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EMS being shopped to service providers

County government and Crittenden Health Systems continue to shop around the local ambulance service to potential suitors.

Late last year, Baptist Health notified hospital and county officials that after two years of management it would be giving up Crittenden EMS by June of this year. They cited financial reasons for opting out of the contract.

That put local officials in motion to find a new manager for the service. At last Thursday's Crittenden Fiscal Court meeting, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said two providers have expressed an interest in the ambulance service. Both have been given complete financial and run information.

"All they need to make an informed proposal and decision (has been provided)," he said.

Meetings later this month should tell more about outside interest in taking over management. Newcom said there could be additional providers to come forward, but he is not very hopeful.

"There may be more to come, I don't know, but I doubt it," he said.

City sewer upgrades staying on schedule

Bids will be opened this spring to start the City of Marion's \$12 million upgrade to its wastewater treatment system, with construction starting as early as June. That work would entail improving the utility's delivery system and eventual new plant. This summer, work will start on the delivery phase, but the capstone of the project, the new treatment facility, would not likely see construction until next spring or summer.

The city has exercised its option on 15 acres inside Industrial Park North for the new plant at a cost of \$75,000, and easements to the property are settled. Project engineer Alan Robinson, president of Eclipse Engineering, said the current timeline should allow for about six months of cushion to meet the state's mandated July 2021 completion date.

As for the current plant at the northern edge of town, Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford is hopeful of turning the facility into a fishery that could benefit the city in two ways. It could possibly offer scrubber fish to help reduce algae in Lake George, the city's reservoir, from an outside fishery operator in exchange for use of the facility. Ledford said this has happened at other locations in the state.



KSP looks into school threat, charges teen

STAFF REPORT

A reported threat by a Crittenden County Middle School student last week to kill everyone in the building unfolded as an example of how things are supposed to work when a menacing remark is overheard. In the wake of two recent school shootings, it also underscores the seriousness with which school administrators and law enforcement now take every comment that may be construed as a precursor to violence.

Last Thursday, Kentucky State Police charged

a local eighth-grader with terroristic threatening and presenting a danger to himself or others. The boy was sent to the Pennyroyal Center for a mental health evaluation, and the investigation continues by the state agency.

According to a news release from KSP, a middle school student overheard the suspect comment to another student that he was going to kill everyone in the school. The third party student reported the conversation made during the school day to administrators who,

in turn, felt the remarks were credible enough to get Marion Police Department involved. Upon investigating the situation, MPD turned over the case to KSP.

In an interview with law enforcement, the juvenile who allegedly made the threatening statement admitted to troopers that he said "if he was going to kill anyone, it would be the other juvenile." He denied stating he was going to kill everyone in

the school.

Troopers conducted the investigation late in the school day and charged the teen at 3:06 p.m., just after classes dismissed. The third degree terroristic threatening charge is related to the alleged threat against the single student.

"There's no more, 'Well, I was just joking,'" said Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark. "If you say it, you're going to be held accountable for it. You've got

to be held accountable."

CCMS Principal Tom Radivonyk said the school system's See Something, Say Something initiative it cultivates at all three schools appears to have worked to near perfection in this case.

"The whole point is for kids to report any concerns, any concerns at all," the second-year principal said. "Let us sort it out."

The student who reported last week's potential threat did so through an

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Flooding threat



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

Susie Tinsley steps off her porch Monday afternoon in Tolu as the Ohio River creeps closer to her home. She and her husband Daren were busy Monday moving valuables to higher ground in the hope of saving them from flooding caused by excessive rains last week.

Soggy week shuts roads, threatens homes

STAFF REPORT

This year's move by Daren and Susie Tinsley to higher ground in order to avoid a rising Ohio River may be their last. And that sentiment is shared by a few others in Tolu and other areas of Crittenden County looking to flee from the effects of last week's torrent.

Four days of steady, sometimes heavy rain dropped several inches of precipitation on

the county, washing out roads, closing others due to high water, shutting the Cave In Rock Ferry for an extended period and putting residents along swollen rivers and creeks on high alert for possible devastating flooding. The precipitation also made its way into the multiple courthouse offices through a leaky ceiling.

For the Tinsleys, whose mobile home on Caney Fork was

almost completely submerged by the 2011 flood, retreating from the water every few years is getting old. On Monday, the couple for the second consecutive day moved possessions to higher ground on their property, an area they hope will be out of the reach of rising backwater from the Ohio River.

"We had to do this in 2015,

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Who killed Mr. Baseball revealed next week

By **MIMI BYRNS**
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever wanted to play a live game of Clue?

Next week is your chance to put your detective hat on and solve the murder mystery that Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Marion are hosting in the community. The event takes place Saturday, March 10.

Organizers are finalizing several elements of the event that is sure to bring a day of thrill, fun and suspense for all lovers of detective games. The mystery storyline revolves around the murder of Roger Redbone, the owner of the fictional version of the Marion Bobcats baseball team. Participants will be required to figure out who the perpetrators are while roaming around downtown Marion, collecting clues from local businesses and other locations.

There will be 17 actors located in the downtown district who will help participants to solve the mystery by answering questions. They are preparing for

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Double dribble

Girls, boys teams take district basketball crowns

For the first time in school history, Crittenden County High School boys and girls basketball teams earned the district title in the same season. It is also only the third time a boys team has earned the dis-

trict crown since consolidation in 1957 brought all high schoolers in the county to the same building.

Above left, the Rockets celebrate a victory last Thursday earned in the last seconds of their game

against Lyon County. Above right, the Lady Rockets gather on the court Friday after doubling up the Livingston Central Cardinals. For more, see Sports on Pages 10-12.



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Community leaders visit Frankfort

A contingent of community leaders from Crittenden County visited Frankfort Tuesday to meet with lawmakers and various state officials about issues concerning the welfare of the county. Local officials started the day by meeting with state Sen. Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson, at the Capitol Annex. The group also met with Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion; Danny Rhoads, facilities manager of the Administrative Office of the Courts, about a new justice center; Kentucky Transportation Secretary Greg Thomas about the new U.S. 641 and other transportation concerns; Education and Workforce Development Secretary Hal Heiner; and Economic Development Commissioner John Bevington. Pictured above (from left) are County Attorney Rebecca Johnson, magistrates Danny Fowler and Donnetta Travis, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, Par 4 President and Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. (CCEDC) Vice Chairman Tim Capps, Ridley, CCEDC President Terry Bunnell, board of education Chairman Chris Cook, Mickey Alexander, Marion City Attorney Bart Frazer, Marion Mayor Jared Byford, Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark and Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford.

Pension bill offers taxpayers \$4.8B savings

While several bills moved through the House, conversation among the State Representatives – and probably the State Senate – the past week was largely driven by one item: pensions.

The long awaited and much anticipated pension bill, Senate Bill 1 was filed, and is the result of ongoing work since last year between House and Senate Leadership with input from members of both Chambers. As I have noted repeatedly, funding of the state pension systems is so bad that had they been in the private sector, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. (PBGC), and arm of the federal government would have taken them over with retirees getting a much lower check each month than they receive under the state's plans. That however, is not an option for plans administered by a state.



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SB1 was designed to assure future retirement benefits for teachers, law enforcement and other state workers while at the same time reducing the unfunded liability to the state's public employee and teachers' retirement systems. SB1 would save taxpayers upwards of \$4.8 billion over the next two decades. This legislation is the product of meaningful compromise based on data-driven research and discussions with numerous stakeholders about how to improve the Governor's original proposal.

