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Victory Gardens set weekday schedule

The Victory Gardens tended by Crittenden County Detention Center return Monday with a new format. Jailer Robbie Kirk said the gardens this year will move to distribution on a daily basis during the week. Giveaways will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each weekday starting Monday.

Kirk said the change is to better serve those in the community looking for free, fresh produce. In the past, giveaways have been one day per week, creating what Kirk called a "madhouse" and leaving many vegetables to spoil awaiting distribution. Produce will be picked fresh each day.



Kirk

"That way, people can come throughout the week when it suits them," the jailer said. "The whole premise was for a place for people to come on a daily basis for fresh vegetables."

Next week, only squash and onions will be available, but in a couple of weeks, cucumbers and peppers will be in. And it shouldn't be much longer before tomatoes, potatoes, okra and green beans are ready.

"The selection will only increase as the weeks pass," Kirk said.

Churches and other contributors help fund the gardens each year, but the plots are tended by inmates and staff at the jail. Kirk said the prisoners have pride in their newfound skills as gardeners, taking ownership of their assigned plot or job. Access to the gardens is off the former Shopko parking lot on Sturgis Road.

Public meetings

- **Crittenden County Board of Assessment Appeals** will meet at 9 a.m. Monday in the county clerk's office.

- **Crittenden County Board of Education** will convene for its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the Rocket Arena conference room.

- **Marion City Council** will meet at 6 p.m. Monday inside Marion City Hall.

- **Marion Tourism Commission** will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Marion Welcome Center.

- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will meet at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at the courthouse. Due to scheduling conflicts of court members, the meeting has been moved from its usual third Thursday of the month.

- **Salem City Commission** will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Salem City Hall.



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Architect: CCMS renovation more costly

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
STAFF WRITER

As the petition to recall a school tax increase makes its way around the county collecting signatures, the architect selected by the school district to design a new facility said calls to simply renovate a 69-year-old middle school are misplaced.

"...It would be more expensive to renovate than to build new," said Craig Thomas, an architect with RBS Design Group in Owensboro, to Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark in a June 6 letter.

Since discussion of a plan to replace an aging Crittenden County Middle School began last summer with a local fac-

ilities planning committee, one question has been whether to renovate the 1948 structure to address shortcomings or simply build a new school. That committee ultimately recommended the board of education approve a property tax increase to fund new construction. After months of debate and sharing information, the board voted June 1 to approve a 6-cent increase to the school levy.

The \$8 million overall plan

would build a new high school and renovate the vacated school for middle-schoolers. It would also tear down the portion of CCMS built just after World War II and renovate the eighth-grade wing for a new central office.

Few opponents to the so-called "recallable nickel" construction tax have argued junior high students do not need an updated building. But many have urged the five-member board of education to

forgo the burden on property owners to erect a new school over modernizing CCMS.

"I've lived in this county soon be 90 years," said Beverly Herrin to the board at the June 1 tax hearing. "I'm for you repairing the school, but I'm sure against building a new one. A building should last 100 years."

But in Thomas' letter to Clark to help explain why

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To download the letter from the school architect regarding CCMS renovations, visit <https://goo.gl/UGRvBW>.

Turning off technology



PHOTO BY BLAKE SANDLIN, THE PRESS

Michael Tanner records his thoughts Monday evening in an untraditional way for today's youth, with pencil and paper. Crawford is one of dozens of children enjoying a technology-free week at the Hurricane Youth Camp near Tolu. Not a lot has changed since the non-denominational, biblical-based camp meeting started in 1888.

Campers turn to face time over FaceTime

By **BLAKE SANDLIN**
STAFF WRITER

Children between the ages of 8 and 18 spend nearly eight hours daily on digital devices, according to a study by the Kaiser Foundation. But not this week at Hurricane Youth Camp near Tolu.

That's because directors ban all electronic devices for campers and counselors alike. Hurricane Camp Meeting is in its 129th year and its accompanying youth camp offers young people in third through eighth grade the chance to grow closer to God and fellowship with

friends in a remote location free from the distraction of digital devices.

Mandy Gardner is a co-director of the camp and is in her 20th year serving. The decision to enact the rule years ago, Gardner said, was to rid campers of outside distractions so they could focus on building relationships with those around them.

"We just take (phones) away so that they ... can actually focus on having fun here and doing what we're doing: learning about the Lord

and listening to what's going on and participating in activities," Gardner said.

She said kids know what to expect when they sign up for camp, and there has been a general consensus in response to the rule.

"Mostly, they've all been pretty positive about it," Gardner said. "They don't care to give their phone up. They know that at any time they can call their parents if they need

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County fair will be without carnival again

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Lions Club Fair will start Saturday, July 29 with a car show and truck and tractor pulls and will culminate Saturday with the crowd-pleasing demolition derby. In between, fairgoers may notice a few holes.

The eight-day event will offer much of the same local residents have come to love and expect - events, 4-H exhibits, goat and pet shows, etc. - but for the second year, the typical midway rides and games will be missing. Last

year, the carnival promoter didn't show, leaving Lions Club officials scrambling at the last minute to come up with an alternative. Inflatables, games and even a mechanical bull were brought in to fill the void.

This year, the club opted early on to go with inflatables and other side entertainment for families and children.

"The reason is due to the very high cost of getting rides," said Natalie Parish,

Lions treasurer and fair co-chair. "This is not a problem just in our community but many across the Midwest."

Though the absence of the tilt-a-whirl and Ferris wheel were disappointing to some, Parish said last year's Plan B seemed to work out well and even received compliments. She said large carnivals like the one used at next week's Union County fair cost more than the Lions Club can make during the entire fair week.

Crittenden County Fair

July 29-Aug. 5

Main events during the week will include six beauty pageants, including Miss Crittenden County and rodeo style horse racing. No nighttime events are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday of the fair.

The main event schedule for the fair follows:
- Saturday, July 29: Truck and tractor pulls, car show.
- Sunday, July 30: Mrs./Ms., Little Mr. and Miss, and newborn-to-4 pageants.
- Monday, July 31: Miss Pre-teen and Teen pageants.
- Tuesday, Aug. 1: Miss

Crittenden County pageant.

- Wednesday, Aug. 2: No event.

- Thursday, Aug. 3: No event.

- Friday, Aug. 4: Jackpot barrel and pole show and horse racing.

- Saturday, Aug. 5: Demonstration Derby.

All main events start at 7 p.m., except Sunday's pageants, which start at 3 p.m. Children 5 and under enter all events free of charge, with adult entry ranging from \$5 for pageants, \$12 for the pulls and \$10 for the derby.

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City law prohibits early, late fireworks

STAFF REPORT

Independence Day is still 19 days, but fireworks in Marion and in other areas have been selling for a couple of weeks now.

That means the snap, crackle and boom of the pyrotechnics are already filling the air. But inside the City of Marion, residents are urged to follow the municipal ordinance on use of fireworks. The law inside the city restricts the use of fireworks to between the hours of noon and 10 p.m. June 27 through July 5, save the Fourth of July when

Marion fireworks ordinance

Shooting fireworks is illegal inside the city outside of:

June 27-July 5
noon to 10 p.m.

Fourth of July
noon to 11 p.m.

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Fireworks at Tolu set for July 1

STAFF REPORT

The annual fireworks display at Tolu will be the Saturday ahead of Independence Day. Whether you choose to make it an all-day affair or arrive at sunset, there's a little something for everyone.

Slated for July 1, the event draws thousands to the river community to watch one of the largest Fourth of July celebrations in the region. Fireworks begin at dusk, but the gathering starts much earlier in the day, allowing for several hours of socializing, fun and entertainment

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Burglar gets 8 years; trial set for accused child rapist

STAFF REPORT

A 20-year-old Marion man was sentenced to eight years in prison for his involvement in three local burglary and theft cases; and Circuit Judge Rene Williams also revoked his probation for a prior felony conviction. Coy McDowell was sentenced to a total of 13 years, but will likely only serve six months. He will be eligible for shock probation at that time and Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell indicated in court last week that he would not oppose probation after McDowell serves 180 days in jail. McDowell pleaded guilty

CIRCUIT COURT

last week in circuit court to stealing an ATV from a home on Arleen Street and other items from a home on North Maple Street and a commercial storage facility on Cherry Street. Last fall, McDowell was convicted of manipulating an ATM machine at Farmers Bank in order to credit his account with non-existent deposits. For that, he received a five-year diverted sentence. The new convictions breached terms of his probation and therefore, Mc-

Dowell was revoked. - Luther Burton, 48, of Marion was sentenced to two years on a single charge of trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine). Court records indicate that Burton was charged by the Kentucky State Police DESI West unit. He sold meth to a cooperating witness on Sept. 20 of last year. Burton is already serving a 20-year prison sentence on other drug and felony offenses from Caldwell and Hopkins counties. The prison term on this latest conviction will run consecutive to the time he is already serving.

- Jeffrey M. Gernigan, 27, of Marion was formally sentenced to five years in prison for failing to pay child support. His probation was revoked last month after the court determined that Gernigan had absconded while on parole. He had not reported to his probation officer since December and his whereabouts was unknown for several months. - James. E. Smith Jr., 65, of Marion was sentenced to two five-year prison terms on convictions for first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (hydrocodone). Court records indicate that the

Kentucky State Police DESI West unit brought the charges after Smith sold 40 pills to cooperating witnesses on two occasions in August and September of last year. The terms will run concurrent. - April McKenzie, 33, of Marion received a one-year sentence for an amended charge of second-degree fleeing or evading police and a number of other traffic charges stemming from a 2016 indictment. McKenzie was fined for reckless driving, failure to wear a seat belt having expired registration plates. She got jail terms of 90 days for driving

on a suspended license and 30 days for not having vehicle insurance. - Brandon J. Piper, 29, of Marion was sentenced to two years and one day on a felony charge of third-degree burglary and 30 days for misdemeanor third-degree criminal mischief. Piper broke into Henry and Henry Monument Co. last July and stole \$50 from the office. - Judge Williams set an Oct. 16 trial date for a 33-year-old Marion man accused of raping a young girl. Donald James Morris remains held on a \$100,000 cash bond in Crittenden County Detention Center.

Grand jury indicts 2

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted two individuals on felony charges last week. A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely decides whether enough evidence exists to prosecute a case in circuit court. - Scott A. Davis, 49, of Marion was indicted on a Class C felony charge of being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun and misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. Court records indicate that Kentucky State Trooper Darron Holliman was assisting probation and parole officers conducting a followup investigation on March 17 at a residence where the defendant was

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staying. Inside, officers found two handguns, pot and paraphernalia. - Joseph Paul Bentowski, 34, of Paducah was indicted on a charge of being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun. Police reports indicate that the defendant was found by Deputy Ray Agent passed out at 11 p.m., behind the wheel of a vehicle at the intersection of Ky. 70 and Ky. 855 North in Frances. On his lap was a pistol, according to the police report. The deputy arrested Bentowski on an active criminal warrant out of Union County and later learned that he was a convicted felony, thus the local charges.

What's your opinion?

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LETTERS

Regionals at park required volunteer hours to pull off

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for its assistance in hosting the 2nd Region Baseball Tournament late last month at Marion-Crittenden County Park's Gordon B. Guess Field. Having an event like this requires a great deal of volunteer help. The Crittenden County Athletic Department would like to especially thank Marion Tourism Commission and Crittenden County Detention Center for their assistance.

I would also like to call attention to an incident that impressed me and many others. While the detention center inmates were helping with the tournament, they found a wallet full of cash. The wallet was promptly turned in to tournament officials who located the rightful owner. We know that having so many out-of-town visitors at the park over a three-day period created some discomfort for normal park users. We appreciate your patience while the baseball tournament was going on.

Angela Starnes
CCHS Athletic Director
Marion, Ky.

