Chief	\$ 45,000	45,000		0.0%
Assistant Chief	42,000	42,000		0.0%
Senior Officer	39,000	39,000		0.0%
Officer	36,500	36,500		0.0%
City Coordinator	29,700	29,700		0.0%
City Supervisor	27,500	27,500		0.0%
Fire				
Chief	\$ 1,018	1,018		0%
Assistant Chief	1,000	1,000		0%
Firefighters (21 total)	\$38.20 per hour	\$38.20 per hour		0%
Water & Sewer				
Director/Manager	\$ 55,817	55,817		0.0%
City Clerk	32,300	32,300		0.0%
Lead Operator (Wastewater)	41,621	41,621		0.0%
Lead Operator (Water)	47,696	47,696		0.0%
Operator (Wastewater)	40,421	40,421		0.0%
Operator	31,714	31,714		0.0%
Operator (Water)	33,148	33,148		0.0%
Operator (Water)	31,500	31,500		0.0%
Equipment Operator	28,898	28,898		0.0%
Laborer (Wastewater)	21,518	21,518		0.0%
Motor Operator	21,518	21,518		0.0%
Operator (Water - Part Time)	\$16.87 per hour	\$16.87 per hour		0.0%

Area Deaths

Asher

Leo Daniel Asher, 96, of Marion died Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center in Salem. Surviving are five children, Brooks Travis of Crown Point, Ind., Muriel Hughes of Marion, Donnie Asher of Marion, Lana Long of Marion, Ronnie (Regina) Asher of Marion, seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Vernie Travis Asher; a sister, Loamie Travis; a grandson, Greg Travis; and a son-in-law, Nelson Hughes. Services were Saturday, May 27 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial was at Sugar Grove Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Sugar Grove Cemetery, 10880 Ky. 120, Providence, KY 42450.

Martin

Billy W. Martin, 89, of Hobart, Ind., died Thursday, May 18, 2017 at St. Mary Medical Center. He was born in Lyon County on May 15, 1928 to the late Glenn and Nannie (nee Doom) Martin. He retired from U.S. Steel Sheet and Tin Division after 46 years of service. Surviving are his wife of 72 years, Opal (nee Crouch) Martin; son, Dennis (Kiki) Martin; grandchildren, Todd (Brandy) Martin, Kyle (Kristyn) Martin, Drew Martin; great-grandchildren, Kali, Kellen, Korbyn; and sister, Bonnie (Claude) Daughtrey. Services were Monday, May 22 at Emmanuel Baptist Church of South Haven in Portage with Pastor John C. Allen officiating. Burial was at Angelcrest Cemetery. Ree's Funeral Home in Portage was in charge of arrangements.

Johnson

Charles L. "Charlie" "Runt" Johnson, 88, of Hudson, Fla., died Tuesday, May 23, 2017. He was born on Dec. 10 1928, in Marion to the late William and Golda Jennings Johnson Frazer. Johnson was a Korean War veteran, retired as a Chief Bos'n Mate from the United States Navy after 20 years of service. Prior to moving to Florida, he resided in Chesapeake, Va. He served as a pastor with New Hope Prison Ministry in Gates County, N.C. for 29 years, holding services there every Sunday morning. Also, he was on the board of directors at Greenbrier Christian Academy, established in 1983, and one of the founding members. He was a member of Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Hudson, Fla. Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Marjorie; a daughter, Lori G. Johnson; a son, David B. (Peggi) Johnson of



Virginia; a granddaughter, Kimberli J. (Vincent) Mayberry; great-grandson, Bentley; a brother, Edwin W. (Bart) Johnson of Marion; a sister, Frances Quartermus of O'Fallen, Mo.; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Jesse W. Johnson, Douglas F. (Mose) Johnson, William M. (Copper) Johnson, Robert C. (Bobby Carl) Frazer and Schley J. (Slick) Frazer Sr. and a sister, Ada N. (Polly) Simpson; and a daughter, Leslie. Services will be held Saturday, June 17 at Blessed Hope Baptist Church on Casper Ave. in Hudson, Fla. Memorials may be made to the Word of Life Florida Maintenance Equipment Fund.



Crittenden County native John M.L. Brown was on hand for a book signing Saturday at Crittenden County Public Library. Brown recently authored a book that is loosely based on Crittenden County. It's titled The Kentucky Way. About 40 people attended the book signing and Brown sold out of the copies he had available. He read a selection from the book, told some background about a few of the stories and explained the connection to real events. Pictured seated behind Brown is local resident and former schoolmate Roger Simpson. Peggy Ritch of Marion is buying a book.

VBS at Fredonia

Vacation Bible School will be held at Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 303 Cassidy Ave., Fredonia, Ky. , 9 a.m.-noon, June 5-7. The theme will be Hero Central, discover your strength in God. Lunch will be provided. For more information contact Bro. Larry Buchanan, (270) 519-9299.



Chamber Officials

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce swore in officers and three directors for new terms on the board last Thursday during the group's annual awards dinner at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Pictured are (from left) Dee Brasher, installed for another term as director; Elizabeth Floyd, installed for another term as director; Natalie Parish, installed as a new director; Todd Perryman, reinstalled as treasurer; Randa Berry, reinstalled president; and Angel Henry, reinstalled as vice president.

Wheeler grabs share of trophy

Marion's Ashley Wheeler, 16, brought home a piece of the Kentucky Cup State Soccer Championship from the 17-under girls' division last weekend at Elizabethtown. Now, Wheeler and her travel team from Paducah will be playing in the national tournament starting June 14 at the Kansas Regionals. Wheeler will be a junior next season at Crittenden County High School where she plays for the Lady Rocket soccer team. Wheeler has played travel soccer since before she was eight years old. She plays center-midfielder and had two assists in games last weekend. Her club beat Northern Kentucky in the championship match on Sunday.



Ashley Wheeler

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Program feeds kids lunch for free in June

STAFF REPORT

Children in Crittenden County will be able to enjoy a free lunch each weekday in June thanks to the local school district's participation in the Summer Food Service Program. The program runs through June 30 and is open to any child in the county age 1-18.