SB 1 adopts the level-dollar funding formula, which on top of our plan to fully fund the pension systems in the budget that I anticipate will be filed before my next update, adds much needed stability to future budget planning. Level-dollar funding is much like a mortgage in that most early payments are to pay down interest (for

the state that would be the unfunded liability) while toward the end payments begin to pay off the loan (for the state that is funding future benefits).

Other highlights of the plan include moving new non-hazardous employees and teachers to a cash-balance plan that guarantees benefits even if the stock market takes a hit while allowing for the benefits of a potential stock market surge. This also allows the state to avoid the high costs of a pure defined-contribution plan. SB1 would allow all current public employees and teachers to remain in their current pension or cash balance plan with no mandated placement into a defined contribution, or 401(k)-type, plan. Non-hazardous public employees hired in 2019 would instead be able to choose a defined contribution 401(a) retirement plan.

That's not to say that SB1 is agreeable to everyone. There are groups that have expressed concern with how the legislation may affect current and future retirees. Proposed changes to the use of sick days in retirement service credit calculations for state workers and teachers proposed cost-of-living adjustment reductions for current and future retired teachers have created some uneasiness.

The challenge is to do what's best for our public employees, our teachers, and the taxpayers of the Commonwealth. That means fixing a pension mess that needs upwards of \$60 billion to ensure that we can pay retirement benefits to the public employees and teachers who are in the system now, while creating a path to retirement for future teachers and workers.

You may have heard the phrase "kicking the can down the road" in reference to the state's pension crisis. When the can is weighted down by \$60 billion, it's a little hard to kick. We have to deal with this issue which has been decades in the making. In the past, little or no action has been taken for political reasons – the fear that lawmakers had of losing a future election – but I am committed to address the issue regardless of the potential political consequences, and I believe the majority members of the House feel the same way.

As in all legislation that comes before me, I am reviewing the entire bill, not just the "highlights" before determining how I will vote. Just like any major issue, but especially one as monumental as pension reform, there are good reasons to vote for a bill as well as voting against it. I will analyze

the bill in a comprehensive manner and decide if the overall legislation will positively benefit both taxpayers and public employees.

In other news, the House heard House Bill 2, the first comprehensive reforms to Kentucky's workers' compensation laws in decades. Currently, depending on the specific injury, injured workers can receive lifetime benefits once they are deemed to have suffered an occupational injury and can receive up to 100 percent of the state average weekly wage. Often times an injured worker has to retain the services of an attorney to be awarded benefits, and the maximum fee an attorney can be paid is \$12,000, paid by the employee from the proceeds of the award or settlement.

HB 2 would not impact current workers' compensation benefits received by injured workers, but would limit benefits received by future workers with certain injuries to 15 years while also giving those injured workers the opportunity to get recertified and continue receiving benefits for the rest of their lives after the initial 15 years have passed. HB 2 would also increase the percentage of the average weekly wage paid as income to injured workers to 110 percent of the state average weekly wage, revise

medical treatment guidelines and raise the maximum fee an attorney can be paid to \$18,000. There was vigorous testimony and debate from both supporters and opponents of the proposed legislation, and the bill narrowly passed the full House. This was another one of those bills that did not have an ideal solution, but after careful consideration I voted yes. The bill now resides in the Senate for further consideration.

As always, thank you for reading my updates and thank you for contacting me with your concerns and thoughtful suggestions. It is a privilege to represent you in the Kentucky House of Representatives and your input helps me make decisions that best represent the views of the 4th District. I may be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at (800) 372-7181, directly at (502) 564-8100, by visiting the Kentucky Legislature Home page at LRC.ky.gov and clicking on the "Email Your Legislator" link, or by mail to the Capitol Annex – Frankfort, KY 40601.

(Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, has represented House District 4 – Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and portion of Christian counties – in the Kentucky General Assembly since 2013.)

Complex pension bill will require intense review

Well, the much-anticipated pension reform measure was filed in the Senate during the eighth week of the 152nd regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

The jargon surrounding Kentucky's public pension debate is jarring enough before the numbers are even thrown in. The Governor's proposed budget earmarked more than \$3 billion from the state's general fund for state employees and the teachers' public pensions. That's nearly 14 percent of the state's general fund. And that's on top of the more than \$1 billion allocated for public pensions in the past biennial budget.

Now, it's a dense 289-page bill. It outlines the Senate Republican plan to cover an unfunded pension liability estimated to be \$42 billion to as much as \$60 billion over the next three decades.



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With these complex figures, I am estimating a lengthy review process. As I continue my critical analysis of the bill, here are a few highlights of Senate Bill 1.

It contains significant structural changes from the Governor's original failed pension proposal. Proponents of SB 1 stressed the measure would not force any current or future state employees or teachers into a defined contribution 401(k)-style retirement plan. Still, I am concerned this bill will cut in half the annual cost of living adjustments received in retirement for 12 years, from 1.5 percent to 0.75 percent. In addition, this legislation will cap teachers' retirement benefits and sick days accumulated as of July 31, 2018.

SB 1 also calls for future teachers to be placed in a hybrid cash-balance plan. This would be the first time members of the Kentucky

Teachers Retirement System (KTRS) would be placed in such a plan. Some other public employees were transferred into a similar plan after pension reforms in 2013. The teacher's plan, however, would be more lucrative to compensate for the fact that they do not participate in Social Security. Although, unlike the current pension plan for teachers, the ultimate benefits are not guaranteed, and are instead, left to investment earnings, which I foresee being a major issue with many teachers.

In the so-called hybrid plan, it combines the defined-contribution design of a 401(k) with some level of guaranteed return like a pension. Employers and employees are required to contribute certain amounts, but the employer guarantees the employee will receive a certain return on their investments, and if they do not, the employer promises to make up the difference. For Kentucky Retirement System (KRS) employees, under SB1, members would receive 85 percent of the investment earnings above 0 percent rate of return, with rate of return being changed from a five-year to a 10-year average.

The cash-balance part of the name means that when the employee retires, the balance in their hybrid plan

is their payout. There are no promises made about future earnings, and there are no cost-of-living adjustments, like there are for both traditional pensions and for Social Security. Hybrid cash-balance plans are transportable and any remaining money in them can be passed on to heirs. SB 1 also shifts some costs to local school districts, who would have to contribute 2 percent of salaries for new teachers into the hybrid cash-balance plans.

As we reviewed this bill to determine what is best for taxpayers, public employees, teachers and retirees, we still vetted bills in committee and on the floor. Some bills and resolutions we passed in the Senate last week:

- SB 119 would require venison meat processors to dispose of waste or unused material produced from processing venison meat in the same manners as required for livestock, poultry and fish carcasses. Citizens have complained that deer hides are being dumped in wooded, rural areas. Livestock processors and taxidermists already have to dispose of animal byproducts and renderings according to state regulations.
- House Bill 74 would require the daily transactions at pawnshops to be entered into a database accessible to

police. The database would include descriptions of identifying characteristics such as the make, model, color, size, manufacturer, vintage and distinguishing marks of all merchandise pawned or sold. Customers selling or pawning an item would have to give a form of identification but they would not have to provide their Social Security number. A second provision would require secondhand merchandise sold to pawnbrokers to be held for a minimum of 12 days before being resold. A third provision would require police to provide a case report or other documentation that an item has been stolen before a pawnbroker will be required to surrender the item to law enforcement. The measure now goes back to the House for consideration of a Senate amendment to the bill.

- Senate Resolution 149 recognized the hospitality industry's role in identifying and preventing child sex trafficking. The resolution also encourages Kentuckians to patronize hospitality facilities that participate in the Tourism Child-Protection Code of Conduct. The code of conduct is an established initiative to provide support in training the travel and tourism industry in preventing sexual exploitation of children. According to SR 149, an

estimated 199,000 incidents of sexual exploitation of minors occur each year in the United States. Of those incidents, 45 percent of youth victims are exploited in hotels. SR 149 was adopted by a 35-0 vote.