Feeling edgy? Put the smartphone down

If necessity is the mother of invention, I'm not sure why we have things like social media and smartphone apps that encourage you to lick your screen. (Seriously, Lick the Icicle has people "melting" ice on phones with their tongue.) Technology has advanced to the point of negative return on our investment, particularly when it comes to the devices we hold in our hand. For every minute a smartphone saves us from asking another human being for directions to the nearest beach, it takes five minutes from us scrolling through Facebook. For every phone call texting saves us, we send 10 text messages back and forth to say what putting the machine to our ear would have taken 2 minutes. For every dollar we save shopping for shoes on Amazon, we pay \$5 to order something we pre-



Daryl K. TABOR
Press editor
My 2¢ Worth

viously didn't even know existed. Smartphones will most likely be the downfall of human civilization...at least in the First World. Third World countries may not have clean water to drink, but they waste zero time watching silly cat videos and "liking" clever memes on social media that bash the Left or the Right. Take your pick. Kudos to Hurricane Camp, where life is stripped down for a few days to the most basics for kids so that they can experience something much more valuable than a 287-day Snap Streak. There are no cell phones, TVs, internet, video games or most any other technology. They learn about God. And they learn a new face time – that's lowercase, two words – that requires no battery. The technology we hold in our hands is killing us, liter-

ally. I'm not even talking about distracted driving. "60 Minutes" explored this Sunday. Apparently, studies show the level of anxiety in some people tied to their smartphones begins to rise after 15 or 20 minutes if they're not checking the 21st century idiot box, a term reserved for TV in the previous century. And if it's not anxiety over our phone being out of reach, its apprehension due to endless social media posts about crime, death, illness and politics. Or maybe it's angst over how others seem to be living it up when we toil day and night without getting ahead. Anxiety takes a toll on the body, spirit and mind. It leads to a loss of appetite and sex drive. Headaches, insomnia, muscle tension, palpitations, dizziness, numbness of the extremities and excessive sweating can be brought on by anxiety as the body's fight-or-flight reaction kicks in. If the physical reactions

don't scare you, remind yourself that as anxiety rises, panic attacks may occur. And fear of those panic attacks compounds the disorder. Anxiety can also lead to clinical depression. You really don't want any part of that. Internet technology is geared to hook us. As the CBS news magazine revealed, Silicon Valley wants us addicted to their hardware and apps. It has, frankly, become a dependency as dangerous to our health as long-term use of alcohol or drugs. It socially retards us and dulls our minds. A longtime friend asked me just the other to imagine what our world would be like if we all had to live without smartphones for a month. Let me Google that, and I'll get back to you. (Editor's note: Daryl K. Tabor is editor of The Crittenden Press. His column appears in this newspaper periodically. He can be reached at (270) 965-3191 or thepress@the-press.com.)



SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Summer Reading puts attentions on building

The Summer Reading Program at Crittenden County Public Library kicked off last week, educating preschool to sixth-grade children's minds to a world of books and knowledge. This year's theme, Building a Better World, had children building bridges and a marble run in the first week. Seventy-one children are enrolled in the five-week program led by Youth Services Librarian Kathleen Guess. Above, Samuel Powell (left) and Benjamin Potter are in the early stages of their design connecting two books, while at left, Emme Lynch (left) and Lacey Boone work on a suspension bridge.

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I'd like to thank anyone who attended, helped or contributed to the Carrsville Car Show. See you next year!

Connie Suits



PHOTO BY BLAKE SANDLIN, THE PRESS
Hurricane Youth Camp participants Seth Blackburn (left) and Avery Thompson have agreed, like all campers this week, to trade social media for more rudamentary interaction like a game of washers.

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something or anything like that.”

Campers like 13-year-old Kenlee McDaniel have seen the devastating effects of excessive screen time in their home life.

“I feel like at home, even though I’m spending time with my family and stuff, I honestly feel like I’m on my phone a lot more than I should be. So it’s a distraction for me from getting to spend time with my family,” McDaniel said.

Hurricane Camp’s rule gives McDaniel the opportunity to connect with people she wouldn’t interact with otherwise.

“I think it gives us more time to communicate with each other face-to-face because now all we do is text each other,” McDaniel said.

Texting is the least of 14-year-old Leah Fritz’s problems this week, as she has adjusted well to life without screens, using her spare time to grow in her faith.

“I don’t have to worry about incoming messages or any-

thing,” Fritz said. “I usually get on Pinterest and look up things to do, but here, I’m able to let my imagination go, and I can focus more on God.”

Since arriving Monday, campers have found ways to compensate for their lack of digital entertainment. Card games have now become a placeholder for Instagram and a game of washers substituting hours spent online playing Minecraft.

Nevertheless, some campers are coping differently. Some children, and even counselors, have gone as far as to give their Snapchat login details to friends in hopes they will keep their Snapchat “streaks” alive during their stint at camp.

Jake Ellington is serving in his third year as a counselor. He said his brother, a camper at Hurricane, asked him to smuggle his phone away and let him use it at night to help satisfy his withdrawals over the week.

“When we were kids, I don’t remember anyone being mad about it because it wasn’t a big deal,” Ellington said. “But now, it definitely bothers some of the kids, especially the girls. It drives them crazy.”

Another counselor, Noah Sallin, has experienced the camp from both the perspective of the camper and the counselor, and said keeping the camp phone-free helps everyone remember why they’re truly there for.

“It definitely gives you one focus. That one focus should be God,” Sallin said. “Getting to better know him with no distractions and to have more time with your friends outside probably was my favorite time when I was (a camper), just being outside with my friends socializing.”

While mobile apps like Snapchat and FaceTime will play a major role in the way our society communicates for the foreseeable future, a face-to-face conversation, the original FaceTime, will last forever.



PHOTO BY BLAKE SANDLIN, THE PRESS

Read and feed

Heather Mullinix and Matthew Scheer enjoy lunch over a couple of children’s books Monday at Frances Presbyterian Church. The children’s meal was courtesy of the federal Summer Food Service Program administered by Crittenden County Schools during the month of June. Holly White, community educator for the school system, said food services staff have been preparing lunches for about 50 children each weekday serviced at several distribution points throughout the county. When school lets out, millions of low-income children lose access to the school meals and healthy afterschool snacks they receive during the regular school year. According to “Hunger Doesn’t Take a Vacation,” a new report from the Food Research & Action Center that ranks all 50 states and the District of Columbia, Kentucky has made progress toward closing the summer meal gap. The Bluegrass State had the third largest increase in children served summer meals and moved in the national rankings on the indicator from 49 to 47. The schedule for local Monday-through-Friday lunch distribution in June is 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.

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before dark.

People will begin converging on Tolu Community Center and at the homes of friends and family early that

afternoon. Concessions will go on sale beginning at 4 p.m. and run through the fireworks display. Ann Deboe, one of this year’s organizers, said there will be raffles and a live band leading up to the first rockets’ red glare.

The growing event has pushed crowd estimates to as high as 10,000. And while parking will be at a premium, Deboe said volunteers will try to keeps things running smoothly.

“We have guys signed up to try to help with parking,”

she said.

Garry Croft has allowed the use of a field across Ky. 135 from the community center for supplemental parking.

In the event of rain, the fireworks display will be rescheduled for a later date this year.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

CASA opens house

The CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Program of Hopkins, Webster, and Crittenden Counties had an official open house and ribbon cutting ceremony May 25 at its office at the historic courthouse in Madisonville. On hand were many of the agency’s board members and volunteers as well as supporters from other organizations. Pictured are staff, board members and volunteers (from left) Natalie Cooper, Lee Lingo of the Regional Hopkins County-Madisonville Chamber of Commerce, Debbie Winstead, Matt Sanderson, board secretary Marceia Ellis, Katherine Jury, Kay Hawkins, board Chairman Chris Cook, CASA Executive Director Daphyne Maddox, Karley Holt, Donna Bumpus, Pam Hunter and Betty Sell. CASA helps children and families deal with issues that land them in front of a circuit court judge.

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they can be used an hour later. It is also illegal to shoot them within 200 feet of any structure, vehicle or person.

There is no such ordinance in the county, according to Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, so restrictions on fireworks are limited to being a courteous neighbor and responsible adult.

Three years ago, Marion City Council repealed an ordinance from the early 1970s that prohibited the use of fireworks in the city. Lifting the restriction has offered residents reason to celebrate around the holiday, but it has been less than music to the ears of neighbors awakened by booms late into the night and into the wee hours of morning.

In Marion, the penalty for violating the fireworks ordinance can be up to \$250, per Kentucky statute. But City Administrator Adam Ledford, who has been in local government for many years in Sac City, Iowa, and in Marion

since December, said authorities responding to complaints or observing fireworks outside of prescribed times, regardless of the location, typically offer a wide berth to violators before issuing citations.

"In most cases, regardless of which enforcement practice is used, the end result is a verbal warning, which would be why you have seen little in the way of formal action," he said. "I am satisfied with Marion's ordinance from the standpoint it seems to be consistent with what I always assumed was the normal approach or practice."

For those who would like to see more done to curb unneighborly practices around Independence Day, Ledford said the city council would need to offer that direction.

"If anyone feels the current practice is too soft, the enforcement practice could be moved to strict enforcement, which would include charges indiscriminately upon an investigation or observation that finds violation," he said.

Recalling an high-profile fireworks incident in Florida a couple of years ago that sev-

erly injured the hand of New York Giants defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul, Ledford said communities can benefit from a heightened awareness to the risks and restrictions associated with fireworks.

"I think educating the public on the dangers of fireworks and the terms of the city's ordinance for legal use are a great way to improve things," Ledford said.

Pet concerns

Crittenden County Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd says this time of year always makes his job a little tougher. He advises pet owners to keep careful watch over their animals, particularly dogs, whose keen hearing makes them easily susceptible to being frightened by fireworks and running away. He said the animal shelter received almost 30 calls about missing dogs around this time last year.

"A lot of them are just afraid of that boom, boom," he said, adding that owners should bring their pets inside or keep them penned or on a leash when the fireworks start to prevent them from fleeing.

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Area Deaths

Cruce

Robert Carl Cruce, 72, of Madisonville died Sunday, May 28, 2017 at Baptist Health in Madisonville.

He was born Dec. 18, 1944 in Detroit, Mich., to the late Charlie Cruce and Agnes Miller Cruce. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Love Cruce; two sisters, Wilma Shackelford and Brenda Crisp and a son-in-law, Eric Willis.

He was retired from Speed Queen.

Surviving are three daughters, Vicky Patterson of Panama City, Fla., Lisa Willis of Marion and Teri Bell of Madisonville; a sister, Barbara (Harland) Pryor of Nebo; seven grandchildren, Derek Patterson, Kyle Patterson, Kameron Patterson, Larissa Patterson, Bryce Willis, Jayden Willis and Travis Morgan; and a great-grandchild, Wesley Patterson.

Services were Sunday, June 4 at White's Chapel Cemetery in Marion with Bro. Jimmy Sigler officiating.

Agent

Jerry Glen Agent, 78, of Marion died Thursday, June 8, 2017 at Crittenden Hospital.

He attended Lola Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include his sons, Glen and Aaron Agent both of Brook, Ind.; daughter, Kim Wilcox of Brook, Ind.; brothers, Billy and Robert Harris both of Brook; and Denny and Tommy Harris, both of Salem; four sisters, Irma Springs and Faye Baker both of Salem; and Evelyn Orendoff of Arizona and Carolyn Mendez of California; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude Albert and Estell Agent; four sisters and four brothers.

Services were Monday, June 12 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Whites Chapel Cemetery.

Bebout is tapped to head Christian health department

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County native Kayla Bebout has been named public health director for the Christian County Health Department in Hopkinsville.

Bebout has most recently been serving as the finance administrator for the Pennyriple District Health Department headquartered in Eddyville. She will assume her new role as the director of the Christian County Health Department later this month. Christian is the state's 11th largest county.

Bebout, 33, has a Master of Business Administration degree from Bethel University in McKenzie, Tenn., and an undergraduate degree in administration from Murray State. She is a 2001 graduate of Crittenden County High School.



Bebout

Cowan

Harry Lee "Squeaky" Cowan, 74, of Sturgis died Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at his home.

He was a retired coal miner, a U.S. Air Force veteran and loved to fly model airplanes. He built drag racing cars and raced often at the Sturgis Drag Strip. He won the 1967 Drag Championship in Haubstadt, Ind.

Surviving are his wife of more than 49 years, Joann Cowan of Sturgis; two daughters, Jennifer Byerley and husband Tom of Indianapolis, Ind., and Angela Vance and husband Mike of Nashville, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, Justin and Zach Byerley, Cody, Courtney and Clay House, Devon and Dalton Cowan and Kylie Barker; a sister, Mary Lou Sizemore of Mattoon; and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Melba and Judith Cowan; a daughter, Brady Lee Cowan Gordan; and a son, Jason Stewart Cowan.