Distribution sites and schedule are as follows:

- CCHS multi-purpose room, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 21-23 only.
- Crittenden County Public Library, 11 to 11:30 a.m.
- Bellville Manor apartments, 11:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.
- Williams' Mobile Home Park, 11 to 11:30 a.m.
- Creekside Apartments, 11:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.
- Frances Presbyterian Church, 12:45 to 1:15 p.m.
- Tolu Community Center, 12:45 to 1:15 p.m.

More information on the summer feeding program can be found in Page 6 advertising.



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Bright beginning

The first graduating class of Bright Beginnings preschool performs during commencement last Thursday at Crittenden County Public Library. Pictured are (from left) Alana Winn, Aurora Duvall, Anna Urbanowski, Kate Epley Aurora Duvall and Jace Asbridge.

NASS seeks feedback about 2017 crops

STAFF REPORT

During the next several weeks, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct two major mid-year surveys, the June Agricultural Survey and the June Area Survey. The agency will survey nearly 1,900 farms and an additional 250 segments of land across Kentucky to determine crop production and supplies levels in 2017.

"The focus of these surveys is field crop acreage and grains in storage," explained David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. "Understanding what the 2017 production might be and knowing what grain is still in storage is important for marketing decisions. I think this information is especially useful this year given the large supply of corn, soybeans and wheat yet to be marketed from last year's

crop."

National Association of State Department of Agriculture enumerators gather the data for NASS for the June Agriculture Survey online, by mail, phone and in-person interview. For the June Area Survey, agency representatives visit randomly selected tracts of land and interview the operators of any farm on that land. Together, these surveys will make available an objective snapshot of agricultural crop acreages, grain

stocks and other agricultural production in the state.

Both reports will be released June 30.

NASS will compile and analyze the survey information and publish the results in a series of USDA reports, including the annual Acreage report and quarterly Grain Stocks report, both to be released June 30. Survey data contribute to NASS's monthly and annual Crop Production reports, as well as the annual "Small Grains

Summary" and USDA's monthly "World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates."

"We recognize this is a hectic time for farmers, but the information they provide helps U.S. agriculture remain viable and capable. NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified," Knopf said.

HEARING

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posal. Previously, the board hosted two public forums to gauge public sentiment and to answer questions about the so-called "recallable nickel," a term applied by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to property levies dedicated to school construction.

At the forums, the proposal was met with considerable opposition, but a fair number of taxpayers stood in favor of the tax. Opponents' primary complaint has been that only property owners in the county would bear the burden of building a new school that would benefit the children of all residents.

At last month's board meeting, Bill Asbridge was the lone dissenting vote on moving ahead with the final decision-making process.

Initially, the tax proposed was 5.8 cents in addition to the current 47.8 cents on real property and 47.8 cents on personal property. But KDE's "equivalent nickel" formula suggests the levy would need to be 6 cents in in order to generate revenue equal to that of 5 cents if taxes were collected on all property in the county. Because motor vehicles would not be affected by the hike and property tax collections are rarely 100 percent, KDE has revised the "nickel" to 6 cents.

That rate is not final, however. The official rate for 2017 will be issued out of Frankfort in July.

The school district wants to build a \$6.7 million high school and spend another \$1.3 million in renovations to the current high school in order to accomodate middle-schoolers, raze the antiquated portion of the current junior high and renovate the eighth-grade wing for a new central office.

Should the tax plan be approved by the board of education today, voters would have until July 16 to petition for recall, or a special election to allow county voters to decide the matter.

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- ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL!! Tucked away in a quiet subdivision just outside of town - 3 BR, 2 bath, granite countertops, Pergo flooring, large deck overlooking back yard, attached garage, all appliances stay. 103 Tanglewood Dr., \$209,900.
- NEW 2013, 3 BR, 2 bath, all appliances stay! Large laundry/mud room, 30x32 detached garage on 3.5 +/- acres, 665 S.R. 1077, \$125,900.
- NICE!! 4 BR, 2 bath, formal living room and a den, both with fireplace, central h/a, all appliances stay. Also, new swimming pool. 7869 U.S. Hwy. 60 W., \$76,900.
- HOBBY FARM, 10.63 +/- acres, all fenced and cross fenced, 2 ponds, barn, house is 3 BR, 2 bath, central h/a, basement. Mobile home is 2 BR, 1 bath, separate septic system. \$79,900.
- 3-5 BR, 3 bath, 3 storage buildings with 2 additional houses on a total of 3 lots, located at 420 W. Bellville St., all for the price of one! \$69,900.
- HISTORICAL 2 story home with basement, 3 BR, 2 Bath, detached garage. 251 W. Bellville St., \$88,490.
- This is a must see!! 3 BR, 2 bath home sitting on 18 +/- acres along with barn, corn crib and storage building. 1961 U.S. 641. \$179,900.
- 3 BR, 1 bath, brick home located near city park, all appliances stay, city utilities. 262 Country Drive, \$49,900.
- Quiet location on dead-end street in Marion with 3 lots, large detached garage, 217 W. Central Ave., \$49,900.
- MUST SEE! 4 BR, 2 1/2 Bath, 2 car **SALE PENDING** shed & 2 car detached garage, fenced yard, 136 Briarwood Dr., \$229,900.
- Remodeled house and large lot in town, walk to courthouse, 3 BR, 2 bath, 313 East Bellville St., \$79,900.
- Great Town Home, 3 BR, 1 bath, **PRICE REDUCED** fenced yard, detached garage, 303 W. Elm St., \$68,000.
- Store front on Main, recently remodeled and rewired. 106 South Main St., \$55,900.