Having passed the 35th day of this 60-day session on Friday, the activity in the Capitol will escalate in the weeks ahead. Not only do we have the pension bill to vet, but we are also waiting on the House to file a budget bill. There are other – though not as significant, but still important – pieces of legislation that we also will address in the remaining days. Your input remains invaluable in the legislative process.

You can stay up-to-date on legislation by logging onto the Legislative Research Commission website at LRC.ky.gov. The site provides bill texts, a bill-tracking service, and committee meeting schedules. You may leave a message for any legislator at the General Assembly's Message Line at (800) 372-7181. You may also email me at Dorsey.Ridley@lrc.ky.gov.

(Sen. Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson, has represented Senate District 4 – Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Union, Webster and Henderson counties – in the Kentucky General Assembly since 2004.)

Board of education considers school safety

By ALEXA BLACK
STAFF WRITER

In the wake of two recent school shootings, one in Marshall County High School and another in Parkland, Fla., discussions on school safety are being had in almost every district across the country. Crittenden County Schools have been doing their part to increase school security, exploring preventative methods and spreading overall awareness on the issues of school dangers.

Local school administrators and faculty are working toward an overall increase in security and prevention. There have been more shooter drills for faculty, an active shooter assembly led by former Kentucky State Police Capt. Brent White and even heightened police presence. School employees have decided that under no exception can they be lax who they let

enter the facilities and are focusing on keeping all entrances into buildings secure.

Additional cameras for all three schools were discussed at the Feb. 20 board of education meeting, aiming to keep an eye out for suspicious activity. Drug- and weapon-detecting dogs are also going to be employed far more frequently and at continued random intervals.

Getting students acclimated to staying alert during crisis response scenarios have also become a priority. Safety procedures vary from room to room, as different layouts can either prove advantageous to the student or the shooter. School authorities also say it is equally important, as well as faculty, to know how to counter a school shooter no matter their surroundings.

“We know in light of some dark events that have hap-

pened recently that safety is heavy on the minds of the whole community, especially with things happening so close to us this past month,” Al Starnes said last during his school safety presentation. “After the Marshall County shooting happened, we contacted local officials asking for more of a police presence here at our schools. It may not be the answer, but we understand it can be a deterrent for possible school shooters. The police with Marion and the sheriff’s department were more than happy to come in full force, and we encourage it. We will gladly provide them with what they need.”

Outside of the potential life-saving procedures being taught, total prevention of a shooting is the main goal. Though protocol is focused around strengthened security, the mental health of students has also become a

priority. This has led faculty to further programs that can help troubled students who have the potential to turn to violence. Faculty are emphasizing the importance of “If you see something, say something” to students so they will be more inclined to report suspicious behavior.

“What I hope we’re doing really well, is building a relationship with the kids and promoting the value in that,” Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark said. “We have dedicated time to middle school and high school now. You can set algebra and English aside for a bit and take a moment to talk about life and any hot topic issues on children’s minds. That plays into the See Something, Say Something policy as well, because now, some of the students

have a trusted adult that they can share things with, if they need to.”

Starnes presented to the board of education the many programs in place, one of which is Mountain Comprehensive Care that provides a behavioral health specialist in each building to pinpoint and help students with issues. There are alternative schools to help with discipline issues, and even the PAVE (Pathway Academy for Virtual Education) that offers alternative learning environments for students with severe anxiety.

Starnes, and the board of education agreed that building relationships with students is important now more than ever before. For this, there is the Care and Connect Time each day and the Rocket Booster mentoring program,

for both students and teachers to help build a healthy foundation with one another.

“The first part is taking procedures to keep the kids safe after they get here, and the second part is the mental health issue,” said board member Ryan McDaniel. “What can we do as a school district, as teachers, parents and even friends to keep something like that from ever happening again?”

“You have to go to the root cause with things like this. We need to develop a solid mechanism to find kids with these issues, and I feel like that’s where a tremendous amount of effort should go to. “Elementary school kids should be happy to go out on the playground, not have to worry about an active shooter. But that’s just the world we live in right now. It’s tough for all of us, but we will figure this out eventually.”



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CASA volunteers sworn

Lavanda Holloman (left) and Elliot West (center), two new Crittenden County volunteers for the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program of Hopkins, Webster and Crittenden Counties, were sworn in Tuesday morning by 5th Judicial Circuit Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers. CASA helps recruit, screen, train and supervise volunteers matched with its community’s children involved in the family court system. The volunteers operate as a single point of contact for individual children, advocating in the court system for their needs. Rogers said the participants are invaluable to the judicial process. “I’ve already seen the benefit of it,” the judge said of the program which had its first Crittenden County volunteer sworn in exactly one year earlier. “The volunteers have been able to bring some things to my attention I hadn’t realized.” Two more local participants are in the process of becoming official volunteers, but Rogers said more are still needed in the county.

THREAT

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online portal available to all students in the middle and high schools. The reports can be submitted anonymously with a simple online app accessible from the Chromebooks issued to each student from sixth-graders to seniors.

The procedure has been in place for some time.

“We didn’t need the recent events to put this in motion,” Radivonyk said.

He explains the unattributed nature of such reporting makes it easier for students to relay serious worries like deadly threats and bullying. Students may also call a direct, toll-free number to K9 Resources, the company contracted with the school district to conduct random weapons and drug searches.

“They did the right thing, the appropriate thing,” said Trooper Rob Austin, public affairs officer at KSP Post 2, referring to the CCMS student who reported the threat at the school. “It’s not a laughing matter, not a joke. This is a serious incident.”

Last week’s potential threat came a month after two students were killed and another 19 injured at a high school shooting in nearby Benton and just eight days after the Parkland, Fla., shooting that killed 17 and sent 14 more to

the hospital. The timing of the alleged remarks by the local middle school student is concerning to both school and law enforcement officials.

“It’s no longer just a school offense, it’s a criminal act,” said Clark. “Everybody’s on high alert, so why would you do it?”

But since the Marshall County shooting, Austin said several students elsewhere in Kentucky have been charged in similar cases. Just two days earlier, a 16-year-old in Todd County was charged with terroristic threatening for allegedly planning to both shoot students and bomb the high school.

Radivonyk said at his school, he tries to make clear to students the severity of such remarks. In fact, at an assembly on Friday, the morning after the alleged threat, that was re-emphasized.

“Being direct makes people feel more comfortable,” he

said. “Kids have been told you can’t say these thing and why. That way, there are no excuses, no confusion.”

The principal said he has seen a rise in student misbehavior following the recent disturbing incidents and was not completely surprised at what happened last week.

“Acting out is one way they deal with (anxiety),” he said.

Radivonyk, who has a middle school-aged son, said the Parkland, Fla., shooting really hit home with him. Before coming to Kentucky, he taught at a school in Orlando, Fla., that also had thousands of students and the same security concerns as Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Now leading a school with only 350 students, he knows all too well there is no simple solution to curbing threats – both realized and idle – at a facility.

“There is no one-size-fits-all solution,” he said.

Jail revenue \$200K for second straight month

Revenue for Crittenden County Detention Center eclipsed \$200,000 for the second consecutive month. Jailer Robbie Kirk reported to Crittenden Fiscal Court last Thursday that housing federal inmates at the facility generated more than \$66,000 in January and twice that much for holding state-level inmates. Kirk told magistrates he believes the jail is in a position to continue surpassing the \$200,000 on a monthly basis, save February. At an average of \$6,500 per day in housing revenue, losing at least two days in the short month would likely make that mark out of reach.