Services were Thursday, June 8 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis with Bro. Roger Courtney officiating. Memorials may be made to St. Anthony's Hospice.

Meadors

Theresa Jane Meadors, 57, of Marion died Monday, June 12, 2017 at Crittenden Hospital.

Surviving are her mother, Sue Beavers; four children, Zach Stalion, Cody Stalion, Casey Jenkins and Nicole Shuecraft, all of Marion; and a sister, Tina Brewer of Madisonville. She was preceded in death by her father, Roy Fox; and brothers, Jeff Fox and Hollis Fox.

Graveside services were Wednesday, June 13, 2017 at Mapleview Cemetery.

Cox

Minos Cox, 95, of Fredonia died Monday, June 12, 2017 at Baptist Health Paducah.

He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church in Draffenville and was a retired farmer. He served 24 years on the Caldwell County Board of Education, many of those as chairman, and served 24 years on the board of directors for Farm Credit Services. He was involved in several community services, was a U.S. Marines veteran, being one of the county's oldest World War II veterans. In the war, he helped the American forces take the island of Iwo Jima.

Surviving are his wife of 76 years, Launa Edwards Cox; a daughter, Nancy Hunter and husband Garrett of Cynthiana, Ky.; a daughter-in-law, Peggy Cox of Fredonia; two sons, Dennis Cox and wife Terry of Fredonia and Keith Cox and wife, Vicky of Fredonia; a sister, Mary Green of Fredonia; 11 grandchildren, Libby Cox, Keile Phillips, Loren Vest, Mallory Hunter, Denise Haywood, Amy Holt, Amanda Mayer, Sara Plum, Steven Cox, Susan Baker and Cheryl Baker; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sammy Joseph and Georgia Pearl Cates Cox; a son, Glenn Cox; two sisters, Ann Jean Story and Marcell Shumaker; and a brother, John Cox.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday, June 15 at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m., Friday at the funeral home with Rev. Edgar Paschall officiating, assisted by Rev. Jamie Baker. Burial will follow at the Fredonia Cemetery with military rites.

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Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce recently recognized Glenn's on Main, a local restaurant completing a year in business in downtown Marion. Pictured here presenting the Chamber's First Dollar Award are (from left) Chamber Executive Secretary Susan Alexander, Chamber Director Angel Henry, Chamber President Randa Berry, Chamber Director Elizabeth Floyd; restaurant owner Glenn Conger, Chamber Director Holly White, Chamber Director Elliot West and Chamber Treasurer Todd Perryman.

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Clementsburg ends with dreamers' death

Our story begins in the early 1800s when Isham Clement and his wife, Sally Rudd, came from Virginia to this area and purchased land in the south-western part of what would become Crittenden County. This area was later to be named View. They had a two-story home near the intersection of Reiter View Road and Mexico Road.

If you are familiar with this area, you will remember the old silo that is still standing, which is located

not far from where the Clement homepage stood. Isham and Sally lived and raised their family here. They are buried in the old Isham Clement Cemetery, which was located not too far from their home. The home has been gone for many years, and the family cemetery was totally destroyed by later owners of the property.

You will only find reminders that this early pioneer family lived here by the graves of some of the family members who are buried in the old abandoned Fred Clement Cemetery located in a wooded area on Reiter View Road.

One of Isham and Sally's sons, John Rudd Clement, an industrious and speculative young man, realized that the river was an important part of the county. The river was the best way to ship and receive goods, so he decided to purchase about 1,500 acres on the Ohio River. He had big dreams of a thriving riverport town being there one day.

John Rudd Clement married Sarah Hughes in 1834 and built a two-room log home on his property near the Ohio River.

John was a surveyor and he surveyed several of the old roads around the area of Fords Ferry and Weston.

On June 13, 1842, he was appointed surveyor of that part of the public road leading from his warehouse on the Ohio River to where the road intersects Flynn's old road. With the help of Joseph Hughes, Matthew Hughes, Benjamin Hughes, James Hughes, William Heath, Samuel Heath, Robert Heath, J.C. Beal, John Beal and Joab Beal, they were to keep the road in repair.

By 1843, John had acquired 2,000 acres of land along the Ohio River. During

these years, he was dreaming his dream, a dream of a new town on the Ohio by the name of Clementsburg, a town that he had created.

On March 13, 1843, at a county court meeting, officials were agreeable with him in regard to laying off and establishing a town on his land at his warehouse on the Ohio River in the county.

"It is therefore ordered by the court that the following bounding of land including said Clement's Warehouse on the Ohio River be laid off in lots and streets by the trustees hereafter named and appointed for that purpose," documents read.

The trustees named were: Joseph Hughes, William Hughes Jr., Christopher Cook, Alexander Dean and Levy Yeaky.

"After the trustees return to court a plan with streets and alleys as they may deem practicable and it is further ordered that said town be and is hereby established and the land described be vested in said trustees according to law and the town be forever known by the name of Clementsburg," the official motion read.

As the surveying and plans were being made and written, Clement took further roots in his land by building a large wooden frame home in addition to his two-room log cabin. This was done in 1847.

About this same time, John and Sarah lost a child, Coseusco Clement. He was just over a year old when he died Jan. 9, 1847. Not far from the home, a small family cemetery was made for the burial of their child. In a few years time, John Rudd, plus several more of their young children would be buried here.

On Dec. 4, 1850, Clement submitted his plans involving a 137-acre lot, which included the site of his home, to the Crittenden County Clerk, and five days later, it was duly filed. (Deed Book B, Page 838 is the Clementsburg town plot.)

John continued dreaming his dream and developing plans for the city that was to bear his name. He established a ferry, continued to help survey roads for himself and others and owned and ran a sawmill.

Then in April of 1858, while working at his sawmill,

John was hurt in a terrible accident and injured his legs. To save his life, they had to amputate both his legs. The only thing that was available for pain was whiskey, which was given to him in excess, and he died from it. He died April 28, 1858, and was laid to rest in the family cemetery with two of his children.

Sarah, his wife, died a few years later and was buried in the cemetery with John, and three more of their children. Sarah doesn't have a stone, or if she did, it has been lost over the years.

Some of the family members continued to live here, but the town didn't grow and John Rudd Clement's dream of a big town died with him. Perhaps if he had lived out his life, he would have formed the beginnings and carried out his dream of an important town.

The elements also took their toll of the dream. The house became weather-beaten over the years and the family moved out. In 1937, the Ohio River flooded the surrounding area and the final decay of the home-stead began.

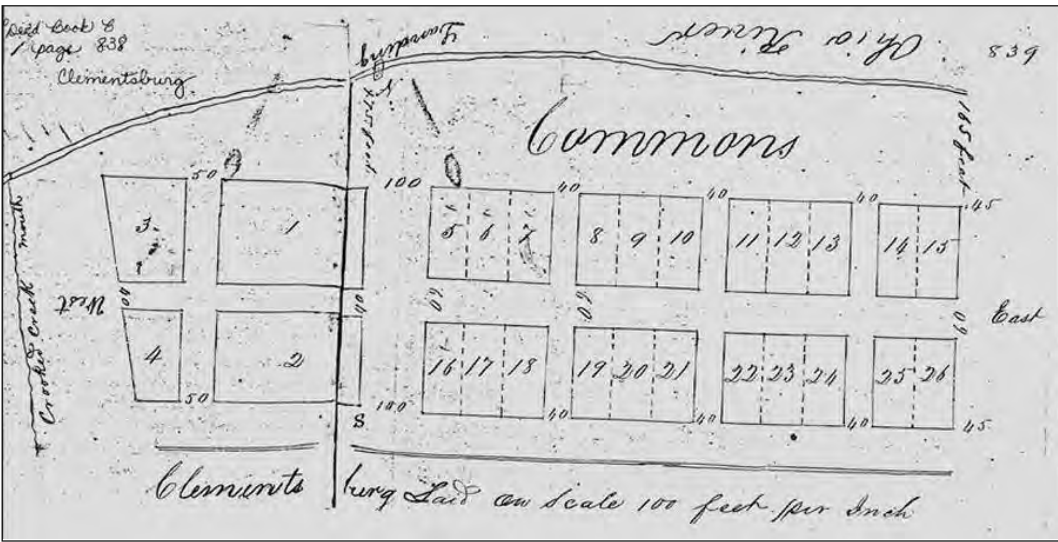
All that remains of what once was to be a city are ruins of the Clements' home, which are the stone chimneys, garden plots now overgrown, and the little family cemetery nearby.

This area that was once Clementsburg is within eyesight of the Dam 50 area. As you pass the stone markers entering Dam 50, it is to the left, across the creek and on the little knoll facing the river. It is located on private property.

The late Mr. Thomas Tucker loved to talk about Clementsburg and the Clement family. They were cousins of his through the Nunn side of his family. The picture of John Clement's home was shared by Mr. Tucker.

Also located on what was always known as the Dam 50 Road, now Ky. 387, is the beautiful old home known as Eulanda. It has close ties to John Rudd Clement and Clementsburg. One of John Rudd and Sarah's sons that lived to adulthood was John Randolph Clement.

On Aug. 8, 1859, an agreement was written out for the building of this home. It reads: "Known all by these presence that I, John Fowler, do agree to get the timber for a house 46 by 18 feet, also an 18-foot room, also timbers for a porch extending along the main building, ell room; also a portico in front; and also to frame and



At top, the plot map for the new town of Clementsburg was drawn up in December 1850. It is on file in the Crittenden County Courthouse. At middle, the once large home that was built for John R. Clement's family in 1847 sat on a small knoll overlooking the Ohio River. It would be the center of the new town Clementsburg. At bottom, Eulanda, the beautiful county home that once was built by John Randolph Clement, is pictured in 2008.

finish up said house in good plain workmanship, ready for receiving plastering or lathing for the same making frames for six doors and seven windows, hang doors, put on the locks, put in the window sash, making good water seeps over doors and windows, lay the floors, put up washboard, and chairboards, make and put up three mantle pieces of good plain work, finishing the porch and portico in good plain style for which I, J.R. Clement, agree to pay the said Fowler, the sum of \$150 when the work in done or completed."

One of Mr. Clement's four children was a daughter, Eula, who lived in the house and later inherited the property. She was born in 1882 and lived in the home almost up to the time of her death on June 29, 1974.

Miss Eula was a second cousin to Mr. Tucker through the Nunn side of her family. He began caring for her following a 1948 accident in which she broke her hip. She fell in the hog lot behind the house late one afternoon and lay there all night. The accident was in the dead of winter and one of her sows, Betsy, cuddled up to her and kept her warm until she was found the next morning. She cared for her hogs as they were her pets. She had names for all of them.



It was at this time Eula agreed to deed the property to Thomas if he would care for her and keep the place up, and she was to live in the house until her death.

Soon after Thomas and Ethel started helping her with the four-room cabin-style house. They tried to make the house more comfortable for her, adding water, gas heat and a phone as soon as they could get one. Walls and ceilings were insulated and the home was underpinned.

After Miss Clement died in 1974, a major renovation and expansion project at the house was started and completed in 1981 when Thomas and Ethel added two bedrooms, two baths, a basement, central air and heat. They used the beautiful county home as a summer residence.

The Tuckers loved the home and Ethel told me once that Thomas would have loved to live there permanently, but as they were getting older and weren't able to

care for it as it should be, they sold the home and its antique furnishings at an auction in 1989.

I found it interesting to learn that the father, John Rudd Clement, and son, John Randolph Clement, both met their deaths from timber-related accidents. Father John Rudd's was the accident at his sawmill, and then on March 9, 1894, John Randolph met with a shocking accident when he received injuries to his head while prying stumps from his meadow. John Randolph Clement is buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery along with his wife, Feliciana Desdemona "Dezzie" Nunn Clement. Their daughter, Miss Eula Clement, is buried at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

(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.)

Man sleeping in car arrested

STAFF REPORT

A local man who sought public office in 2010 is facing felony drug charges after police found him asleep behind the wheel of a vehicle at Ideal Convenience Center early Sunday morning.

According to the police report, Patrolman George Foster was dispatched to the gas station at 6 a.m. There, he found 35-year-old Travis Sosh inside a vehicle which was running in the parking lot yet setting near Sturgis Road. The window was down and the patrolman noted in

the citation that he observed half of a white pill, white powder and the operator's driver's license next to the powder on the center console of the vehicle.

Foster awakened Sosh and noted that his speech was slurred, eyes red and that the suspect was having trouble maintaining balance once outside the vehicle.