LOTS

- 110 +/- acre tract, all wooded with possible land contract. 9285 U.S. 60 W., Marion, \$199,000.
- 250 +/- acre tract, wooded, food plots, water with possible land contract. 9285 U.S. 60 W., Marion, \$499,000.
- 1.2+ acres, country atmosphere, subdivision lifestyle, Grand View Estates, located on Ky. 506 in Marion, Ky., \$10,000.
- 70x220 city lot with all utilities, N. Weldon St., \$3,500.
- 11.18 acres +/- minutes out of town on Country View Dr., Marion, \$26,800.
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE

BUDGET SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

SECTION ONE. The following budget is adopted for the fiscal year 2018 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

(01) GENERAL FUND	Category	APPROPRIATION
General Government	5000	\$435,770.00
Protection to Persons and Property	5100	\$150,000.00
General Health and Sanitation	5200	\$100.00
Administration	9000	\$373,674.00
Roads (FEMA)	6100	\$100.00
	Total	\$959,644.00

(02) ROAD FUND	Category	APPROPRIATION
Convenience Center (Solid Waste)	5200	\$ 55,000.00
Transportation Facility and Services	6000	\$22,000.00
Roads	6100	\$1,287,320.00
Other Transportation Facilities and Services	6400	\$804,000.00
Debt Service	7000	\$172,780.00
Capital Projects	8000	\$1,000.00
Administration	9000	\$1,448,410.00
	Total	\$3,790,510.00

(03) JAIL FUND	Category	Appropriation
Protection to Persons and Property	5100	\$1,766,450.00
Debt Service	7000	\$558,400.00
Administration	9000	\$458,534.00
	Total	\$2,783,384.00

(04) LGEA FUND	Category	Appropriation
General Government	5000	\$119,450.00
Protection to Persons and Property	5100	\$41,350.00
General Health and Sanitation	5200	\$42,550.00
Social Services	5300	\$26,700.00
Recreation and Culture	5400	\$436,100.00
	Sub-Total	\$666,150.00
Capital Projects	8000	\$3,500.00
Administration	9000	\$40,900.00
	Total	\$710,550.00

(05) E-911 FUND	Category	Appropriation
Protection to Persons and Property	5100	\$17,000.00
Administration	9000	\$87,800.00
	Total	\$104,800.00

(06) 911 WIRELESS FUND	Category	Appropriation
Protection to Persons and Property	5100	\$100.00
Administration	9000	\$67,550.00
	Total	\$67,650.00
FY-2018 BUDGET GRAND TOTAL		\$8,416,538.00

Adopted this 18th day of May, 2017

County Judge Executive

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations in Crittenden County are hereby notified that a copy of the county's adopted budget in full is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge Executive during normal business hours of Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

2nd CASA volunteer sworn in

STAFF REPORT

Alanna Welch was retired and looking for something to do. She found it in a church bulletin.

Welch was sworn in last week by Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers as the circuit's newest special advocate for children. The program is known as Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). The workers are volunteers who help children and families deal with issues that land them in front of a circuit court judge.

Welch retired six years ago from Welborn Health in Evansville where she was a plan coordinator. She's lived near Mattoon for 20 years and attends St. Ann Catholic Church in Sturgis. It was in the church's Sunday bulletin that she learned about CASA's need for volunteers.

"I needed something to do so I figured I might as well be helping others," she said last week after taking an oath to keep matters confidential while dealing with families as a case worker.

Karley Holt, a CASA volunteer coordinator, also was sworn as a special advocate. Both of them completed the 30 hours of pre-service training.

Welch is the second trained CASA volunteer in



Pictured are (from left) Daphne Maddox, area coordinator; Alanna Welch, new advocate; Karley Holt, a CASA volunteer coordinator and advocate; and Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers.

Crittenden County since the program began assigning cases in February 2017. Phyllis O'Neal was the first.

Welch has already accepted her first case and is eager to get started, said Daphne Maddox, CASA coordinator for Hopkins, Webster and Crittenden counties.

Holt completed the training as part of her employment requirement to be able to supervise volunteers. Holt's main area of focus will be Webster and Crittenden counties. She will be recruiting, screening, training and supervising volunteers in the area.

CASA is looking for about 10 to 15 volunteers from Crittenden County alone, plus it needs more in other nearby counties.

If interested, call (270) 245-5112 or visit the the CASA Facebook page @casaofhopkinswebstercrittenden.

NEWS BRIEFS

Mineral museum show this weekend

The Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum's annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show will be held Saturday and Sunday at Fohs Hall in Marion.

Each year, the early-June show draws hundreds of visitors from all over the country. This marks the 12th year for the show. Museum Director Tina Walker estimated between 500 and 550 visitor's to last year's show and digs. There are no digs scheduled for this year, however.

In addition to museum tours, participants can browse vendor tables, view an Indian artifact display and enter to win hourly prize drawings. A new vendor to this year's show will bring beads to sell to jewelry makers.

One activity children and adults may enjoy is Sleice Mining, which is the process of washing and sifting through a screen to reveal minerals.

A bake sale and silent auction will also be included. Free children's activities will be sponsored by Farmers Bank & Trust Co.

For more information, call the museum at (270) 965-4263.

Livingston arrest for rape of minor made

A four-month investigation led to the arrest Friday of a Grand Rivers man accused of numerous sex of-

fenses.

Kentucky State Police Post 1 Detective Eric Fields arrested Lester Carender Jr., 72, at his residence. He was charged with first-degree rape, sodomy and sexual abuse of a victim under 12 years old, Class A Felony), two counts of second-degree rape (Class C Felony) and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, both firearm enhanced. Carender was lodged in the McCracken County Jail.

The investigation began in January and alleges that between 2014 and 2017, the suspect engaged in a continuous course of sexual conduct with a person who was incapable of consent due to age. In April of this year, a search warrant was served at the suspect's residence in regard to the ongoing investigation. During that search, troopers located marijuana, paraphernalia and numerous firearms.

Corrections

- A story in last week's print edition of The Crittenden Press on the City of Marion's new budget contained an error. Councilwoman Phyllis Sykes moved to strike money from the budget to the county food bank. Because that motion failed, she did not move to take out money for the senior citizens center's home-delivered meal program. Ultimately, the council voted to fund both programs in next year's budget at the current levels.

- A story in last week's

Crittenden 1 of 83 counties where jobless rate increased

April 2017 unemployment rates were up in Crittenden and Livingston counties from April 2016, joining 81 others in Kentucky. Rates fell in 28 counties and remained the same in nine others over the same period, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training. The March 2017 jobless rate for Crittenden County, 5.2 percent, was lower, however, than the previous month's rate of 6.2 percent. Livingston County unemployment dipped last month to 7.8 percent from 8.2 percent in March 2017.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 3.1 percent. Magoffin County, also again, recorded the state's highest unemployment rate at 17.3 percent.