Inmate count as of Feb. 22

State inmates	137
Federal inmates	49
Other counties	2
Crittenden County.....	13
Total inmates.....	201
Weekenders/work release.....	4
Out to court.....	0
Actual total inmate bed count.....	205

January housing income

State housing.....	\$133,602.42
Housing days	4,263
Daily housing rate	\$31.34
Federal housing.....	\$66,568.48
Federal transport payments.....	\$5,710.48
Housing days.....	1,449
Daily housing rate	\$42.00
Other county housing	\$1,760.00
Housing days	55
Daily housing rate	\$32.00
Weekend/work release.....	\$864.00
Housing days	27
Daily housing rate	\$32.00
Total housing.....	\$202,794.90

January Crittenden County inmate expense

Housing days.....	609
Daily housing rate	\$25.00
Average daily population.....	19.65
Cost to house inmates on local charges.....	\$15,225.00

NEWS BRIEFS

County OKs contract to Freedom Waste

Crittenden Fiscal Court last week approved a solid waste agreement with Freedom Waste Service in Princeton that will see the cost of residential pick-up go up \$3 per month beginning with the next billing period starting April 1.

The new contract continues to give Freedom Waste exclusive rights to residential-only trash collection across the county, raising rates from \$15 to \$18 monthly. But collection is not mandatory. Residents may still take their own garbage to the county convenience center on U.S. 60 East for a disposal fee. The contract leaves terms with the county for servicing the convenience center virtually unchanged and still allows businesses to select their own hauler.

Freedom Waste owner Joe Buchanan said the increase in rates was necessary to offset increased employee costs associated with the service.

No other company bid on the contract for residential pick-up. The new agreement is a five-year contract renewable annually with approval from both parties.

In other fiscal court business:

- Magistrates approved releasing already-budgeted funds to purchase a new patrol vehicle for Crittenden County Sheriff’s Department. The arrangement allows Sheriff Wayne Agent to replace a vehicle each year for himself and his three road deputies, rotating out the fleet every four years.
- Magistrates approved releasing already-budgeted allocations in the amount of \$1,500 to Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community and \$3,000 to Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center for its home-delivered meals program.
- Chuck and Randi Hoover were added to the Crittenden County Food Bank Board of Directors.
- Magistrate Dan Wood said



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One for the books

Former Crittenden County Public Library Director Regina Merrick reacts last Thursday evening to a gift from staff and the board of trustees thanking her for 13 years of service to the library as (from left) Assistant Library Director Kathleen Guess, library clerk Elizabeth Tosh and Friends of the Library member Glen Leslie look on. Merrick left the library at the end of last year to pursue a writing career. Her first book, “Carolina Dream,” was released last year and she has just submitted her second book in the three-volume series to her publisher. The gift was a framed copy of the International Standard Book Number, or ISBN, attached to her first book. The ISBN is a unique numeric commercial book identifier found, typically, on the back of all books as a bar code and series of numbers.

the county is in the process of finding another engineer to submit plans for a floating boat dock at Riverview Park on the Ohio River. Last year, the county was awarded a matching grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund to build the dock, which will cost an estimated \$44,000.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will not issue a permit for building the portable dock until a plan has been submitted, but finding someone to engineer such a proposal has been difficult without putting forth the money for design. And the grant money will not

become available without the Corps’ permit

Voucher’s aim is to control pet numbers

Crittenden County Animal Shelter will be selling spay/neuter vouchers from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday for discounted procedures at participating area veterinarians. Residents of Crittenden, Livingston and Lyon counties are eligible to purchase the coupons for use with cats or dogs in order to help control the local pet population. The

cost is \$50, and must be used within 90 days with no refunds. They will be sold at the shelter on U.S. 60 East just north of Marion.

Fiscal court alters March meeting date

Crittenden Fiscal Court will convene at 8:30 a.m. March 22 at the courthouse. The meeting date was moved from the usual third Thursday in order to accommodate the annual Kentucky Magistrates and Commissioners Association conference.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU isn’t enough to show the gratitude we have for everything that has been done for our family since Drake’s accident in November. We are not sure there are words to express how we feel. The overwhelming response and outpouring of help from our families and friends will never be forgotten. Individual thanks would be nearly impossible. Just know that no action went unnoticed.

The world in all of its hardship could learn a very valuable lesson from two small communities that have come together to support us. You have not forgotten the importance of helping each other. “Love thy neighbor” or “Love one another as I have first loved you” are familiar words from the Bible. Know that you have done just that.

The power of prayer works, and God is good – if you don’t believe that, just look at Drake.

*Thankful and Grateful-
Daniel, Hope, and Drake Kemper and Patti Thomas*



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Last week's rain in Crittenden County has had a devastating affect on some areas of the county, particularly the concentrated population of Tolu. It even sent courthouse offices scrambling to cover up equipment threatened by a leaky roof. Pictured clockwise from top left, Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford protects computers in her office Friday after rains for three days caused leaks at the courthouse; Jeff and Brad Hagedorn of Waverly return from a jonboat trip across flooded roads to check on the old E-town Ferry they use to access farmland on Hurricane Island; Ky. 135 in the northern part of the county is flooded in several spots, including at the bridge over Caney Fork near the intersection with First Avenue and other areas like shown in the next photo; Helen Miller's home on Water Street Monday had backwater from the Ohio River just inches from the back of her home and steadily rising; and Susie Tinsley wades through water covering her front yard on Caney Fork after gauging how much the water had risen overnight from a stick that had been planted at the water's edge.



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FLOODING

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too," said Susie. "Doing this every three or four years is getting to be too much."

Other residents to Tolu took also advantage of Sunday's clearing to move things from buildings and areas immediately threatened by flooding. That continued Monday and Tuesday. Residents also pitched in sandbagging Tuesday, hoping to protect a few homes from flood waters.

Helen Miller, 88, has experienced multiple flooding events in Tolu. According to her son Dale Miller, her home on Water Street was filled with 5 feet of water in 2011, a year when lower Ohio River flooding was second only to the 1937 Flood.

Dale and his brother Wayne helped their mom empty a garage Sunday, and on Monday, were hoping it wouldn't be necessary to clear out the house like in the past. But Dale, keeping a close eye on the National Weather Service's hydrologic predictions for the river gauges at Shawneetown and Golconda, Ill., was not very optimistic.

"At 52 feet, it puts it in her house," Dale said of the Shawneetown reading.

At press time Tuesday, the river gauge was at 49.46 feet, but was predicted to crest early Sunday morning at 53.5

Historic crests

The Ohio River at press time was expected to crest at 53.50 feet at 6 a.m. Sunday at the Shawneetown, Ill. That would put it at 6 inches above major flood stage and make it the seventh-highest gauge since records have been kept. Below are historic crests at Shawneetown as measurd in feet:

- 65.64 on Jan. 30, 1937
- 56.35 on May 6, 2011
- 55.60 on March 14, 1945
- 55.30 on Jan. 19, 1950
- 54.60 on March 20, 1964
- 54.40 on March 12, 1997
- 53.50, Sunday projection

Other recent crests

- 48.36 on March 20, 2015
- 43.55 on Jan. 4, 2016
- 41.28 on April 11, 2014
- 39.14 on Dec. 30, 2013

feet. Flood stage is at 33 feet; major flood stage is 53 feet. Sunday's predicted crest would be the seventh highest ever recorded at Shawneetown, but more rain was forecast for Wednesday and Thursday, heightening the threat to even more homes, outbuildings and barns.

Knowing the river was on the rise, Dale Miller had cleared items out of his barn below his mother's home several days earlier. His mother,

however, was hesitant to move too quickly Monday, packing only a few items of clothing until the fate of her home was more certain.