Inside the vehicle, police allege that they found methamphetamine, hydrocodone and a pipe.

A field sobriety test was administered and police re-

quested a blood test, which was taken.

Sosh is charged with DUI first offense, two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Court records indicate that Sosh has similar drug charges pending in Caldwell County.

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Ark encounter requires reading

For Christians, a tour of Noah's Ark isn't the holy grail, but it should be close, right? Next to a trip to Jerusalem, it ought to be on everyone's bucket list.

Our church took a youth group last week to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum, both just south of Cincinnati in northern Kentucky. It's a pilgrimage I would suggest for believers and skeptics alike. I will have to say, however, both require some maturity to get the full effect.

Not going to say I was disappointed, but I am not sure young children are capable of taking in all that's available. Maybe that's okay, too, but I sure wish it was easier for youngsters to get a real charge.

The Kentucky ark, a replica of the Bible's descrip-

tion of Noah's vessel that saved humankind from a global flood some 4,000 years ago, is a sight to behold. The sheer size alone is fascinating. Your best imagination is feebly incapable of understanding how long 300 cubits really is. Genesis provides a detailed blueprint for the ark, but to behold its enormity in person is quite a treat.

The ark and museum are at separate locations about 45 minutes apart. Set aside the better part of a day to see each one, and if possible go during the week when the crowd is more tolerable.



Chris EVANS
Press publisher
About Town

Be prepared to read, read, read in order get your money's worth. The interpretative features are mostly text. There are some interactive features, but not many. The Creation Museum requires a more mature mind to grasp the concepts provided by textual passages on the tour.

For the children, the most exciting attraction may be the petting zoos with camels, goats and sheep. Save the camel, you avoid a four-plus-hour trip and just take the kiddos to Curt Buntin's farm at Sheridan to see these types of creations. Kids had a good time putting quarters into a dispenser to get a handful of dry feed for the penned animals.

The fudge they peddle as Uncle Somebody's inside the two facilities isn't the best



Marion United Methodist Church Youth Group went to the Ark last weekend.

and it's very expensive. Otherwise the food and beverages at the parks were good and very reasonably priced as were the souvenirs.

Adults and late teens will get more from either attraction than will your younger children. At least that's my take. We spent about four

hours at each place and to be honest, I could have stayed twice that long and probably still not had enough time to digest everything on the text-heavy interpretive features at both places.

If you go, the best thing is to remember they're not

amusement parks and accept the tours as walk-through lessons in Biblical history.

Not sure where the zip lines fit into the otherwise scripture-based tours, but they do a good job of distracting most from the main attraction.

Local Events & Outreach

- Emmanuel Baptist Church will host Backyard Bible School from 1-3 p.m., June 20-22 at a private home at 329 N. Walker St.
- New Union General Baptist Church in Lola will celebrate homecoming at 10:30 a.m., Sunday. Special singing will be presented by Brother Jerry Bradshaw. The homecoming service will conclude with the church providing a noon meal.
- Maranatha Baptist Church on Cedar Grove Road will host the monthly community singing at 6 p.m., Saturday. Refreshments will be served.
- Seven Springs Baptist Church with be hosting Shootin' Straight, Vacation Bible School, 5:30-7 p.m., June 21-23. For more information, call (270) 704-1106. There will be games, prizes, food & fun.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday.
- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall.
- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
- The clothes closet of First Baptist Church of Fredonia is open from 1 to 3 p.m. every Thursday at the church's Family Life Center.

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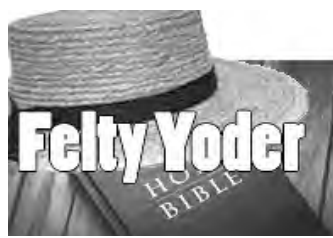
Saints are among us

BY FELTY YODER

In my younger years when I'd hear people talking about saints, and refer to their deeds, I'd get the impression that saints must be very Godly people, who perhaps had a special calling from God to serve and to minister to His people, and that not just anyone could be a saint even if he wanted to, that they may even be regarded as worthy of great reverence. The dictionary also implies that the church formally held a similar position.

However, from what we see in both the old and new testaments, we can learn that saints are common, just ordinary people who believe and trust in God. True, not all have the same gifts, and calling, for some are apostles, some prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. But we all have the same standing by God. None are to be venerated. "But be no ye called Rabbi; for one is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren." (Matt. 23:8)

Common people whose faith (believe in, adhere to, and rely upon) is in Christ, are the saints. Paul's letter to the Ephesians is addressed to the saints and the faithful in Christ Jesus. By these writings we can see we are blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly



places. To be blessed with spiritual blessing is a far greater glory than to be blessed with earthly blessing.

In the old Covenant God blessed the people with earthly blessings. Even today people are quite contented when they are blessed with earthly possessions. Being blessed with heavenly blessings, we are adopted as children of God by Jesus Christ. We have the forgiveness of sins through His blood, and have obtained an inheritance in the Kingdom of God. Not only do we have an inheritance, but He has a glorious inheritance in the saints. He has raised us up to sit together with Christ Jesus. He is able to do exceedingly, abundantly more that we ask for, or think about, through the power that works in us.

In the first three chapters of Ephesians we see that position the saints have in Christ Jesus. It is indeed a very great blessing, even though we may still be only babes in Christ. In chapter

4, Paul begins to give instructions on growing upward in our Christian life, because our life with Christ is an onward and an upward calling.

God wants His children to grow out of diaper stage and become mature members of the body of Christ. Therefore we are exhorted to keep the unity of the Spirit. The unity of the spirit is that we are in union with the Spirit. The unity of the faith is farther on. We have the five fold ministry for perfecting of the saints. "Till we all come in unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, unit a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." (Eph. 4:13) So that we no longer be carried away with various winds of doctrine.

God wants to develop the saints into who they are in Him, and not live contrary to the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus.

"For this you know, that no whoremonger nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolator, hath any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and of God." Ephesians 5:5.

(Editor's note: Felty Yoder, of the Salem area, shares his views periodically in this newspaper. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

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Wednesday: 6 p.m.

Pastor Charles Tabor

Fitzgerald now at naval training

Travis Fitzgerald, son of Ronnie and Tammy Fitzgerald of Marion, recently graduated from the U.S. Navy Recruit Training and Command in Great Lakes, Ill. Fitzgerald is a 2015 graduate of Crittenden County High School. Upon completion of his naval training, he is stationed at the Navy Nuclear Power Training Command in Charleston, S.C.



Fitzgerald

Calendar

- Crittenden County **Friends of the Library** will have their next regular meeting Thursday (today) at 6 p.m., in the meeting room at the Crittenden County Public Library.
- **Crittenden County High School SBDM** will meet at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday in the school conference room.
- The Crittenden County **committee organized to oppose the recallable nickel** for school construction will be at the Marion's City-County Park pavilion at 6 p.m., June 22. Petitions will be available for county residents wishing to sign. Just over 400 signatures are required to have the issue on the ballot.
- The **John B. Loftis and Mary T. Yates Loftis family reunion** will be held 11 a.m., June 25 at the Tolu Community Center. All friends and family are invited to attend. Bring a covered dish and any old photos. For information, call Jimmy or Johnny Watson, (270) 969-8145 or (270) 339-7378.
- **Descendants of James N. and Josephine (Bebout) Croft** and their children are invited to attend a family reunion from noon-4 p.m., Saturday, June 24 at Salem Baptist Church in Salem, Ky. Bring a dish to share and old photographs to display. For any questions please contact Tina Croft Culver (270) 816-5753 or Brenda Jerome (812) 453-9411.
- Anyone who has past or present ties to the community of Hampton, Ky. is 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 pictures and memories to share. Golf carts will be available. For more info, contact Rozann (Santella) Malcom, (270) 832-0680 or Tony Lasher, (270) 564-2314.
- **Pilot Knob Cemetery** is seeking donations to help keep the cemetery mowed this summer. For more information, call Reta Riley at (270) 704-2140.

Extension events

- **Diabetes Support Group** will meet at 10 a.m., Friday at the Extension Office. This group is open to anyone who has diabetes, a caretaker for someone with diabetes or to anyone interested in learning more about the disease, prevention and issues arising with this condition.
- The Extension Office staff will be presenting **information and fun games** for the kids about fresh vegetables from noon-4 p.m., Friday at the Imogene Stout Market on Main. Enjoy the farmers market and have a good time while you are doing it.
- **Quilt Club** will be enjoying an annual outing to Paducah June 22, stopping at the Quilt Museum and several fabric shops. Please register with the Extension Office by Monday if you plan to attend. Call (270) 965-5236. You do not have to be a member of the Quilt Club to attend.

Bad genes prompt determination, focus on healthy, positive attitude

“I’m not kiddin’ you!” Linda Defew really said. “You should write a story about your family and all their illnesses.” She said it every time I saw her. Being a nurse and a family friend, she knew our history. A paternal grandfather, maternal grandmother, uncle, dad, sister, brother, son, daughter and myself — all diagnosed with autoimmune diseases, each at a fairly young age. “You should be in the record books!” she would say in a half-joking manner. But, all joking aside, it was pretty mind-boggling. Good thing our family has a good sense of humor. Without it, coping would be much harder to do.

I researched autoimmune disease and found it is often passed down from one generation to the next. Over 25 million Americans live with it, 75 percent women. Diseases like rheumatoid arthritis, myasthenia gravis, asthma, thyroid disorder, ulcerated colitis and multiple sclerosis make life more challenging, but not impossible. Although they plague our family, that doesn’t make us unhealthy. In fact, my family tries even harder to live the healthiest lives we can to compensate for what has been taken from us.

What does the healthy side of autoimmune disease look like? It may be a mother going for a walk everyday with swollen painful knees and ankles; a woman pushing herself to keep going when her muscles are so weak she can hardly stand; a man doing his daily chores when breathing is a constant struggle; or, a young man depending on powerful medications so he can provide a living for his family. We admit it’s not always easy, but our lives are not on hold. Forging ahead takes

something deeper — a sense of purpose and determination. We focus on the health we do have, not what we don’t. If only we had had the foresight to know this was going to happen, we would have drawn straws, pooled our money and sent one of us to medical school. Then, we would have an insider studying what was going on here. But, as it was, we did our own unprofessional, yet enlightening research, and here’s what we found:

There are more than 80 types of autoimmune diseases, often clustering in families. The diseases are confusing even to the best of scientists. Blood cells meant to fight infection attack a perfectly healthy body as if it was sick. Instead of a normal immune response, the system over-reacts, setting off a variety of symptoms.

Autoimmune diseases are stubborn. Once the switch has been turned on, it’s almost impossible to turn it off. Medications help control them and sometimes even put them into remission, but, like a thief looking for the perfect opportunity, they are always ready to strike.

Finding the cause has challenged the best of medical science. Some evidence points to stress being the main culprit that triggers the reaction and our family has seen its share. Several other factors being studied include exposure to new germs, international travel, Vitamin D deficiency, excessive cleanliness and obesity.

Also, our DNA plays a major role. After hearing my family medical history, my doctor told me, “Since your maternal grandmother and your paternal grandfather had rheumatoid arthritis,

you were born with two strikes against you.”

In our family, the diseases each have their similarities as well as differences which have given us some degree of comfort. We’re never alone. We can always compare our symptoms and treatments. A smorgasbord of medications is available and we’ve tried them all. Some offer significant relief. But for us, that is not enough. We want to stop the bad genes in their persistent tracks before another loved one is hit.

So, what’s wrong with this family portrait? As we see it, our family is being picked on by a tirade of out-of-control genes. Choosing at least one family member out of each generation, they have waged war on us long enough. It has to be stopped. If this continues, our legacy won’t be about our active, positive lives, but about the continuing onslaught of diseases we’ve had to battle.

For now, we will continue to fight the enemy the only way we know how: Eating a balanced diet, exercising, getting adequate rest and reducing stress. The Bible tells us that a cheerful heart is good medicine. Our faith in God keeps us smiling while we endeavor to maintain a positive attitude.

The good news — scientists say autoimmune diseases most likely have a common cause as well as a common cure. So, if your family suffers from good genes gone bad, there is hope. In the meantime, try to be patient, support each other and keep your spirits up. Most of all – count your blessings. Then, when a medication is found to cure one of us, it might just cure us all!