Below are the jobless rates for select counties from the state's lowest in April to the highest, with rates for Crittenden and surrounding counties included between. Because of their relatively low sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted like monthly state and national rates. The comparable, unadjusted unemployment rate for the state was 5.4 percent for March 2017, and 4.6 percent for the nation.

AREA	APRIL 2017	MARCH 2017	APRIL 2016
Kentucky	4.8	5.4	4.6
Pennyrile Region	5.6	6.4	5.4
COUNTIES			
Woodford (1).....	3.1	3.6	2.9
Caldwell	5.1	5.9	5.2
Webster	5.2	6.0	5.4
Crittenden	5.2	6.2	4.6
Lyon	5.5	7.1	5.5
Union.....	6.1	7.1	6.2
Livingston.....	7.8	8.2	6.1
Magoffin (120)	17.3	19.2	18.1

Labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

issue on the Masonic lodge fire incorrectly indicated the Masons built the structure. However, T&W Electric was responsible for the building.

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• Crittenden County High School
Multipurpose Room (JUNE 21-23 ONLY)
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
601 W. Elm St. Marion, KY

• Crittenden County Public Library
11–11:30 a.m.
204 W. Carlisle St. Marion, KY

• Belleville Manor Apartments
11:40 a.m.–12:10 p.m.
819 Terrace Dr. Marion, KY

• Williams' Mobile Home Park
11–11:30 a.m.
Pigeon Dr. Marion, KY

• Creekside Apartments
11:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m.
100 Creekside Circle Marion, KY

• Frances Presbyterian Church
12:45 – 1:15 p.m.
32 Marion Rd. Frances, KY

• Tolu Community Center
12:45–1:15 p.m.
6238 St. Rt. 135 Tolu, KY

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FBLA breakfast to help fund trip

Crittenden County FBLA students raising funds for national competition in California will be helping serve breakfast from 7 a.m.-10 a.m., Sunday at Glenn's On Main.

Calendar

– **Class of 1962** and former classmates and guests are invited to a 55th Reunion starting at 4 p.m., Saturday at the Majestic Steakhouse in Princeton, 208 West U.S. 62.

– The annual **Crayne Cemetery Fish Fry** will begin at 4 p.m., Friday, at the Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Crayne.

– West Kentucky Regional Blood Center will host a **blood drive** at the Crittenden Health Systems' educational building from noon-5:30 p.m., Monday. All donors will receive a t-shirt.

– All veterans from the area are invited to a free dinner June 11 at Potter's House Baptist Church. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky is sponsoring the **event to honor veterans** and their families. The event will begin at 2 p.m., at Potter's House, located on Ky. 937 (881 Cutoff Rd.), in Smithland. For information, contact Harold Williams at (270) 969-8499 or email williams39haw@gmail.com.

– For anyone who has past or present ties to the community of Hampton, Ky. you are invited to attend **Hampton Memories Day** from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., June 24. It is a come and go event with a light lunch provided. Meet on the grounds of Hampton Methodist Church and stroll the streets and reminisce about days gone by. Bring your camera, old picture and memories to share. Golf carts will be available. For more information contact Rozann (Santella) Malcom, (270) 832-0680 or Tony Lasher, (270) 564-2314.

Extension events

– **Crochet Corner** will meet at noon June 7 at the Extension Office. All crocheters are welcome to join in! If you are brand new, please call (270) 965-5236 for a supply list.

Senior Menu

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

– Thursday (today): Menu is tomato chicken parmesan with noodles, cucumber salad, wheat roll, peach cobbler and skim milk.

– Friday: Menu is baked spaghetti, broccoli salad, whole wheat garlic breadstick, Mandarin oranges and skim milk. Bingo sponsored by Life-line Home Health will begin at 10:30 a.m.

– Monday: Menu is Frankfurt/sauerkraut with mashed potatoes, black eyed peas, cornbread and vanilla pudding. Ladies exercise by Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

– Tuesday: Menu is sloppy Joe, hashbrown casserole, baked pork 'n beans, baked apples and raisins, whole wheat bun..

– June 7: Menu is pulled pork with pork gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, cornbread and tropical fruit. Bingo will begin at 10:30 a.m.

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

The center is a service of Pennyrile Allied Community Services. Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center.



Mr. and Mrs. Steven Haire

Haires wed in April ceremony

Barbara Adams and Steven Haire were united in marriage at the couple's Mattoon home April 28.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Emery Stevens of Marion. The groom is the son of the

late Mr. And Mrs. Melvin Haire of Marion.

Shawn Holeman officiated the ceremony. Witnesses were Julie Dowse, daughter of the bride, of Calvert City, and Lisa Holeman, daughter of the groom, of Marion.



Writing winners

The Woman's Club of Marion presented certificates and cash awards from General Federation of Women's Clubs Kentucky to local students who participated in the state writing contests. Winners announced in Louisville are (from left) Benjamin Potter, first place K-2 poetry; Morgan Stewart, first place K-2 short story; and Paul Combs, first place 6-8 short story. Making the presentation was Nancy Hunt, Woman's Club president. Other poetry awards went to Jessi Brewer, first place in the 9-12 category and Carman Guess, second place in 6-8 category. Emmalea Barnes won first place in the student stitchery category. All first place winners received \$25.

Submit calendar items

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AREA COLLEGE NEWS

Madisonville Community College

Four local students have been named to the dean's list at Madisonville Community College. Stephanie Cates, Michelle Davidson, Ashley Hildebrand and Leana Riley, all of Crittenden County, earned the distinction for the spring 2017 semester.

"Being named to the Dean's List recognizes the academic excellence of students who have completed 12 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 3.5 in 100-level or above coursework," said Chief Student Affairs Officer Dr. Jay Parrent. "We are proud of the academic accomplishments of our students."

Campbellsville University

Two area students were among a record number of graduates from Campbellsville University in Kentucky. At commencement ceremonies May 12-13 at the college, Ellen Merrick of Marion received a bachelor of music in vocal performance, and Jessica Stone of Fredonia received a bachelor of science in sports management.

Five hundred fifty-eight received their degrees last month, bringing the total number of graduates in the 2016-17 academic year to 760, a record.