East of the Millers' concerns, at the intersection of First Avenue and Ky. 135, the Tinsleys are also keeping an eye on the river gauges. Their own measure, a stick placed in their lawn at water's edge Sunday night, showed waters backed up from the swollen Ohio River and spilling the Caney Fork bank had crept up 14 inches overnight, edging to within only a few feet of their front door and lapping at their LP tank.

By Tuesday, the bridge over Caney Fork just in front of their home was submerged, closing Ky. 135 at a fourth location. That highway was one of more than a dozen roads and highways still closed Tuesday across Crittenden County following more than 6.6 inches of precipitation recorded last Wednesday through Saturday by the Kentucky Mesonet weather station in Repton. The ferry could remain closed until mid-March.

Rainfall totals across the county varied widely over the four-day period, but the Mesonet station offers the only official reading.

Like many across the county - from those in the southern part of the county affected by Cumberland River backwaters to those along the

northeastern border inundated by a swollen Tradewater River - residents of Tolu can only anticipate what further rains may bring. While some like Helen Miller have flood insurance to cope with losses, others like the Tinsleys do not have that safety net.

On Friday, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom declared a state of emergency. At about the same time, Gov. Matt Bevin declared one for the entire state. The declarations can make the community eligible for federal assistance and streamlines response to such disasters. Already, county road crews have put in extra hours working both days this weekend to repair washouts and remove uprooted trees from the roadway felled by the soggy ground. There have also been equipment damages caused by operating in water.

But last week's rains also emphasized the need for a new roof over the courthouse. In recent years, the original flat roof has been patched and sealed, but standing water has continually managed to find its way in. Such was the case last week when leaky ceilings plagued the offices of sheriff, county clerk, circuit clerk and judge-executive. County Clerk Carolyn Byford was forced to cover vital county records and sensitive computer equipment with garbage bags. Water pooled in the floor and dripped from lighting fixtures.

At last Thursday's fiscal court meeting, Newcom said the county needs to act soon on placing a pitched roof atop the courthouse to allow precipitation to better drain.

"If we don't get these leaks stopped, we're not going to have any ceilings left," Newcom said. "We may not be in a financial situation to do anything, but we've got to do something."



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Last call at Conrad's


Nancy Paris (right) served up her last deli meal Tuesday before retiring from Conrad's Harvest Foods where she has worked the last 24 years. Paris said she has plenty to keep her busy in retirement, including gardening and grandchildren. Also pictured is Conrad's employee Bonnie Young.



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Fencing class date March 20

STAFF REPORT

The first of two farm fencing schools sponsored by the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment will be held in Princeton this month.

The first fencing school is planned for March at the UK Research and Education Center on Ky. 91 in Princeton. The second is in Versailles.

Participants in the day-long training will learn about state fence laws, fencing economics, construction basics and electric fencing basics. They will also have hands-on fence building opportunities with industry experts.

"Participants will construct both electrified and smooth high tensile fence and high tensile fixed knot woven wire fencing," said Chris Teutsch, a UK forage Extension specialist. "This fencing is a tremendous improvement over traditionally used hinge joint woven and the cost of construction is about the same."

The cost to attend the school is \$30 per person, and each session's class size is limited to 30 people.

Those interested in attending must register by Monday, according to a UK news release. To sign up or to view the agenda, visit 2018KyFencing.eventbrite.com.

The school is also sponsored by the Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council.

County produces 2.33M bushels of corn in 2017

STAFF REPORT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released the county estimates for corn and soybeans last week from the 2017 production year, and western Kentucky was a stronghold for both. The two crops are significant to Kentucky agriculture, together bringing in \$1.65 billion in cash receipts in 2016.

"Corn yields rebounded from an off year in 2016, while soybean yields continue a string of annual increases," said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. "Statewide, the soybean and corn yields were record highs and soybean production was at a record high for the fifth year in a row."

Corn estimates

Christian County is the leading corn producing county in Kentucky for 2017, with production totaling 13.96 million bushels, harvested from 73,100 acres. The top five counties, account for 29 percent of Kentucky's corn production. Those and others of interest from the area – excluding Lyon County, which did not meet NAAS publication standards – are:

COUNTY	BUSHEL
1. Christian	13.96 million
2. Henderson	12.97 million
3. Union	12.39 million
4. Graves	12.12 million
5. Daviess	11.33 million
Webster	6.72 million
Caldwell	5.86 million
Crittenden	2.34 million
Livingston	1.65 million

Pendleton County had the highest soybean yield at 60.9 bushels per acre. In Crittenden County, yield was 49.7 bushels per acre.

Soybean estimates

Henderson County is the leading soybean producing county in Kentucky for 2017, with production totaling 5.40 million bushels, harvested from 91,800 acres. The top five counties, account for 24 percent of Kentucky's soybean production. Those counties and others of interest from the area – excluding Lyon County, which did not meet NAAS publication standards – are:

COUNTY	BUSHEL
1. Henderson	5.40 million
2. Daviess	5.36 million
3. Graves	4.98 million
4. Christian	4.77 million
5. Union	3.91 million
Webster	2.62 million
Caldwell	1.85 million
Livingston	1.33 million
Crittenden	1.33 million

Pendleton County had the highest soybean yield at 60.9 bushels per acre. In Crittenden County, yield was 49.7 bushels per acre.

County-level estimates are used by other USDA agencies to set standards for insurance and risk protection programs many farmers rely on to protect their operations.

"Farm Service Agency (FSA) relies on the county-level estimates for Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) program calculations," Knopf said. "The Risk Management Agency (RMA) uses the data for administering the Area Risk Protection Insurance Plan, establishment of transitional yields, and determining when to make crop loss insurance payments. When drought and flooding impact crop production, or even in a year with good yields, these data are crucial to the agriculture industry."

On April 19, NASS will release county estimates for hay.

'Ag tag' donations investment in future of state's agriculture

By RYAN QUARLES
KENTUCKY AG COMMISSIONER

In the weeks to come, many of you will head to your county clerk's office to renew your farm vehicle license plates, or "ag tags." When you do, I hope you will make a voluntary donation to the Ag Tag Fund for the future of Kentucky agriculture.

Proceeds from the fund are divided equally among Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) for youth development and promotional programs. Half of the 4-H and FFA funds go back to the county where the tag is purchased.

Among other things, the KDA uses some of its share to contribute \$2,500 toward the \$10,000 prize for the Kentucky Leopold Conservation Award and for six \$1,000 scholarships for the KDA-Kentucky High School Athletic Association Ag Athletes of the Year.

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation uses its portion of its Ag Tag funds to support statewide programs such as engineering events, the Issues Conference, the Performing Arts Troupe, the 4-H Summit, and state officer scholarships.

Kentucky FFA provides over \$20,000 in grants to agriculture programs to make a capital investment in their curriculum or facilities. It provides \$1,000 to each of the 12 FFA regions to recognize students at regional FFA banquets and for travel scholarships for Kentucky FFA members who are competing at the National FFA Convention. It



Quarles

also supports statewide initiatives such as the Kentucky FFA website, state officer leadership development, and support for teacher educators at the university level.

County 4-H councils use the funds for local programming, paying for leadership and citizenship opportunities, funding 4-H camp scholarships, and other uses. FFA chapters are free to use the money to meet the greatest need in their community, such as FFA jackets for students in need or helping cover travel costs to leadership events.

FFA and 4-H are two of the leading youth organizations in Kentucky and in the nation. The KDA works every day to promote Kentucky agriculture and teach Kentucky's young people about the importance of agriculture in their everyday lives. Funding from your voluntary donations helps all three organizations fulfill our mission to sustain Kentucky agriculture for generations to come.