(Editor’s note: Linda Defew is a freelance writer from Livingston County who has had numerous works published. Her column appears in this newspaper periodically.)



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Repeat trivia champs

The team of Le Smiths made it four in a row at Trivia Night Friday at Crittenden County Public Library. Teammates (from left) Glen Leslie, Todd Merrick, Brian Hodge, Kim Lanham Hinton and Michele Hodge outscored six other teams en route to the win. Merrick and the Hodges have won or shared the title as part of Team Smith in all four Trivia Nights hosted at the library since the event began in November. About three dozen people from all walks of life in the community, and a couple of out of state guests, crammed the meeting room Friday for two hours of trivia, fun, prizes and socializing. Trivia Night has steadily grown each time, and Family Trivia Night is tentatively planned for late next month. Children will be invited to join adults in answering an array of questions, including many that only they can answer.

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 hashbrown casserole with ham, lima beans, whole wheat roll and ambrosia. Blood pressure checks by Lifeline Home Health will be offered.
- Friday: Menu is chicken and dumplings, buttered broccoli, seasoned corn, Jell-O fruit salad and cornbread. Bingo will begin at 10:30 a.m.
- Monday: Menu is spaghetti with meatballs, spaghetti with noodles, roasted Brussels

sprouts, whole wheat garlic bread, fruit cocktail. Ladies exercise by Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

– Tuesday: Menu is chicken pot pie, baked potato with sour cream and margarine, green beans, whole wheat bread and Mandarin oranges. Legal aid will be offered at 10 a.m.

– June 21: Menu is ham and bean soup, hot spiced beets, buttered spinach, cornbread and pear crisp. 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 Pennyryle Allied Community Services. Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center.

Historical society elects officers

Crittenden County Historical Society’s board of directors will keep the same lineup and slate of officers for 2017-18.

On Monday, the nine-member board approved Brenda Underdown, Sarah Ford, Brennan Cruce and Daryl Tabor to be reelected for three-year terms. Officers elected were Underdown, president; Cruce, vice president; Rita Travis, treasurer; and Steve Eskew, secretary. Other directors include Barry Gilbert, Fay Carol Crider and Pat Carter.

The historical society in 2017 is celebrating its 50 anniversary. Its primary responsibility is operating the historical museum on East Bellville Street. It is funded by an annual grant from the Braxton McDonald Foundation, donations and annual membership dues of \$5 which can be obtained by

visiting the museum during regular business hours or mailing a check to P.O. Box 25, Marion, KY 42064.

The museum is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.



Attendance rewards

Six Crittenden County Elementary School students received quite the attendance reward on the last day of school, winning bicycles donated by the Masonic Lodge of Dycusburg and the Marion Order of the Eastern Star. Pictured from left with their bikes are Jayden Cotton, Brayden Poindexter, Landon Lanham, Bristyn Rushing, Hannah Mott and Adrienne James each won a bike through an annual drawing for students with perfect attendance. Making the presentation are Billy Martin, Kenny Woodall, Gordan L. Dickey, Barbara DeWitt and Emory DeWitt.



Woman’s Club earns awards
Nancy Hunt, President of the Woman’s Club of Marion, (center) accepts awards for the club at the state conference in Louisville last month. Presenting the awards are Susette Redwine (left), GFWC Kentucky State President, and Wendy Cariker, GFWC International Treasurer. Marion earned 100 percent on the state scorecard. First place in Art and Operation Smile; second place in Press Book and Woman’s History and Resource. Hunt also received second place in the club member short story contest.

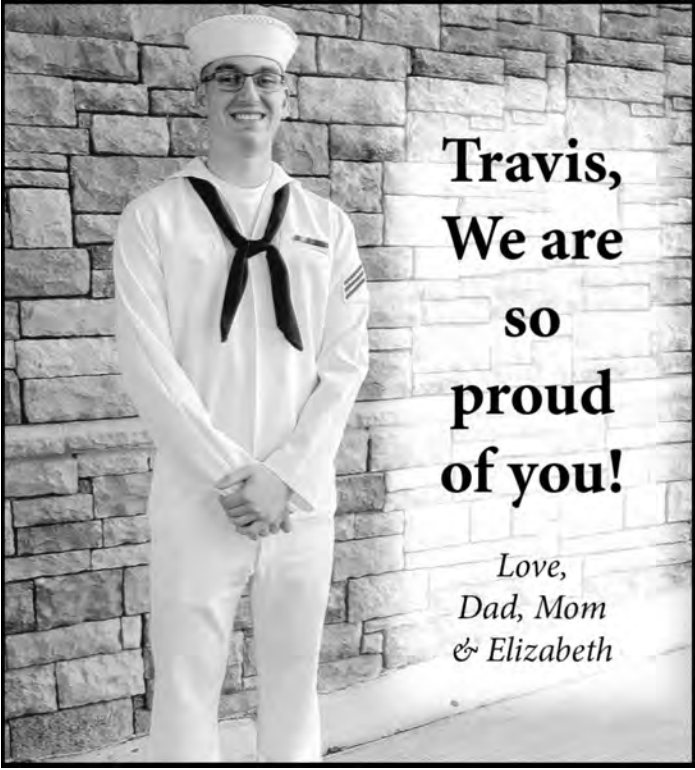
Princeton woman pens 2nd

Life’s Work Publishing has made available Princeton resident Sherry J. McGregor’s new novel, “No Angel of Mercy.”

A suspense thriller, this novel is full of unexpected twists, turns, revelations and surprises through a story about an evil antagonist obsessed with Sara when he discovers her high moral standards and true compassion that shine above anything he has ever known.

McGregor’s book is available on Amazon, Kindle and Barnes and Noble. It is available at The Cat’s Tale and Touch of Grace in Princeton and at Feagan’s Furniture in Fredonia.

A book signing is scheduled for July 1 at George Coon Public Library in Princeton.



Ramsey OK with Commonwealth name change

Former UK quarterback Derrick Ramsey, now the Kentucky Secretary of Labor, had some memorable wins at Commonwealth Stadium during his UK career. He has no problem with the name being changed to Kroger Field.



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist

Vaught's Views

"It's easy for me having been in that athletic director's seat (at Coppin State) to know it is really competitive to get dollars for your program. To be competitive from every angle, you have to take advantage of it," Ramsey said.

"Look at Florida? What is the name of the football stadium (Ben Hill Griffin Stadium)? It is called the Swamp. One family donated millions for the name and then (coach Steve) Spurrier in and called it the Swamp and that's all it is known as now. As a player, you just line up and play football and go win games. Names don't matter to you."

USA under 19 team

No reason was given for why Kentucky incoming freshman point guard Quade Green was not among the 28 players invited to try out for the USA under 19 team that will be coached by John Calipari.

Kentucky freshmen Hamidou Diallo, PJ Washington and Kevin Knox Jr. were invited to the tryouts later this month for the team that is scheduled to play in Egypt in early July.

Green's Philadelphia high school coach, Carl Arrigale, said he did not know why

Green was not on the tryout list because he had not talked to him since he reported to UK.

"I don't know if it was something UK did not want him to do or what," Arrigale said. "I thought he was excited about being on the team, but things change."

"I just know he had a great year for us. He had to do some different things for us and we asked him to do a lot of things for us

this year. He had to shoot the ball for us and he won't have to do that at UK as much. He will have his games if they need him to get buckets because he is a really good player. But for us, he had to score."

Green did enough to help his team win the state title.

UK softball

While I was hosting the Leach Report for Tom Leach, I got to have Kentucky softball coach Rachel Lawson join me for a segment. That gave me a chance to ask her the question I've wanted to since UK was eliminated by Oregon in the Super Regional?

What was that illegal pitch call against senior Meagan Prince in the second game that led to a comeback win for Oregon?

"We are not allowed to criticize umpires," Lawson said. "We were in a tight situation and I could have let it rip

(with the umpires) but I am the pitch caller. I did not feel getting ejected would be the right thing. But it was a hard call to stomach.

"It was the first illegal pitch call in her entire career. What really got me was that the other team's third base coach was the one who yelled illegal pitch first. Then the umpire called it. That's what it was so difficult to swallow.

"It changed the momentum and had to have had an effect on Meagan. That kind of thing just changes the rhythm of everything."

Derek Abney

Former UK All-American Derek Abney got to meet Kentucky receivers coach Lamar Thomas when he was back in Kentucky as a Governor's Cup honoree.

"He is such an X's and O's guy, but at the same time he talked more about building the character of his kids, which was so important to me," Abney, a standout receiver and kick returner, said. "He realizes that not only are X's and O's important, but so is building the character of kids 18 to 22 on and off the field. I hope he does great because he really impressed me."

Abney laughed when asked if Thomas' swagger seemed almost the exact opposite of coach Mark Stoops' personality.

"I talked with him (Thomas) about earning it. When he played, he earned it. The guys with the swag, it is real and they have earned it," Abney said. "He has every right to have that. I don't think coach Stoops minds that with his receivers coach,



PHOTO BY LARRY VAUGHT

Kentucky commit Blair Green, a top 40 player in the 2018 recruiting class, is working to improve her shooting and is always pushed by her mother and coach, Debbie Green.

especially if he gets the receivers to play the way he did."

Junior all-star hoops

Harlan County star Blair Green had 17 points and eight rebounds last week to lead the talented Kentucky junior all-star basketball team to a 107-101 victory over the senior team that faced Indiana.

"This game is a lot of fun. You get to play with the best of the best, so it is not a lot of pressure," Green, who verbally committed to Kentucky about a year ago, said. "You just want to be out here having fun. You want to be competitive with everyone and help the older girls get ready for Indiana. But you also want to relax and have fun

with girls as good as you."

Green averaged 23.1 points and 7.2 points for 28-3 Harlan County — coached by her mother, Debbie Green — last season. She shot 53.8 percent overall from the field, including 43.8 percent from 3-point range, and 77 percent at the foul line.

She spent most of May playing with Kentucky Premier, a standout AAU team that lost just one game. This month she's playing with her high school team and then in July "it starts big-time" again with Kentucky Premier.

Green has a definite list of what she wants to work on this summer to get ready for her senior season as well as her Kentucky career.

"Definitely my 3-point shot. Getting to the rim more. I am more of a pull-up shooter. Getting more consistent and accurate with my shooting is a big thing. Working on footwork. Just things for college level basketball that I know I have to do, or do better," she said.

Quote of the Week

"I was that (weight) in sixth grade," WLEX-TV sports director Alan Cutler when former UK All-American receiver Derek Abney told him his weight was up to 165 now.

(Larry Vaught, a former sports writer at The Advocate-Messenger in Danville, Ky., now covers UK sports on VaughtsViews.com blog and his weekly column appears in many newspapers across Kentucky.)

Livestock report

USDA Ledbetter weigh-out report, June 13, 2017

Receipts: 273
Last Week: 529
Last Year: 243
Compared to last week: Feeder steers traded 2.00-6.00 lower. Feeder heifers under 500 lbs 4.00-8.00 lower, over 500 lbs steady. Feeder bulls traded unevenly steady. Due to hot weather and lite receipts feeder cattle were not as attractive as last week. Slaughter cows and bulls traded steady to 2.00 higher.