Murray State University

Murray State University (MSU) has announced its dean's list recipients for the spring 2017 semester, and several local names are included. The following list recognizes the academic accomplishments of the university's undergraduate students by residence.

- Marion: Luke Logan Dennis, Stacie LeAnn Shea Hearell, Ethan Thomas Hill, Elle Martine LaPlante, Samantha Jo Quisenberry, Sabrina Lynn Stokes, Shannon Sha-rhea Stoltenburg, Abby Whitney, Ashtan Hope Williams and Jayden Michael Willis.

- Salem: Alivia Marie Curnel and Liberty Michelle Putnam.

- Fredonia: John Reid Baker and Caitlin Elizabeth Sherrell.



Making history

Alyssa Leet of Shady Grove was honored for her achievements during the May 2017 Honors Day ceremony at Murray State University. Leet, a history major, received the Outstanding Research in History award for her paper, "Between Rock and a Hard War: How Rock and Roll Changed the Vietnam War." She is the daughter of Jeff and Julie Leet, and is pictured with Dr. Kathy Callahan.

- Burna: Jennifer Bailey Head and Emma Lorene Rushing.

- Smithland: Parker James Lindsey, Breanna Danielle Lowrance, Colton James McGrew, Jamie Zaim and Nicholas Zaim.

Southeast Missouri State University

Randi Conway of Sturgis has been named to the spring 2017 dean's list at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau. She is a 2016 graduate of Union County High

School, and her father Randy Conway is a conservation officer for Crittenden County.

GED ceremony

A Smithland woman was among the dozen students who were honored at the 2017 GED Graduation in West Kentucky Community and Technical College's Clemens Fine Arts Center in Paducah. Stephenie Tinsley of Smithland was one of 64 students to receive her GED from the college's Graves-McCracken County Adult Learning Centers.

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Sun. 1:20, 4:10, 7
Mon.-Thurs. 3:45, 7

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Johnson signs with Knox College to play football

STAFF REPORT

Charlie Johnson never pictured himself playing collegiate football, but thanks to technology and his academic standards, the Crittenden County High School graduate has been called to play at Knox College at Galesburg, Ill.

Johnson was a kickoff returner and running back for the Rockets, where he earned a reputation for enthusiasm and leadership. His quickness was key to his success on the field, and his determination has helped him earn a collegiate scholarship.

His formal affirmation as part of the recruiting process took place last week at Rocket Arena surrounded by family, supporters, school administrators and coaches.

After creating a profile on the web-based recruiting service Next College Student Athlete (NCSA), Johnson started getting text messages from the coach at Knox, which plays as member of the NCAA Division III Midwest Conference.

Johnson, a great math student, knew he wanted to go to college to pursue a career in civil engineering. He also wanted to play football. An official visit to Kentucky Wesleyan didn't go as well as he'd planned so Johnson decided to make the six-hour drive north to Knox, which is northwest of Peoria, Ill. There, he found his match.

The school is a highly-acclaimed liberal arts college with about

1,400 students. Johnson said the coach was eager for him to sign with The Prairie Fire football team, which tipped the scales.

"He told me I would start off on special teams, but would have an opportunity as a running back," said Johnson, who was presented the coveted Principal's Award at last month's Class Night. Johnson was recognized for his unwavering zest for life and contagious good nature.

"I guess it just comes natural," he said about the positive attitude he delivers whether it's football, school or community events.

He said, "I just like to see the good things in people."

CCHS Athletic Director Angela Starnes said she remembers Johnson in elementary school physical education class, carrying that same perspective.

"He's been like that since he was just a little kid," she said.

His high school football coach said Johnson will continue to be successful because of his willingness to persevere.

"He has stuck with a (sport) because he loved it. He's a go getter and we're excited for him and proud of him," said Rocket football coach Al Starnes.

Johnson said he became interested in engineering while helping design an airplane wing in a school aeronautics class.

"I've just always liked making things run," he said.



Joining CCHS graduate Charlie Johnson on his signing day for a football scholarship to Knox College were (front from left) his brother Devin Souvongkham, step-father Phillip Cale, Johnson, mother Stacy Wallen, grandmother Charleen Hagerty, (back) CCHS Associate Head Coach Sean Thompson, CCHS Head Coach Al Starnes, CCHS Athletic Director Angela Starnes and Crittenden County Superintendent Vince Clark.

All-Time Track & Field Record Setters

Following are school records for track and field. A new record was set this year in the boys' 3200 relay.

Track & Field School Records

GIRLS

3200 Relay 11:54, J.Harkins, S.Kirk, S.Montgomery, J.Carder

100 Hurdles 16.8, Susan Mills

100 Meters 12.7, Jeri Hunt

800 Relay 1:53.86, K.Moss, A.Jimenez, L.Keene, B.Coza

1600 Meters 5:41.7, Sally McKenney

400 Meters 65.42, Lonna Starnes

400 Relay 54.02, T.Blake, J.Hunt, M.Herron, C.Martin

300 Hurdles 49.8, Shelly Johnson

800 Meters 2:31.49, Jessica Carder

200 Meters 27.75, Anna Jimenez

3200 Meters 12:43.8, Sally McKenney

1600 Relay 4:39.5, D.Easley, C.Steele, E.Guess, B.Coza

Long Jump 15-foot-6¼, Tina Blake

High Jump 4-foot-10, Breanna Coza

Shot Put 34-foot-1, Angie Hobbs

Discus 89-foot-6, Angie Hobbs

Triple Jump 30-foot-5½, Lydia Roberts

BOYS

3200 Relay (2017) 8:39.99 Will Tolley, Sawyer Towery, Gavin Davidson and Aaron Lucas

110 Hurdles 15.49, Shawn Steele

100 Meters 10.7 Tim Hill

1600 Meters 4:35.8, James Willoughby

400 Relay 44.4, S.Moss, T.K. Guess, C.Robinson, T.Hill

400 Meters 50.8, Ronnie Moss

300 Hurdles 41.90, Shawn Steele

800 Meters 1:58.3, James Willoughby

200 Meters 22.31, Tim Hill

3200 Meters 10:14.3, Claude Williams

1600 Relay 3:29, L.Tinsley, M.Tinsley, J.Willoughby, G.Tinsley

800 Relay 1:33.30, S.Moss, S.Steele, S.Thompson, T.Hill

Long Jump 21-foot-3, Jeremy Croft, Larry Tinsley

Triple Jump 41-foot-6½, Josh Andrews

High Jump 6-foot-2, Clark Wheeler, Jake Reynolds

Shot Put 46-foot-10, Jimmy Edwards

Discus 136-foot-6, Sean Thompson

Pole Vault 11-foot-6, Scotty Hopkins



Rocket shortstop Logan Belt handles a throw from catcher Cody Belt to get a high tag this Henderson baserunner trying to steal second.