Ag tag donations in fiscal 2017 soared to nearly \$630,000, the highest amount in the history of the program and a 14 percent increase over the previous fiscal year. We are grateful to everyone who gave last year and, in a time of tight budgets and increasing need, we hope to do even better this year. I hope you will join me in making a voluntary donation to the Ag Tag Fund when you renew your farm vehicle license plates.

Rural water utility upgrading more meters

By ALEXA BLACK
STAFF WRITER

Crittenden-Livingston Water District is upgrading more meters as it modernizes its system.

The two-county utility is replacing standard water meters with radio, or "drive-by," meters that allow usage readings to be recorded without physically viewing the meter. One hundred new meters are being installed.

The program began in 2009, and a total conversion to mobile is expected within the next couple of years. The automated meters have already been installed at more than 2,200 of the utility's 3,600 customers.

With the new meters, the employee is not required to manually read the meters in any particular order. Instead, a electronic device collects data from the meter via a radio signal as the reader drives within the vicinity. This technology saves utilities the expense of monthly stops to each physical location to read a meter, and lessens safety concerns for utility employees going onto properties.

The first shipment of drive-by meters was purchased nine years ago through a loan from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority for around \$300,000. With the funds, 1,600 meters, computers, software updates and other necessary items to implement the new



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Crittenden-Livingston County Water District meter reader Matthew Thorby inspects an analog meter. The utility is in the process of installing 100 more digital readers that eliminate the need to physically inspect each meter for readings.

all meters, saving on costly fuel and employee compensation.

The transition to mobile readers has also cut down on customer complaints.

"We try to tell the customers that it wasn't just for our convenience, it's also for them too," Crittenden-Livingston Water District Superintendent Ronnie Slayden said. "It's a good tool for all of us, and keeps better track of everything. All we had was minimal information to go on if someone used too many gallons, but now with these, we can narrow the numbers down and get to the bottom of it."

With analog meters, if a customer called with a complaint over their bill, the water department could not give an explanation as to why the reading may be off. But now with mobile readers, the utility can give them the exact day of abnormal water consumption, as the updated meters track the last 40 days of usage.

Slayden said this may help customers recall why their water usage was higher than usual on that day, and also help indicate a possible leak in quick order. In more serious cases of water issues, the department can be notified remotely if there is irregular usage. If it continues for an abnormal period, the water department will call and notify the customer of their data.

February warm, wettest month since July 2016

STAFF REPORT

February was warm and too wet for farmers in western Kentucky.

According to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) field office in Louisville, Kentucky saw well above normal temperatures and much above normal precipitation last month. As temperatures increased and multiple rounds of rainfall occurred later in the month, extremely high precipitation totals were experienced. This led to extreme flooding in some areas, like those along the Ohio, Tradewater and Cumberland rivers.

Temperatures in western

Kentucky through Sunday averaged 52 degrees, about 3 degrees warmer than usual. The average temperature in Crittenden County through the same period, according to the Kentucky Mesonet weather station in Repton, was 51.3 degrees.

Precipitation for the first 27 days of the month was 9.22 inches, more than 5 inches above normal. It was the wettest month recorded locally since July 2016, when almost 16 inches fell on the county.

Soils have become very saturated from the wet weather, and some fields remain flooded. Many streams

and ponds are rising out of their banks. Low lying pastures have also been waterlogged, and persistent rainfall has hampered early season improvements and fertilization. Farmers and producers continue to evaluate potential damages.

Winter wheat conditions have been impacted by the excessive moisture, and small grain nitrogen applications have been delayed as well. Winter wheat conditions were rated as 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 54 percent good and 8 percent excellent.

Many cattle producers are concerned about hay sup-

plies, as cattle are consuming more than normal. Some are supplementing feed with grain to help maintain cattle condition as best as possible. Muddy conditions are also making it difficult in moving and feeding cattle. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 4 percent very short, 13 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 9 percent surplus. Livestock conditions were reported as 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 68 percent good and 8 percent excellent.

Farmers have been preparing for spring planting, and making repairs to equipment.

NASS surveying farmers' planting intentions for 2018

STAFF REPORT

What is on the horizon for Kentucky farmers in 2018 as they finalize plans for planting this spring? The March Agricultural Survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey more than 1,800 farmers in the Commonwealth to determine their plans for the upcoming growing season.

"This survey has two important functions: To get a

read on the potential supply of grain for 2018 and to measure how much of the 2017 production remains in storage," said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. "These two pieces of information will be vital for producers as they make business decisions. This data is also important for Kentucky agriculture that depends on grain, such as poultry, beef, and hog growers; milk producers; and distilleries."

The survey is asking producers to provide information about the types of crops they intend to plant in 2018, how many acres they intend to plant, and the amounts of grain and oilseed they store on their farms. NASS encourages producers to respond online or by mail. Those producers who had not responded by Tuesday may be contacted for a telephone or personal interview.

NASS will compile and analyze the survey information

and publish the results in the annual Prospective Plantings report and quarterly Grain Stocks report, both to be released on March 31, 2018.

As with all NASS surveys, the results of this survey will be available in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified. For more information about Kentucky surveys and reports, call the NASS Kentucky Field Office at (800) 928-5277 or visit <https://goo.gl/2dN6tJ>.

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We never feared being poisoned by a substance in an envelope in our mail box.

We never had to read about millions of American mothers having their unborn babies poisoned and torn to pieces in their mother’s womb.

We were spared the horrible stories of thousands of young people dying from overdosing on drugs, or 121 suicides each day.

We knew not of drive-by shootings.

Chicago was not a hell hole of gangs with as many as 65 people shot in one day.

Rarely was a man’s sexual orientation questioned. If it was, there was cause for disgrace.

We had never heard the word lesbian.

Broken homes were where a parent died, leaving it in grief.

Shacking-up was rare and so were babies out of wedlock.

Three things young people feared most were God,



Lucy TEDRICK
Guest Columnist
Religious and Political Views

getting a spanking and breaking the law.

It was in a pagan country that Abraham sensed “Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife’s sake.”

How sad it is America was once called a Christian Nation. Now, it has the traits of a pagan nation thanks to smart aleck atheists who have helped Satan take God out of our lives, and put hell and heartache in.

Those of us who have let this happen are suffering now, and will again at Judgment.

How much happier, safer and healthier were our children when the Bible was read in schools and prayer was offered to God to protect the children and teacher.

It was indeed much better when churches were full on Sunday and preachers preached holiness, hellfire and damnation and living Godly lives.

How sad the atheists find out with the rest of us, just how deadly their lies are, and how ignorant they were all along.

How true are the words: “The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works.”

They lead children to slaughter other children.

Who ever thinks to blame them?

•Rev. Lucy Tedrick, pastor at Marion Church of God, shares her views periodically in this newspaper. She can be reached at (270) 965-3269. Her opinions are her own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.

Walk away from darkness with God

BY FELTY YODER

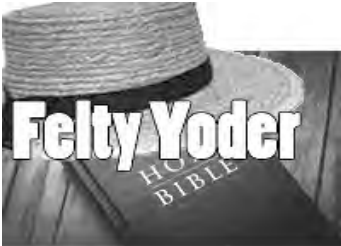
If we understand that God is Pure Light, and in Him is “no darkness at all,” there is no way we can go along with the teaching that God made the Devil just the way he is now; a liar, a murderer, full of hate, full of sin and full of darkness.

God is not the author of evil, confusion or darkness. When God bids His people to come to that place of maturity where they can discern both good and evil, He is not asking them to understand that He is, in some sense, the author of both. Rather, He would bring His mature ones to that place in God where they know, discern and understand the nature of both, so they can draw the line between good and evil, between light and darkness and between order and disorder.