Sale consisted of 19 stock cattle, 51 slaughter, and 203 feeders. Feeders consisted of 24% feeder steers, 32% feeder heifers, 21% feeders bulls and 21% of feeders were over 600 pounds.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	250-300	270	175.00	175.00
5	350-400	376	181.00	181.00
3	400-450	438	173.00-174.00	173.68
12	500-550	532	160.00-169.00	167.01
10	550-600	594	152.00-159.00	158.33
4	600-650	641	154.00	154.00
1	650-700	650	141.00	141.00
5	800-850	828	132.00	132.00
5	1100-1150	1131	109.00	109.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	250-300	282	153.00-165.00	158.73
2	500-550	507	155.00	155.00
2	600-650	628	138.00-140.00	139.00
1	750-800	790	110.00	110.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	250-300	285	167.00	167.00
7	300-350	322	157.50-160.00	159.01
9	350-400	378	160.00-170.00	163.97
12	400-450	414	155.00-165.00	162.18
4	450-500	478	147.00-153.00	149.47
3	500-550	532	150.00-151.00	150.68
9	550-600	571	140.00-147.00	143.94
2	600-650	605	136.00-140.00	137.98
1	650-700	650	134.00	134.00
1	800-850	805	120.00	120.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-250	234	145.00	145.00
1	300-350	335	150.00	150.00
1	350-400	395	154.00	154.00
6	400-450	432	145.00-150.00	145.77
7	450-500	491	140.00-145.00	140.72
3	500-550	523	136.00-143.00	140.07
1	550-600	575	133.00	133.00
1	600-650	640	131.00	131.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	300-350	300	186.00	186.00
6	400-450	423	174.00-175.00	174.65
8	450-500	464	167.00-173.00	169.74
3	500-550	533	154.00-157.00	155.66
5	550-600	567	148.00-153.00	152.01
4	600-650	640	125.00-131.00	129.01
5	650-700	681	120.00-126.00	124.81
3	700-750	717	120.00	120.00
1	800-850	815	105.00	105.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	300-350	320	170.00	170.00
2	350-400	382	160.00-163.00	161.47
3	450-500	480	161.00-165.00	162.99
1	500-550	545	149.00	149.00
1	550-600	560	145.00	145.00
1	650-700	690	115.00	115.00

Feeder Bulls Small and Medium 1				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	400-450	435	140.00	140.00
Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	1200-1600	1335	57.00-62.00	59.74
Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	800-1200	1092	62.00-67.00	64.82
1	800-1200	1085	57.00	57.00 LD
1	1200-1600	1310	66.00	66.00
1	1200-1600	1260	70.00	70.00 HD
1	1200-1600	1225	56.00	56.00 LD
Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	700-800	720	52.00	52.00 LD
12	800-1200	1082	56.00-62.00	58.64
3	800-1200	948	50.00-52.00	50.99 LD
1	1200-1600	1240	56.00	56.00
3	1200-1600	1303	52.00-55.00	53.62 LD

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1000-1500	1395	84.00	84.00
1	1000-1500	1180	75.00	75.00 LD
6	1500-3000	1762	82.00-90.00	85.37
1	1500-3000	1705	78.00	78.00 LD
Brnd Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Middle-Aged				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	800-1200	1088	780.00-850.00	819.02
4-6 Mos Brnd				
2	1200-1600	1265	730.00-770.00	750.71
1-3 Mos Brnd				
1	1200-1600	1425	840.00	840.00
4-6 Mos Brnd				
Brnd Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Aged				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	1105	690.00	690.00
4-6 Mos Brnd				
1	800-1200	1015	775.00	775.00
7-9 Mos Brnd				

1	1200-1600	1420	740.00	740.00
4-6 Mos Brnd				
Stock Cows and Calves: Cows 4 to 10 years old with 100-200 lb calves at side 900.00-1190.00 per pair.				
Baby Calves: 200.00 per head.				
Legend: VA-Value Added, Low Dressing-LD, HD-High dressing, BX-Brahman X.				
Chip Stewart, market reporter: (502) 782-4139				
24-hour Market News Report: (800) 327-6568				
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Ky. wheat crop down

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky farmers expect to harvest 25.2 million bushels of winter wheat during 2017 according to the Kentucky field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The expected crop for 2017 would be down 21 percent from the previous year. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of June 1 and increased 3 percent from the May forecast. Growers expect a yield of 72 bushels per

acre, down 8 bushels from 2016 and up 2 bushels from the May 1 forecast. Farmers seeded 490,000 acres last fall with 350,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Acres for other uses totaled 140,000 acres and will be used as cover crop for tobacco or cut as silage or hay.

Winter wheat production for the Nation was forecast at 1.25 billion bushels, up slightly from the May 1 forecast and down 25 percent from 2016.

Double crop beans planted

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky experienced below normal temperatures and rainfall over the past week. Precipitation for the week totaled 0.91 inches, 0.16 inches below normal. But topsoil and subsoil remain in good shape with only 15 percent and 11 percent, respectively, reported as short of moisture, according to the USDA's weekly "Crop Progress and Condition" report released Monday by the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Corn is at 92 percent emerged. The average height of emerged corn was 23

inches, compared to 24 inches last year.

Double crop soybean planting has started as winter wheat begins to be removed from fields. Soybeans are ahead of the five-year average at 73 percent planted, while just a point more than half of the bean crop has emerged.

Ninety-one percent of the winter wheat crop has matured and 21 percent harvested.

Pastures, corn and soybeans are in overwhelmingly good to excellent condition. Seventeen percent of the wheat crop is poor to very poor.

Belt Auction & Realty

MARION / CRITTENDEN COUNTY

COUNTRY LIVING...2 bedroom, 1 bath home in Crittenden County. Features: wood floors, dining room, 1 car garage and a storage building, large garden area and plenty of room to roam. w/c

IN TOWN LIVING...great starter home w/3 BR, 1 BA. Large kitchen w/washer/dryer hook-up, storage shed on nice lot, mc.

LOVELY BRICK HOME...w/large double lot in the center of Marion. This 3 BR, 2 BA home, has large rooms throughout, hardwood floors, modern kitchen w/all appliances included. Formal dining room, off the kitchen w/ access to the living room & balance of the home. BRs are large w/plenty of closet space, 2 full BA, one w/a garden tub. Home has large basement, w/ plenty of storage available, basement also has a shower that helps when you have family visits. Central HVAC, large 2 car detached garage, back yard is partially fenced, great area for the children to play or for your favorite pet to roam. Appointment and pre qualified buyers required. \$120,900 bb

COLONIAL STYLE HOME...This home situated on approx. 4.3 acres features Foyer, Living Room, 3 BR, 3 full & 2 half BA, Large Master BR on the lower level, w/large walk in closets, vaulted ceiling, patio access, master bath w/his/her sinks, garden tub, & walk-in shower. 2 BR upstairs w/1 having a full bath, another full bath just off the remaining bedroom. Large Kitchen, including custom cabinets, double oven, dishwasher, side by side refrigerator, island. Breakfast room is adjacent to Kitchen & has access to patio. Dining room is just off the Kitchen & leads into Family Room that includes large Fireplace. Two car attached garage. For the homeowner

that needs a workshop or place to store your tools, boat or camper this listing has a 40 x 50 ft. shop, that also includes quest quarters. rf

GUM ST...3 BR, 1 BA brick ranch. This property has been updated.. km

INVESTMENT PROPERTY...2 BR, 1 BA home in Marion. Nice size lot is 100 x 300. ob

BRICK HOME...3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, LG den w/fireplace, kitchen w/breakfast area, all appliances stay, Master BR w/ LG master BA & walk in closet. Study w/a 1/2 bath. Large attached 2 car garage, covered back porch overlooking yard & remaining acreage. Included w/the sale of this home is a shop building w/3 bays, large work area, front of building could be used for commercial/Retail use, building according to PVA is over 3500 SF. Remaining acreage is wooded & is abundant w/ whitetail deer & wild turkey rh

GREAT CORNER LOCATION...in Crittenden County, US 60 W and SR 855 N, this 5 acre tract per deed description, has several options available for potential commercial or residential uses. Hk

JIM MINE RD...1 BR, 1 BA metal building home. Features: 720 SF of living space, gas space heaters, window air, washer/dryer hookup, county water. This property has 17 acres & is away from everyone. Would make a great hunting cabin. Call for more information. cs

ACREAGE

40 ACRES...Nice hunting tract. Great trails to crop area. Ridges, hollows w/ creek bottom. Several places for good stand location. Frontage on Hwy 60, great place to build your home. **PRICE REDUCED.**

78 +/- ACRES...approx. 18 acres of marketable hardwood timber, approx. 44 acres of tillable crop land, w/balance in draws, pond area. Located just outside the city limits of Marion.. 9 acres of road frontage that could be developed into future home sites, or the entire farm could be divided in to mini farm home sites.

COMMERCIAL

COURT SQUARE...Approx. 2400 SQ FT of office/Retail Building space w/ rear parking. Bldg. directly across the street from the Court House & several Restaurants, Banks, Attorney's, Retail Shops.. Street Parking. Agent Owned.

SALEM / LIVINGSTON

GREAT STARTER HOME...2 BR, 2 BA mobile home in Salem. Metal roof and siding, gravel drive, Pier foundation, propane fuel, city utilities, central air, appliances stay with home. Cj

LYON COUNTY

LAKE VIEWS...beautiful 5 BR, 3.5 BA has plenty of room for you family. Vaulted ceiling in living room, open floor plan, master bedroom on main floor w/master bath, 2 BR upstairs w/ bath & loft area overlooking the living room w/views of the lake. Downstairs has a family room w/ 2 more BR & bath and a kitchenette area w/walk out to the lake. 2 car garage w/Mother In-law suite above that has kitchen, washer/dryer. You have your own entrance to apartment from outside but it is connected from inside as well.

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Angela Starnes

Starnes named Coach of Year

Angela Starnes has been selected the Class A Boys Track and Field Coach of the Year by the All Area 1 Kentucky Track and Cross Country Coaches Association. And, Crittenden County long distance runner junior Aaron Lucas has been named to the All Area First Team by the state track coaches.

Starnes has been coaching track and field at Crittenden County for 26 years and is the longest tenured track coach in the history of the school. Her teams have been highly competitive year after year and this season the boys' squad was within inches of earning a team spot in the state meet. The boys' team qualified seven members for the state meet in nine different events.

Coach Starnes had 11 athletes who qualified this year for the state meet, one of her best seasons ever.

Lucas is a two-time state meet qualifier and has a number of regional championships to his credit. This season he finished 8th in the state 1600 meters, 13th in the 800 meters and 15th in the 3200 meters. He also qualified and ran in the state's 3200-meter relay race.

The coaches association also gave Crittenden County eight First-Team honors and 10 Second-Team selections during its post-season awards announcement last week.



Aaron Lucas

KTCCCA ALL AREA 1

Aaron Lucas	First Team	1600 Meters
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KTCCCA ALL AREA 1 Class A

Crittenden Boys	First Team	1600 Relay
Aaron Lucas	First Team	3200 Meters
Adam Beavers	First Team	Discus
Crittenden Boys	First Team	3200 Relay
Aaron Lucas	First Team	800 Meters
Will Tolley	First Team	800 Meters
Aaron Lucas	First Team	1600 Meters
Will Tolley	First Team	400 Meters
Will Perkins	Second Team	110 Hurdles
Crittenden Boys	Second Team	800 Relay
Kate Keller	Second Team	1600 Meters
Sawyer Towery	Second Team	1600 Meters
Jessie Potter	Second Team	300 Hurdles
Will Perkins	Second Team	300 Hurdles
Kate Keller	Second Team	3200 Meters
Sawyer Towery	Second Team	3200 Meters
Crittenden Girls	Second Team	1600 Relay
Crittenden Girls	Second Team	3200 Relay

Moss is First-Team All State in Class A

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County slugger and pitcher Cassidy Moss was selected First Team All State for Class A Softball by the Kentucky Softball Coaches Association.

Moss, who recently graduated after a stellar five-year sports career, was an integral part of the Lady Rockets' record-breaking spring softball season. She hit six home runs and batted .526 as the girls

finished the season with a 27-8 record, by far the program's best finish.

Moss was a stopper on the mound, throwing 86 percent of her team's innings and striking out 277 batters in 177 innings. Her ERA was .591.

Moss has signed to play collegiate softball and basketball at Brescia University in Owensboro. She is Crittenden County's all-time leading

scorer in basketball and as a senior led the basketball team to its best season ever.

Moss and Owensboro Catholic's Alexa Foster were the only two representatives from western Kentucky named to the All State First Team in Class A.

Union County's Evyn Hendrickson and Jaci Babbs were First Team in Class 2A and Webster County's Karlie Keeney was Second Team in

Class 2A.

Also from the Second Region was Kaylee Tow of Madisonville, who was the 2017 Miss Softball.

These awards will be presented at the East West All Star Series at University of the Cumberlands on Saturday. Lyon County's Sophie Bingham will play for the West All Stars in the Juniors' game and Union County's Hendrickson will play in the Seniors' game.



Cassidy Moss



Youth baseball and softball winds down this week and post-season tournaments begin next week. Pictured at left is Caden Brothers pitching for Crittenden Royals last week and at right is Georgia Holeman running out a hit for the Crittenden Royals 10-under softball team.

Photos by Blake Sandlin



ARCHERY SIGNUPS

Signups will be at Marion Baptist Church in the Family Life Center during the first Centershot Flight (This flight will last one hour and will be primarily instructional.)

Centershot will be held each Wed., June 21 through August 9. There will be two tournaments.