Crittenden High School Track and Field

Among those honored at the recent track and field awards ceremony were (from left) Devon Nesbitt, Gavin Davidson, Kate Keller, Branan Lamey, Southern Pate, Adam Beavers, Courtne Curnel, Aaron Lucas, Alexis Tabor, Sawyer Towery, Will Tolley, Kenlee Perryman and Tyson Steele.

Small Ball and Long Ball

Henderson shows both to beat Rockets

2nd Region

STAFF REPORT

Despite the outcome of Monday's first-round game in the Second Region Baseball Tournament, Crittenden County made history.

The Rockets lost 8-2 to Henderson County, but it was the first CCHS baseball squad to ever play in a regional tournament game on its home field. Gordon B. Guess Field at Marion-Crittenden County Park hosted the eight-team tournament which was scheduled to end Wednesday night.

Rocket coach Donnie Phillips said he knew Henderson's strategy would be to play small ball, and it worked.

"They executed the bunt very well," Phillips said, pointing out that a few were virtually indefensible.

Crittenden County

	AB	R	H	RBI
C.Belt	3	0	1	0
B.Stephens	3	0	1	0
E.Hunt	3	0	0	0
M.Myers	2	0	0	0
L.Belt	3	1	1	0
S.Robinson	2	0	0	0
T.Yancy	1	1	1	0
Py.Riley	3	0	1	1
E.Dosett	3	0	0	0
Px.Riley	2	0	0	0
2B Yancy. LOB 3. Errors 1.				
Pitching: S.Robinson 5IP, 6H, 8R, 7ER, 1K, 3BB. T.Yancy 1IP, 0R, 1K.				

Henderson County

	AB	R	H	RBI
N.Melton	3	0	0	0
B.Willet	4	1	1	0
J.Pinkston	4	1	1	0
I.Pitt	2	1	1	0
N.Wimber	1	1	0	1
J.Willoughby	2	0	0	1
D.Sutton	1	1	1	3
J.Murdach	1	0	1	1
C.Cannon	3	1	1	0
S.Bartlett	0	1	0	0
M.Hunter	0	1	0	0
HR D.Sutton. LOB 4. Errors 1.				
Pitching: N.Melton 7IP, 5H, 0R, 1BB, 10K.				

HONORS AND AWARDS

<div>100 Point Club</div> <div>Courtne Curnel 109</div> <div>Sawyer Towery 111</div> <div>Devon Nesbitt 118</div> <div>Tyson Steele 121</div> <div>Kenlee Perryman 131</div> <div>Jessie Potter 140</div> <div>Branan Lamey 145</div>	<div>275 Point Club</div> <div>Gavin Davidson 179</div> <div>Will Perkins 180</div> <div>Will Tolley 289</div> <div>Aaron Lucas 291</div>	<div>TEAM MVPs</div> <div>Kate Keller</div> <div>Aaron Lucas</div> <div>Will Tolley</div>
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Lettermen

Lily Berry

Courtne Curnel

Jaelyn Duncan

Cameron Howard

Kate Keller

Ally Newman

Southern Pate

Kenlee Perryman

Jessie Potter

Alexis Tabor

Ryleigh Tabor

Adam Beavers

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Devon Nesbitt

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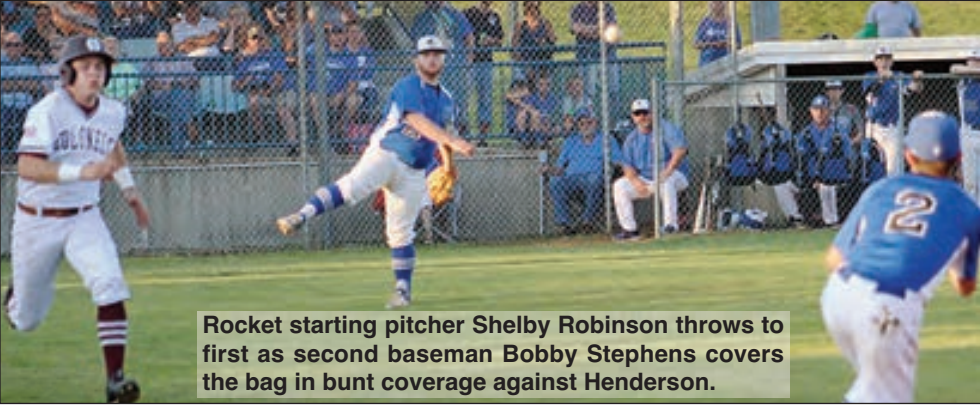
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Sawyer Towery

Chloe Weathers

Zack Weathers



■ GOLF

Heritage hosts 4-Person tourney

The Heritage at Marion Country Club will host its 4-Person Golf Scramble Saturday and Sunday. For more information or to register for an event, contact Kyle Myers at (270) 704-5015 or Alec Pierce at the pro shop (270) 965-5415.

■ OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons in progress

Coyote Night Hunt

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LBL squirrel

Coyote

Groundhog

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May 20 - June 16

May 13 - June 11

Year Round

Year Round

■ GOLF

Golf's hole-in-one is among the rarest feats in all of sports but one family has made it look easy. Darrick Myers scored the first ace of his golf career Thursday, May 18 at Drake Creek's par-3 seventh hole playing 123 yards. He knocked the ball in with an 8-iron. Now, Myers and his father Ronnie and brother Kyle each have hit a hole in one.