For those who may be troubled about this passage in 1 John 3:8 “The Devil sinneth from the beginning...” We will notice in the next breath John says “This is the message that ye heard from the beginning.” (verse 11).

But it is a different beginning. If we take our concordance and examine the “beginnings” mentioned in the Bible, we will discover there are may beginnings, and it all depends on the context in which they are mentioned.

God made everything good, even in the natural world about us. What He made was so good



that His own God head and attributes were to be seen in the things that are made. Much of it has come under the curse, and signs of decay and corruption abound in all of His handiwork. Yet in and through it all we can see the beauty of what God made in the first beginning before evil came on the scene. Especially as we come to know God more we can look at the things He made, and know that in it all He was showing forth and revealing His own heart of love, goodness, power, wisdom and truth. He only “creates” darkness, and “creates evil” by way of judging the wicked with the evil of their ways, as they persist in walking in their own darkness. Evil is simply darkness in all its various form and intensities. The Bible tells us, “God cannot lie.” (Titus 1:2.) So let us not accuse Him of making a liar, and the father of all lies.

God is total Light, not just a light-bearer. He gives Light and that means He is the source of Truth, of Goodness, of Grace, of Mercy, of Longsuffering, for

there are many facets of Light.

But as creatures of God, made to be light-bearers, we can only retain that light as we walk in union and in association with Him.

If we choose to cut the channel of light, then immediately there is darkness.

I have a power line into my house. I am dependent on the electric power company for light in my home. Suppose one day I decide I’ll have my own light. I will cut those power line, and suddenly my room is in darkness. The power company was n’t at fault. I severed my connection with the power company, and the result was simply negative. I find myself in darkness. Exclude light, and you have darkness. Exclude good and you have evil. Exclude mercy and you have unkindness. Exclude love and you have hate. Exclude truth and you have deception. It’s that simple.

And so John tells us, “He that liveth his brother abideth in the Light... He that hateth his brother is in darkness.”

God is Love, Truth and Light. Leave God out and you have hate, deception and darkness. Where does evil come from? Exclude God and you have it.

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.

Church Events

- Sturgis General Baptist Church, located at 903 N. Johnson St., in Sturgis will have homecoming services March 4. A potluck will follow the morning worship as well as a performance by the Liberty Boys from Benton at 1:30 p.m.

- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church’s clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.

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Bro. John Robertson, Pastor
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Christopher

Margaret M. Christopher, 95, of Kuttawa died Friday, Feb. 23, 2018, at Rivers Bend Retirement Community.

Survivors include a sister, Joan Jason of South Haven, Mich.; son, Stephen Christopher (Bonnie) of Sarasota, Fla.; daughter, Bonnie Perri (Frank) of Boise, Idaho; son, Michael Christopher (Judy) of Normal, Ill.; daughter, Julie Stout (Keith) of Eddyville; four grandchildren, Jacob, Emily, Nadine and Bethany; and four great-grandchildren, Annie, Gavin, Sadie and Daphne.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alfred and Ella Gronlund; her husband, Nicholas Christopher; and two grandsons, Daniel and Nathan Christopher.

She was a member of Casco United Methodist Church in South Haven, Mich. Services will be held at Casco United Methodist Church at a later date. Alexander Funeral Home in Evansville, Ind., was in charge of arrangements.

Werne

Libby Werne, 58, of Crittenden County died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018 at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, Ind.

She enjoyed cooking and reading.

Survivors include her husband of 34 years, Richard “Rick” Werne of Marion; two daughters, Talaney Werne of Marion and Jaime Ruiz of Henderson; a son Terry Werne of Marion; a granddaughter Elena; three brothers, Buddy McBride of Evansville, Johnny McBride of Dekoven and Tony McBride of Shawneetown, Ill.; and two sisters, Bonnie Cardwell of Clay and Patsy McBride of Uniontown. She is preceded in death by her parents, Bud and Iris McBride; and a sister, Connie Forwe.

Services were Sunday, Feb. 2 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis with Rev. Stacey Foster officiating.

Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield was in charge of arrangements.

Chambliss

Mollie Marie Chambliss, 93, of Salem died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018 at Livingston Hospital.

She was a member of Salem United Methodist Church and the Salem Birthday Club. She enjoyed flowers, cooking and her grandchildren.

Surviving are a daughter, Kelly (James) Curnel of Salem; and three grandchildren, Alivia, Logan and Payton Curnel; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Haskell Chambliss; a son, William H. Chambliss; three sisters; four brothers; and her parents, Lenny and Nellie Oliver.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018 at the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem with Bro. Jr. Deason and Bro. Steve Tinsley officiating. Burial was at Salem Cemetery.

Area Deaths

Crawford

Dorothy Gilland Crawford, 92, of Smithland died at Livingston Hospital in Salem Friday, Feb. 23, 2018.

She was born in Crittenden County to George Russell and Rena (Croft) Gilland on Feb. 20, 1926. At the age of 13, she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and became a member of New Union General Baptist (Ditney) Church where she was the oldest member.

During World War II, she worked as a “Rosie the Riveter” on the P47 plane in the defense plants of Evansville. She occasionally shared with her daughters and others stories of the World War II era and especially the story of the celebrations in downtown Evansville upon Japan’s surrender.

After the war she married James Hetherington Crawford, who had returned from three years of military duty in Italy and North Africa. Their marriage of 45 years ended with his death on Feb. 16, 1991.

A 25-year retiree of Potter and Brumfield/Siemens in of Marion, Crawford enjoyed gardening, cooking, sewing, reading her Bible and attending her church.

Surviving are daughters Doris Cothron (Tom) of Smithland and Charlotte Holloman (Bob) of Marion; granddaughter Corye LaShea Holloman Vinson (Tee Tommy) of Ledbetter; great-grandson Luke Vinson of Ledbetter; sisters-in-law Wilma Gilland of Salem and Linda Gilland of Marion; and many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her siblings Corene Grimmett, J.D. Gilland, Pauline Damron, Willie Paul Gilland, Rowena McKendree, Roberta May, Wanda Jewell Janes, Martha Sue Hensley; a niece; and four nephews.

Services were Tuesday, Feb. 27 at the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem with the Rev. Kenneth Watson officiating. Burial was at Salem Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the New Union General Baptist Building Fund c/o Hazel Croft, 607 Hook Drive, Salem, Kentucky 42078.

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Bartley

Shirley Jean Bartley, 67, of Paducah died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

She liked to camp, fish, cook, play cards and work crossword puzzles.

Surviving are her son, Keith Edward Bartley of Dover, Tenn.; daughters, Lisa Ann Morris of Paducah, Lawana Quertermous of Paducah and Melviea June Bartley of Dover; brothers, Calvin Crouch of Salem and Michael Crouch of Smithland; sisters, Carolyn Duty of North Carolina, Rita Pullen of West Paducah, Patricia Morrow of West Paducah and Pamela DeLargey of Smithland; grandchildren, Melissa, Eddie, Chris, Cory, and Breanna; and great-grandchild, Macey Ann.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Bartley; daughter, Stephanie Marie Bartley; brothers, Carl Crouch and Roy Crouch; parents, Calvin Crouch Sr. and Melvia Edmonds Crouch.

Services were Sunday, Feb. 25 at the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Roger Devine and Bro. Calvin Crouch officiating. Burial was at Ferguson Cemetery.