All Children Welcome! There is NO Cost!

Grades 1-5 meet 5-6 p.m. Grades 6-12 meet 6-7 p.m. All equipment is provided.

For more information call Bro. Shawn Holeman at **(270) 965-5232** or **(270) 704-1493**

ROCKET YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

Ages 5-15 – Cost \$30 – 9 to 11:30 a.m.
June 21-23 – Rocket Arena

Instruction in all areas of football by the Crittenden County Rocket Football staff. A punt, pass and kick competition will be held. Flag football games will be conducted at the end of each day. A T-shirt will be given to each camper. *Family discounts available for more than one camper.*

Registration forms will be accepted the first day of camp starting at 8:30 a.m. Return this completed form to football coach Al Starnes at the Board of Education office or bring the first day of camp.

Name_____

Age_____ D.O.B._____

Parent/Guardian

Name_____ Phone_____

Address_____

Emergency Information

Contact In Case of Emergency_____Phone_____

Allergies, medical conditions or any other personal information camp counselors should know about _____

Medical Insurance Yes____ No____

Transportation: Parent____ Friend____ Other, specify _____

T-Shirt Size_____ (A-Adult or Y-Youth)

I do not hold Crittenden County School System or any member of the camp staff or personnel liable in the event an accident should occur during this camp.

Parent/Guardian
Signature_____ Date_____



Members of the Marion-based AAU basketball team are (from left) Tyler Dunn, Braxton Winders, Preston Turley, Cade Blackburn, coach Landon Young, Tyler Boone, Gabe Mott and Erik O'Leary. Not pictured Trip Branch.

Crittenden courts AAU basketball team

BY BLAKE SANDLIN
PRESS REPORTER

Summer is generally the portion of the calendar when athletes get to take a much needed break from the demands of their respective sports, but for eight area basketball players, the action is just heating up.

These eight have teamed up to form an AAU team based in Crittenden County. AAU, which stands for Amateur Athletic Union, is a league that is dedicated to promoting athletics, offering tournaments all over the United States for young athletes to gain collegiate attention.

The team, dubbed "Team Monstars" by one of the players, consists of five Crittenden County freshmen-to-be –

Gabe Mott, Erik O'Leary, Braxton Winders, Preston Turley and Tyler Boone – as well as Trip Branch from Caldwell County, Tyler Dunn from Marshall County and Cade Blackburn from Lyon County.

The team is coached by Landon Young, who graduated from Crittenden County in 2015 and was a stellar player on the court and served as an assistant coach last season.

Crittenden varsity basketball coach Denis Hodge offered Young the opportunity to head up the team after Young spent the previous year volunteering during the high school basketball season.

Young said his players' ambition and

willingness to compete make his job worthwhile.

"If they didn't want to win, and if I'd have to coach them into coming and playing every game, I wouldn't do it because I'm not getting paid," Young said. "I don't have to ask them to come play, they're ready to go."

In their first week competing at Murray State University, the team claimed two of three games. They recently played in a tournament in Cape Girardeau, Mo., where they earned a second-place finish in pool play after playing three games. Young said he plans to take his team to tournaments in Cape Girardeau and Hopkinsville in the remaining months of their season.

Buck and Doe couples golf

The Heritage at Marion Country Club is hosting its annual Buck and Doe Couples Golf Tournament Saturday and Sunday, June 24-25. This is a 36-hole, flighted event. For more information or to register, contact Kyle Myers at (270) 704-5015 or the pro shop at (270) 965-5415.




Deer Lakes

Chris Martin of Salem and Joe Scholl of Grand Rivers won the 2-Man Scramble at Deer Lakes Golf Course last weekend with a 20-under-par 60-64-124. Kyle Myers and Jeremy Shoulders of Marion were second, three strokes behind.



Church golf

Cumberland Presbyterian Golf Championship of America was played in Hot Springs Village, Ark., last week and. Bro. Larry Buchanan, Reese Baker, Doug Phelps and Devin Belt of Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian won the event by shooting 23-under-par in the 36-hole tournament.



Gilchrist wins Dam title

Marion's Lauren Gilchrist shot 29-over par to win the girls' title in the 13-15 age division of the 36-hole Junior PGA Golf event at Kentucky Dam last weekend. Grant Pucket of Clay shot 10-over par to win the 14-under division while Peyton Purvis of Marion was second at 16-over-par.

Wiffle Ball Tournament

Anyone interested in playing in the Solar Eclipse Wiffle Ball Tournament sponsored by the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce should call (270) 704-0435 to register. Games will begin at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 19 at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Cost is \$50 per team. There is no age limit.



12U BASEBALL STANDINGS			
	W	L	GB
Lyon Nationals	8	1	-
Caldwell Braves	7	3	1.5
Caldwell Cardinals	5	4	3
Caldwell Orioles	5	4	3
Crittenden Astros	5	4	3
Trigg Cubs	4	4	3.5
Crittenden Dodgers	2	7	6
Dawson White Sox	0	9	8

10U BASEBALL STANDINGS			
	W	L	GB
Caldwell Braves	7	1	-
Caldwell Yankees	7	1	-
Lyon Diamondbacks	6	2	1
Crittenden Rangers	6	4	2
Lyon Red Sox	5	4	2.5
Dawson Mets	4	4	3
Crittenden Royals	4	6	4
Crittenden Blue Jays	3	5	4
Caldwell Reds	2	6	5
Caldwell White Sox	2	7	5.5
Caldwell Indians	1	7	6

8U BASEBALL STANDINGS			
	W	L	GB
Caldwell Blue Jays	9	0	-
Caldwell Braves	6	2	2.5
Caldwell Mets	6	2	2.5
Caldwell Red Sox	6	2	2.5
Crittenden Dodgers	6	3	3
Caldwell Reds	4	5	5
Crittenden Cardinals	4	5	5
Crittenden Indians	4	5	5
Crittenden Cubs	3	6	6
Lyon Astros	2	6	6.5
Lyon Brewers	1	7	7.5
Dawson Nationals	0	8	8.5

12U SOFTBALL STANDINGS			
WEST DIVISION	W	L	GB
Caldwell Cubs	6	1	-
Caldwell White Sox	4	2	1.5
Crittenden Angels	1	5	4.5
EAST DIVISION	W	L	GB
Trigg Red Sox	7	0	-
Dawson Cardinals	1	6	6
Trigg Nationals	0	5	6

10U SOFTBALL STANDINGS			
	W	L	GB
Caldwell A's	7	1	-
Crittenden Cubs	6	1	0.5
Caldwell Dodgers	7	2	0.5
Crittenden Royals	5	4	2.5
Lyon Phillies	4	3	2.5
Caldwell Angels	4	5	3.5
Caldwell Red Sox	4	6	4
Trigg Reds	3	5	4
Trigg Cardinals	2	5	4.5
Dawson Pirates	1	6	5.5
Dawson Giants	0	5	5.5

8U SOFTBALL STANDINGS			
	W	L	GB
Caldwell Cardinals	10	0	-
Caldwell Braves	9	2	1.5
Lyon Marlins	8	3	2.5
Caldwell Padres	5	5	5
Crittenden Astros	3	7	7
Crittenden Cubs	2	10	9
Dawson Nationals	0	10	10

Standings as of Sunday, June 11



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8U BASEBALL LEAGUE	
RESULTS FROM MONDAY, JUNE 5	
AT PRINCETON Crittenden Dodgers at Caldwell Mets, PPD Caldwell Red Sox at Caldwell Braves, PPD	
AT MARION Caldwell Blue Jays at Crittenden Cubs, PPD Lyon Astros at Crittenden Cardinals, PPD	
AT DAWSON SPRINGS Crittenden Indians at Dawson Nationals, PPD	
RESULTS FROM TUESDAY, JUNE 6	
AT MARION Crittenden Cubs 100 10 — 2 Crittenden Dodgers..... 306 0x — 9 Cubs leading hitters: Eli Herrin 1B; Hudson Stokes 1B, 1B; Ethan Gonzales 1B; Brody Samuel 1B, 1B. Dodgers leading hitters: Dalton Murray 1B; Colt Bailey 1B, 3B; Avery Thompson 1B, 1B; Drake Young 1B; Emmitt Ellington 1B, 1B; Jaxton Duncan 1B, 1B; Conner Poindexter 1B.	

Crittenden Indians.....602 60 — 14 Crittenden Cardinals..... 104 00 — 5 Indians leading hitters: Logan Martin 1B, 1B; Isaac James 2B, 2B 3B; Alex Hewitt 1B; Brady Dayberry 1B, 1B, 3B; Brayden Walton 1B, 3B, HR; Jake Rich 1B, 1B; Logan Shaffer 1B, 1B; Braden Patton 1B, 1B, 1B; Logan Brothers 1B, 1B, 1B; Kasyn 1B. Cardinals leading hitters: Davis Perryman 1B; Roane Topp 1B, 1B; Lucas McDowell 1B, 1B, 1B; Gunner Topp 1B, 1B, 1B; Noah Byford 1B; Kayden Farmer 1B; Colt Belt 1B; Levi Quertermous 1B; Tucker Boudro 1B.	
RESULTS FROM THURSDAY, JUNE 8	
AT PRINCETON Caldwell Red Sox..... 17 Caldwell Mets 13 Red Sox leading hitters: Not available. Mets leading hitters: Colson Mattocks HR; Joseph Slaton 1B, 2B; Dayton Wilson 1B, HR; Daelyn Lander 1B, HR, HR; Gavin Vinson 1B, 2B; Treyson Herron 2B; Derek Wilson 1B, 1B; Maliche Harmon 1B, 1B, 3B; Carter Dalton 1B.	

Crittenden Dodgers.....N/A — 5 Caldwell Blue Jays..... 530 12 — 11 Dodgers leading hitters: Not available. Blue Jays leading hitters: Peyton Pruitt 1B, 2B; Pax Aikins 1B, HR; Brody Kirk 1B, 1B, 3B; Jaden Boyd 1B, 1B, 1B; Gauge Sherrill 1B, 1B, 1B; Breiden Trent 1B; Ashleigh Parrent 2B.	
Crittenden Indians.....404 001 — 9 Caldwell Reds 003 023 — 8 Indians leading hitters: Logan Martin 1B; Isaac James 1B, HR; Alex Hewitt 1B, 1B; Brady Dayberry 1B, HR; Jake Rich 1B; Logan Shaffer 2B, 2B; Braden Patton 1B. Reds leading hitters: Cruz Egbert 1B, 2B; Lukas Harper 1B, 1B; Hayden Patterson 1B, HR, HR, HR; Jacob Hopper 1B, 1B, 1B.	

AT MARION Lyon Brewers303 023 — 11 Crittenden Cubs005 421 — 12 Brewers leading hitters: Jacob Embrey 1B, 3B; Colton Prow 1B, 3B; Chandler Whalin 1B; Will Dunning 3B; Marley Stewart 2B; Westin Carner 2B; Kobe Veil 2B; Levi Rogers 1B. Cubs leading hitters: Eli Herrin 1B, 1B, 1B; Cameron Nesbitt 1B, 1B, 1B; Hudson Stokes 1B, 1B, 1B, 1B; Ethan Gonzales 1B, 1B, 2B; Brody Samuel 1B, 2B; A.J. Dean 1B; Hayden Jones 3B; Charlie Ledford 1B. Astros leading hitters: Not available.	
Dawson Nationals at Crittenden Cardinals, PPD	

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY, JUNE 10	
AT PRINCETON Dawson Nationals.....0 Caldwell Blue Jays.....6 Forfeit	
AT EDDYVILLE Caldwell Mets 14 Lyon Astros 1 Mets leading hitters: Gavin Vinson 2B; Dayton Wilson 1B, 1B; Joseph Slaton 1B, 1B, 3B; Daelyn Lander 1B, HR; Parker Morris 1B, 1B; Derek Wilson 1B, 1B; Colson Mattocks HR, HR; Treyson Herron 1B, 1B, 1B; Carter Dalton 1B, 2B. Astros leading hitters: Not available.	
RESULTS FROM TUESDAY, JUNE 6	
AT DAWSON SPRINGS Trigg Nationals at Dawson Cardinals, PPD Trigg Nationals at Dawson Cardinals, PPD	
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RESULTS FROM FRIDAY, JUNE 9	
AT PRINCETON Crittenden Angels at Caldwell White Sox, PPD Crittenden Angels at Caldwell White Sox, PPD	

AT DAWSON SPRINGS Trigg Red Sox.....424 3 — 13 Dawson Cardinals..... 046 0 — 10 WP: N/A LP: N/A Red Sox leading hitters: Alyssa Southwood 1B, 1B, 1B; Audrey Alexander 1B, 3B; Mackenzie Meador 1B, 1B; Emma West 1B, 2B; Morgan Alexander 1B, 1B, 1B; Ashlyn Brown 1B; Kara Hyde 1B, 1B, 1B; Makenna Hendricks 1B. Cardinals leading hitters: Denisha Randolph 1B.	
Trigg Red Sox.....620 56 — 19 Dawson Cardinals..... 204 0x — 6 WP: N/A LP: N/A Red Sox leading hitters: Alyssa Southwood 1B, 1B, 1B, 1B; Audrey Alexander 1B, 2B; Mackenzie Meador 1B, 2B; Emma West 1B, 2B; Morgan Alexander 1B, 1B, 2B; Ashlyn Brown 1B, 1B, 2B, 2B; Kara Hyde 1B; Makenna Hendricks 1B, 1B, 1B. Cardinals leading hitters: Trinity Randolph 1B, 1B; Denisha Randolph 1B; Marissa Foe 2B, 2B; Gracie Haynes 1B.	