Myers

■ All Fifth District Baseball

Baseball

Cody Belt, Ethan Hunt, Maeson Myers

Softball

Ashlyn Hicks, Kaitlyn Hicks

Cassidy Moss, Brandy Book

Ellie Smith

Union bests CCHS in 2nd Region pitchers' duel



A picture of melancholy shows on the face of first-year Lady Rocket softball coach Stephen Smith as his team struggles in the first-round of the regional tournament. At right, CCHS shortstop Ashlyn Hicks makes a play on a ball on the infield.



Historic season comes to abrubt halt in regionals

Crittenden County					
	AB	R	H	RBI	
C.Moss	3	0	1	0	
A.Hicks	3	0	1	0	
K.Hicks	3	0	0	0	
E.Smith	2	0	0	0	
M.Long	1	0	0	0	
B.Book	3	0	1	0	
C.Wolf	2	0	0	0	
J.Potter	1	0	0	0	
E.Smith	1	0	0	0	
K.Champion	1	0	0	0	
C.Beverly	1	0	0	0	
J.Hayes	2	0	0	0	
J.Brewer	1	0	0	0	
C.Moss	1	0	0	0	

Union County					
J.Babbs	3	0	0	0	
T.Windell	2	1	0	0	
E.Hendrickson	3	1	0	0	
K.Jones	2	0	0	0	
A.Huff	0	0	0	0	
J.Roberson	3	1	1	0	
A.Conway	3	0	0	0	
A.Johns	2	0	1	1	
R.Carter	2	0	0	0	
A.Wright	2	1	0	0	

SB: A.Hicks. LOB: 5. Errors 4. Pitching: C.Moss 6IP, 3H, 4R, 0ER, 8K, 2BB.

BY DEREK MCCREE
PRESS REPORTER

Crittenden County High School's historic softball season came to an end with a 4-0 loss against Union County in the Second District Region Softball Tournament Monday at Christian County.

Lady Braves senior ace Evyn Hendrickson's performance was one for the history books, too, as she recorded 20 strikeouts and held Crittenden (27-8) to just three hits.

Hendrickson struck out 13 of the 14 CCHS players who saw action at least once. The lone survivor was eighth-grader Matthia Long, who pinch hit once.

Hendrickson had been severely injured with a line drive to the head earlier this season. She returned to the lineup less than two weeks ago and has been amazing since that time.

Union (16-17) didn't fare too well at the plate against CCHS senior Cassidy Moss. Moss fanned eight and didn't allow an earned run, giving up only three hits in the contest. Four costly Crittenden errors gave the Lady Braves all the breathing room they needed to collect the victory and advance to the semifinal round.

Crittenden's first-year head coach Stephen Smith said his team

had played in big games all year and was loose and prepared for the regional showdown, but just couldn't hit.

"It's pretty self explanatory," Smith said. "You won't beat many teams when you strike out 20 times."

CCHS had as many hits as the Lady Braves – three. They came from Moss, sophomore Brandy Book and eighth-grader Ashlyn Hicks.

Crittenden lost its last two games of the season, falling to Lyon in the Fifth District championship last week. Only twice this season have the girls lost consecutive games.

"I just told the girls how proud I am of them and it's great how far we have come in one year's time," Smith said. "We had strong senior leadership and we have a ton of young talent coming back next year. We will be back."

Moss, who was at a loss for words after the game, said it is time to pass the torch to her younger sister, eighth-grader Chandler Moss.

"We had a great season and we made school history," Moss said. "Next year Chandler will have to step up her game. The future is bright for them and I'm just ready to go into the next chapter in my life."

Lady Rockets had split with Union County during the regular season. Each time they lost, Hendrickson was on the mound for the Lady Braves.

Recordbook RBIs

With a team-record 54 RBIs sophomore Brandy Book is tied for 31st best season in KHSAA fast-pitch history. She has qualified for the recordbook by driving in more than 50 runs this season. Cassidy Moss's team-leading .526 batting average was just short of the minimum requirement of .550 to earn a spot in the state recordbook.



Vanderbilt coming to Kentucky in June

Jarred Vanderbilt will be reporting to Kentucky June 6 as scheduled and apparently is fine after injuring his lower right leg/ankle late in the Jordan Brand Classic in April.

"Everything is going well," said Robert Vanderbilt, Jarred's father. "He's feeling good, looking good. He just can't wait until he gets his opportunity at Kentucky."

Robert Vanderbilt said his son was told to stay off the leg after the injury and has been doing exactly that.

"He was told to rest and that's what he has been doing the last few weeks. The doctor said it all looks well and he will be fine when he gets to Kentucky," Robert Vanderbilt said. "Most certainly the rest will be good for him. He had been going pretty strong."



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist
Vaught's Views

The 6-9 Vanderbilt had been impressive in post-season all-star play starting with the McDonald's All-American Game and then the Nike Hoop Summit. He had 17 points and seven rebounds in the Jordan Brand Classic.

"He has not done anything since then except rest and get ready for UK," Robert Vanderbilt said.

What the UK signee will not be doing is trying out for the USA under 19 team that will be coached by John Calipari and go to Egypt this summer. Robert Vanderbilt said they were not even sure Team USA would go after the recent bombing in Manchester, England.

"I told coach Cal when he was here that I would wish him well but too much is going on in the world. I do not want to go outside the country right now. The timing is just not right," Robert Vanderbilt said.

The timing could be right, though, next season for

Jarred Vanderbilt, Kevin Knox Jr. and PJ Washington to all be on the court together. Many have speculated that they are similar and cannot be on the court together but Robert Vanderbilt disagrees.

"Those three can certainly play together," Robert Vanderbilt said. "They played well together at the McDonalds Game and the Jordan Classic. They have played together and known each other for years. They get along well. I think it is a great thing for coach Cal to have that much talent on one team and the opportunity to coach guys like that who all have the same goal to try and win a championship as a team. I think that attitude is a plus when you look at all the talent this team will have."

Hamidou Diallo probably would have been a late first-round draft pick this year but could dramatically improve that status next year now that he decided to re-

turn to Kentucky for a full season of play.