AT CADIZ Caldwell Cubs 606 — 12 Trigg Nationals..... 602 — 8 WP: Jourdan Romhill LP: N/A Cubs leading hitters: Addeline Conger 1B; Lainey Jones 1B; Cordie Murphy 1B; Lily Hoard 1B. Nationals leading hitters: Kaylin Keller 1B; Amie Schimp 2B; Autumn Choate 1B.	
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CALDWELL, CRITTENDEN, DAWSON, LYON
YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL LEAGUES



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AT MARION Caldwell Braves at Crittenden Astros, PPD	
AT DAWSON SPRINGS Trigg Cubs at Dawson White Sox, PPD Dawson White Sox at Trigg Cubs, PPD	
RESULTS FROM THURSDAY, JUNE 8	
AT PRINCETON Trigg Cubs300 112 6 — 13 Caldwell Cardinals203 002 0 — 7 WP: Jay Humphries LP: Easton Kizzee Cubs leading hitters: Dakota Lockard 1B, 2B; Jay Humphries 1B; Trevor Hoy 1B; Aaron Despain 2B; Braden Cadena HR. Cardinals leading hitters: Barrett Cotton 1B; Corbin Nichols 1B; Caden Alfred 1B; Nate Noel 1B, 1B.	
AT MARION Caldwell Braves 534 — 12 Crittenden Dodgers..... 261 — 9 WP: Landon Davis LP: Evan Belt Braves leading hitters: Matthew Blackburn 1B; Landon Davis 1B, 1B; Connor King 1B, 1B, 2B; Cannon Littlejohn 1B; Cole Sherrill 1B; Joshua Rogers 1B; Donaven Miles 1B Dodgers leading hitters: Tyler Belt 2B; Evan Belt 1B, 1B; Kaleb Nesbitt 2B; Seth Guess 1B, 1B; Case Gobin 1B, 2B; Jaxon Hatfield 1B.	
RESULTS FROM THURSDAY, JUNE 8	
AT PRINCETON Caldwell Cardinals 222 — 6 Lyon Nationals 623 — 11 WP: Luke Burchett LP: Ben Goodaker Orioles leading hitters: Trevor Terrell 2B; Brady Holeman 1B; Ben Goodaker 1B; Codie McKenzie 1B; Demaurius Thompson 1B. Nationals leading hitters: Jacob Peek 1B, 1B; John Ryder Bingham 1B, 1B; Connor Stovall 2B; Brayden Trice 1B, 3B; Brandon Ray 2B; Walker Suitoer 1B; Luke Burchett 1B; Hunter Drish-Young 1B.	
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Valedictorian title considered for replacement

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
PRESS EDITOR

Looking to avoid a logjam of speakers at commencement and watered down significance of the honors, Crittenden County High School is considering doing away with the graduation recognitions of valedictorian and salutatorian in favor of Latin honors used by colleges. But the school district's decision-making body does not appear quite ready for such a change.

At its working session last week, Crittenden County Board of Education heard Principal Curtis Brown's pitch for making the change to what he called the "laude system." A move to revamp academic honors was approved earlier this spring by the high school's site-based decision-making (SBDM) council upon a recommendation from the CCHS curriculum committee. The tweaking is based upon what many high schools across the nation use, including Graves County, which transitioned this year to cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude.

Brown said there is a very real possibility that the current honors system could produce as many as a dozen valedictorians in each of the next two years, and he is looking for a future solution. To him, that number seems to lessen the honor carried by the solitary top academic achiever in each graduating CCHS class since 2013.

"I don't have a problem having a valedictorian," Brown told board members, emphasizing a single top honor is appropriate. "But I do have a problem with 10 or

12. I hate to use the word 'cheapen,' but..."

New Assistant Principal Amanda Irvan said having so many students recognized as the top graduate could also offer the perception that the school's curriculum may be too easy.

"It calls into question the rigor of what our students are learning," she said at the June 6 meeting. "(These students) don't deserve to have their achievement cheapened."

"It doesn't appear that impressive," Brown later added.

Some on the board, including Chairman Chris Cook, are not prepared to be on the leading edge of sea change in academic culture. Cook was one of five valedictorians from his mid-1980s graduating class at CCHS.

"I don't think our community is ready to let go of 'valedictorian,'" agreed board member Pam Collins, adding that she does have concerns about friends and family of

graduates sitting through 12 valedictory addresses at commencement.

She said both of her daughters set goals of becoming valedictorian. Fellow board member Ryan McDaniel said he also has a daughter who will be a freshman with her eyes on the same prize.

The Class of 2018 will be the last in Crittenden County that offers studious teens the possibility of a GPA above 4.0. That's because CCHS is doing away with Advanced Placement (AP) courses that have been used to weight GPAs. That system offers students in those demanding classes 5 points for an A letter grade rather than the 4 for typical classes: a B is worth 4 points.

Because students have forgone AP studies in favor of earning college hours through dual credit courses, Brown said it is no longer feasible to dedicate a teacher to AP classes with as few as three students.

"It's a matter of earning guaranteed college credit versus having to pass a very difficult test to receive credit," the principal said of the practical advantage dual credit work has over AP courses.

That means beginning in the coming school year, an A in more rigorous studies is worth no more than an A in remedial classes, allowing the most intellectual teens no way to separate themselves from the pack, though becoming valedictorian will still require graduates take traditional advanced classes.

Next year's graduating class has 11 students going into their final year competing for valedictorian, carrying identical top GPAs. Next in line to graduate, the Class of 2019, currently has 15 students with the same GPA.

There is likely no way to avoid multiple valedictorians the next couple of years, but

the Latin honors system approved by the SBDM would be attached starting this year's incoming freshmen. The proposed honor system is as follows:

- Summa cum laude, or "with highest distinction," 4.0 GPA.
- Magna cum laude, or "with great distinction," 3.8-3.99 GPA.
- Cum laude, or "with distinction," 3.5-3.79 GPA.

Currently, a 3.5 GPA or above, offers teens honor graduate recognition during graduation ceremonies.

Since going to the weighted system after five valedictorians in the Class of 2012, only one student each year has earned the valedictorian title. Brown said moving to the Latin system could still allow a single individual, or perhaps a top male and female, to speak at graduation based on select criteria.

He also said few college scholarships are given based on valedictorian honors, as most are awarded before final GPAs can be calculated.

While the SBDM comprised of Brown and representative teachers and parents has already approved the change, the elected board of education has within its power to set district-wide policy establishing valedictory and salutatory honors as the only recognition system.

Such a policy would override SBDM rules, but Brown and the head of the school district prefer to reach a compromise.

"We have always been blessed that the board and site-based committees have not been cross-ways with one another," said Superintendent Vince Clark. "I think there's a hybrid solution to the problem."

A final system should be established by the time the new academic year begins Aug. 16.



Brown

PACS asks for fans to help needy beat heat

STAFF REPORT

Officials at Crittenden County Assistance Center and the local Pennyroyal Allied Community Services (PACS) office are asking the public for donations of fans to help low-income elderly and under-



Belt

privileged residents endure the summer swelter. This week has seen the hottest temperatures of 2017 hit Crittenden County, with the mercury having neared 90 degrees with high humidity making it feel close to 100. The heat index on Friday and Saturday is expected to be much the same before a break to start the third week of June.

Crittenden County PACS Coordinator Kathey Belt said box fans are preferred so they can be placed in doorways or windows, but she's not going to be picky.

"At this point, I don't care," she said. "We're starting to get a lot of calls."

The PACS office is located inside the assistance center near the end of North Walker Street. It is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each weekday.



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U.S. 641 work ramps up

A crew with Cambry Contracting Inc. of Morgantown, Ky., pours the concrete last Wednesday for the floor of a box culvert at the site of the new U.S. 641 connector just south of Marion. The culvert for a tributary at Coleman Road that feeds Crooked Creek and City Lake will run under both the new Super 2-lane U.S. 641 still under construction and the current highway. Project manager Scottie Johnson with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet said the culvert took a pour of dozens of cubic yards of concrete from Ohio River Concrete in Marion. He said a diversion road will be built for current U.S. 641 traffic to allow construction on the new 5.2-mile highway from Marion to Fredonia to continue unhindered. Johnson said traffic should be running on the relocated U.S. 641 by the fall of 2018. Meantime, drivers will notice stop signs placed at the intersections of U.S. 641 construction at Weldon, Crayne Cemetery, Lloyd and Lilly Dale roads.

SCHOOL

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school officials have told the public that renovations are just not feasible, the architect points to a number of issues at CCMS concerning space alone, including:

- The existing 10 classrooms are undersized, leaving the school with a capacity of 285. Enrollment for the coming school year will be more than 350, though the incoming sixth-grade class is extraordinarily large.

- Classrooms, by Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) standards, should be 750 square feet. Current classrooms range 606-660 square feet.

- Science classrooms range 597-784 square feet, falling far short of the 1,000-square-foot standard.

- Computer labs are also 300 or more square feet below what KDE wants to see.

To address those issues, which would be mandated with a renovation project,

would require phased construction, Thomas said. That means a new addition would have to be built, then exterior walls of the existing building demolished in order to connect the two buildings.

"The kicker is, you could not do all the renovations at one time, since you must keep school in session; but a few rooms at a time, which drives up the cost of construction," he said, explaining a labor intensive project.

If renovation costs equal 80 percent of the cost to build a new school, KDE will not approve such modernization. That means a project locally could not exceed \$5.36 million, four-fifths of the proposed high school building.

"The age old thought process has been that renovation cost is cheaper than new construction, since you do not have costs for site work, new walls and roofing," Thomas wrote. "This was true in the past, but that was when material cost exceeded labor cost; however, current labor cost exceeds the cost of materials,

so therefore, this thinking is wrong."

School officials have urged the one-story, 20-room design of the proposed high school is a no frills, basic design.

Emergency fund

Meantime, petitioners have until July 16 to gather the signatures of 408 registered voters in order to take the school tax to the ballot in a special election.

Opposition has centered around education officials asking only county property owners to foot the bill for a new school. But the state offers the school board no other alternative but to tax or wait until Rocket Arena construction debt is paid off in 2024.

If CCMS is in such bad shape, challenge some, then why hasn't the school district sought emergency state funds to replace the facility?

Board member Ryan McDaniel said he was approached last week by someone asking that very question. The simple answer is, a KDE spokeswoman told

The Crittenden Press, CCMS likely does not qualify the district for Emergency and Targeted Investment Funds through the School Facilities Construction Commission.

CCMS ranks in the middle of the pack on a 2010 report addressing the physical condition, educational suitability and technology readiness of nearly 500 Kentucky schools. In fact, the "KFICS (Kentucky Facilities Inventory and Classification System) State Report: School List by District and School," or "Parson's Report," rates the middle school at 245 out of 485 facilities.

To be considered an "urgent need," explains KDE spokeswoman Rebecca Blessing, a school must be closed by a state or federal agency such as the fire marshal or EPA or be declared an emergency situation by KDE, commonly due to natural disaster or fire.

"Given the statutory criteria, we don't believe Crittenden Middle School would qualify for the emergency funds," Blessing said.

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