Even though he red-shirted after arriving at UK in January, he did go against De'Aaron Fox, Malik Monk and Dominique Hawkins in practice. That makes him UK's most experienced returning guard to go with incoming freshmen Quade Green, Shai Alexander, Jermarl Baker and possibly Kevin Knox Jr.

Odds are Diallo will be the starting two guard with Green at the point.

"They will probably be pretty amazing to be honest," UK signee Nick Richards said earlier this spring. "He is an explosive two guard. He can dunk anything or score from anywhere. He's really good."

Green called Diallo his "best friend" and played a major role in getting Diallo to pick UK. "He's very good. He is getting his jump shot right so when the time comes next year I can kick it out to him on the wing."

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Ingenuity helps man bypass rare disease

STAFF REPORT

Seeking independence from a debilitating disease that has limited him since his late teens, Joey Fletcher is now able to mow his own lawn.

Cutting the grass may seem a trivial task to many, but for Fletcher is was kind of like driving a car – something he never figured on doing again in this lifetime.

Fletcher, 39, has ankylosing spondylitis (AS), a rare disease that affects less than one percent of humans. AS and Ricketts, a childhood bone degeneration disease, have weakened his arms and legs and left him susceptible to serious, even fatal, injuries if he falls or is bumped in a certain manner.

The diseases left him afraid to do much of anything. Fletcher withdrew from things he enjoyed like going to movies and shopping, but when his cousin died unexpectedly a few years back, Fletcher began to re-evaluate and re-energize.

"It made me realize that time is short," said the 1997 Crittenden County High School graduate.

Spurring himself forward, Fletcher is now working from his home doing customer



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

Cutting the grass may seem a trivial task to many, but for Joey Fletcher, it was kind of like driving a car – something he never figured on doing again in this lifetime. Fletcher, 39, has a rare disease that has left his arms and legs weakened, but with a self-made, remote-control mower, he has gained more independence.

service for a pest control company. He is driving a car. And in the past few days, with a little help from family,

Fletcher has built a remote-control lawn mower.

"It is just another way for me to regain my independ-

ence," he said. "It allows me to be less reliant on others. I wanted to gain part of my life back."

Fletcher can take about two steps without his wheelchair. He can't turn his head right or left, but thanks to a five cameras installed on his car, Fletcher is now able to drive to the grocery store.

"Last week he drove to Paducah to see a movie," said his brother, Bobby, who along with Fletcher's parents helped build the remote mower.

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E), a government program for the disabled and veterans, has been a buoying force in Fletcher's life. It helped him get a work-at-home job using a phone and computer and provided the training and equipment to get back behind the wheel of a vehicle.

"I let my driver's license lapse because I never thought I could drive again," he said.

Fletcher went 15 years and bounced around from doctor to doctor before he learned what was ailing him at the Paducah Orthopedic Institute.

"They couldn't officially diagnose me, but told me I had a classic case of ankylosing spondylitis," Fletcher said.

There is no cure for ankylosing spondylitis. Treat-

ments can sometime improve symptoms and prevent worsening, but Fletcher says surgery is out of the question at this point in his case. The risks outweigh the potential for remedy, he explained.

Because his limbs are weak, Fletcher was unable to mow the grass or do much of anything that requires physical strength. He needed family members to help turn the bolts when he built the automated mower. Fletcher did research online and visited with others in chat rooms to come up with a blueprint for his remote grass cutter. He opted for a battery-powered mower because he couldn't pull start a gas engine. He used batteries, motors and wheels from an old power wheelchair and metal rails from a bed frame to turn a Snapper push mower into a remotely operated gadget.

WPSD did a news segment on Fletcher's rig and Jason Lindsey from the TV station's Hooked on Science series has shot an episode to air later.

Fletcher says he isn't finished. The plan is to improve his mower so it will do trimming and edging and even push snow in the winter.



PHOTO COURTESY PATRIOTS PEACE MEMORIAL

Salute to sacrifice

Spc. Donnie Paul McKinney's sacrifice to his country will now be forever remembered after his name was enshrined Monday on the Patriots Peace Memorial in Louisville. McKinney, a local soldier who was killed in a 1986 National Guard training exercise in Fort Campbell, had his named added to the memorial of men and women who have died in U.S. military service during times of peace. A lightning strike on July 26, 1986, killed McKinney and injured several other soldiers during a summer exercise with Co. A, 1st Battalion, 123rd Armor Regiment based in Marion. He was only 20 years old. McKinney's family and fellow guardsmen were in attendance at the Memorial Day ceremony. Pictured above are (from left) the man's father, Donnie McKinney; his brother, Sean McKinney; and Army National Guard Brig. Gen. Scott A. Campbell, a Crittenden County native who served with the fallen soldier. McKinney's father and brother now live in Henderson. His mother Nancy and brother Josh McKinney are deceased.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PADD

Ethel Tucker of Crittenden County receives a legislative citation last Thursday from state Rep. Lynn Bechler in Hopkinsville at a Celebrate Centenarians event hosted by Pennyryle Area Development District. Tucker and Helen Springs were recognized at the event for turning 100 in 2017.

CELEBRATE

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were Robert Lee and Ada White of Tolu and Kenneth Drennan of Marion. The Whites turn 100 later this

year, and Drennan became a centenarian in January.

Another honoree from Crittenden County was also recognized by PADD during Older Americans Month, but did not wish to have her name released. There is also at least

one other person from the county turning 100 this year whose name was not submitted to PADD for recognition.

The oldest individual from the Pennyryle Area honored through the Celebrate Centenarian event was 106.

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as \$12 million to complete over the next few years. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain views on housing and community development needs, review proposed activities, the review the proposed application and solicit public comments related to the project.

The meeting will be con-

ducted by Pennyryle Area Development District (PADD). The agency will be facilitating the grant application, which is made possible by the successful completion of a low- to moderate-income (LMI) survey conducted by the city earlier this year.

The results of the survey of randomly-selected Marion residents qualify the city for the CDBG, said City Administrator Adam Ledford. Between 56

and 58 percent of those surveyed rated as low- to moderate income. The threshold was 51 percent.

"Once you get 51 percent, you get no grading in the application process," said Ledford, meaning all applications for entities achieving that mark will be weighed equally.

"There's a good chance we have a shot at that grant money," Ledford said last week.

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