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Varying Conditions

The weather in Kentucky is always tough to predict as illustrated in this photograph taken Tuesday on the Crittenden County Elementary School campus where preschool students outside playing were dressed in everything from spring-like short sleeves to tightly-drawn hoodies. Over the month of February, temperatures in Marion ranged from 11 to 77 degrees fahrenheit. And over a four-day period last week, the county received 6.63 inches of rainfall, which was two-thirds of the entire precipitation figure for the entire month, according to the Kentucky Mesonet weather station near Mattoon. Pictured above are Luke Burris in the red hoodie, Alley Latham to his right and Oakley Faughn in the blue short sleeves among others. Temperatures for the coming days are supposed to be a bit above normal, but who really knows?

Rosie’s show at Fohs Hall back on later

Rosie the Riveter may have gotten washed away by high water last week, but she'll bounce back at Fohs Hall next month.

The Kentucky Chautauqua "Rosie the Riveter" performance scheduled for Fohs Hall Saturday was postponed because of flash flooding and a number of roads being closed throughout the county and in other nearby areas.

The Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation event has been rescheduled for April 28.

The performance traces women’s contributions to the war effort during the World War II. A real live “Rosie” passed away last week. See Dorothy Gilland Crawford’s obituary on this page.

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Garden series starts March 13

The Crittenden County Extension Service will offer a class called Grow Your Own Bouquet at 5:30 p.m., March 13 at the Extension annex on U.S. 60 East. Participants will learn the qualities to look for when making selections for a cut flower garden. For more information, call (270) 965-5236.

Video contest captures Earth

The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet invites budding filmmakers and broadcasters in grades 9-12 to submit an original video for the "Capture the Earth" environmental video contest. The winner will receive one night lodging at any Kentucky State Resort Park with his or her family. Judges will look for originality and creativity, videocomposition and how well videos represent Earth Day.

To enter, upload your video to YouTube, make it public and email the link to Lanny.Brannock@ky.gov. Your video must be saved as a YouTube link.

The subject line of your email should read STUDENT EARTH DAY VIDEO CONTEST. Please include your name, age and grade; parent or guardian email address and phone number; name of school and the county; where and when the video was taken; and a paragraph on how the video celebrates the beauty and diversity of Kentucky and encourages others to care about the state's environment.

The deadline to enter is 4:30 p.m., April 6.

Calendar

– **Story Hour and Book Signing** with local children's author Betty Brantley at 11 a.m., Saturday. Listen to a reading of Brantley's children's book, "Little Miss Bully," and purchase signed copies.

– It's **Mystery Week** at CCPL March 5-10. Practice your sleuthing skills to get ready for Marion's Murder Mystery Contest on March 10. All week long, you can solve the mystery scavenger hunt at the library for a free spy glass, picture with Sherlock, and one entry into the grand prize mystery basket giveaway!

– **Family Clue Game Night** will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., March 8. Bring the whole family for a Clue board game contest. Form your team and wear your favorite costumes from the Clue board game. Prizes and snacks will be provided.

Extension

– The **Cultural Arts Contest** is Friday at the Christian County Extension Office. Members are urged to consider participating in this event.

– **Leader Lesson** "Gardening in Small Spaces" will be at 10 a.m., March 7 at 10 a.m. at the Extension Office.

– **Crochet Corner** will meet at noon March 7 at the Extension office.

All chess divisions state-bound

Crittenden County hosted the largest Quad A Regional chess tournament in 10 years Saturday with over 150 players east of Bowling Green. The top four teams in each section advance to the State Team Championship on March 24 in Shepherdsville where the best 16 teams battle for the state team title. The Blue Knights were favored to place well, but each section would prove to be no shoe in as the competition was fierce all day.

K3
The K3 team of Wyatt Russell, Jake Rich, Donte Bell, Charlie Ledford, Alex Hewitt, Zeke Smith and Eli Lovell have had their hands full with the strong talented Murray Elementary team all year.

Coming into regionals, the two teams each have two first-place finishes and two second-place finishes. The Blue Knights went into the first round and took care of business by winning all 4 team points and would be tied with Murray going into round two. The second round would prove to be difficult for the Blue Knights as they only gained 1.5 points giving Murray the lead by 2.5 points. In round three the Blue Knights clawed their way back by earning 3 points but Murray would keep the slight lead. Rounds 4 and 5 would not go the way the Blue Knights wanted as they would finish with only 12.5 points at the end of the day and fall to second place under Murray who had a total of 16 points to win the tournament.

Individually Jake Rich placed 6th with 3 points, Eli Lovell placed 7th with 3 points, Zeke Smith placed 12th with 3 points, Charlie Ledford placed 13th with 3 points, Alex Hewitt placed 15th with 2.5 points, Donte Bell placed 18th with 2 points, and Wyatt Russell placed 21st with 2 points.

K5
The Blue Knights K5 team has had a tough year



K3 chess team members are (rom left) Coach Don Winters, Eli Lovell, Jake Rich, Alex Hewitt and Donte Bell.

with only three members, but would finally be able to add its fourth member just in time for Regionals. The team of Hayden Hildebrand, Nai'Zayah Bell, Cameron Hernandez and newcomer Jaxson Cartwright would do all they could to be one of the four teams advancing to state. Jaxson Cartwright would prove to be a great addition and would help the team secure the 3rd place finish by earning two of the team points in just his first tournament. The team would finish with a total of 9.5 points under Lone Oak Intermediate with 12.5, and Murray Elementary with 17 points. Individually Hayden Hildebrand placed 2nd with 4 points, Nai'Zayah Bell placed 17th with 2.5 points, Jaxson Cartwright placed 28th with 2 points, and Cameron Hernandez placed 35th with 1 point.

K8
The K8 team of Gage Russell, Dennon Wilson, Trey Swaggirt, Tyler Swaggirt, Evan McDowell, Isaac Sarles, Abbey Swinford and Marley Phelps have been battling with Lone Oak Middle School all year. The two teams have swapped first- and second-place finishes much like the K3 team has with Murray. The Blue Knights would take the early lead over Lone Oak and never look back. They finished the day 3 points ahead of Lone Oak to claim the Quad A K8 Regional Championship. Individually Gage Russell placed 1st with a perfect score of 4 out of 4, Dennon Wilson placed 4th with 3 points, Evan McDowell placed 5th with 3 points, Trey Swaggirt placed 8th with 3 points, Marley Phelps placed 12th with 2 points, Tyler Swaggirt placed 18th with 2 points, Isaac Sarles placed 20th with 2 points, and Abbey Swinford placed 25th with 1 point.

K12
The K12 team of Clay Stevens, Skyler James, Lauren Gilchrist, Cole Swinford, Chase Stevens, James Crider and Dominic Rorer have proved to be the team to beat all year. They would come into this tournament with every team in their section out to beat them just once. The Blue Knights would start the tournament strong and by winning all 4 team points in round one. Due to accelerated pairings the team would struggle in round two and only gain 1.5 points, giving up their lead to Hopkinsville High School by 2 points. In round three the Blue Knights came back strong every player won their game giving the Blue Knights a half point lead heading into round 4, but only being separated by one point from the other three



K8 team members are (front from left) Evan McDowell, Isaac Sarles, (back) coach Don Winters, Tyler Swaggirt, Trey Swaggirt, Dennon Wilson, Gage Russell, Abbey Swinford and Marley Phelps.



K12 team members from left) are coach Don Winters, Skyler James, Chase Stevens, Clay Stevens, Cole Swinford, Dominic Rorer, James Crider and Lauren Gilchrist.

top teams. Round 4 would prove to be a tough one as the Blue Knights lost some crucial games making their fate come down to one final game between opponents from the 2nd and 3rd place teams. If the member of the second place team won, the Blue Knights would finish second, and if the member of the third-place team won, the Blue Knights would tie for first and hope for tie breaks to fall their way. When the dust settled, the Blue Knights would finally be dethroned from their undefeated season and finish second to CACHEK home-school by just one point. Individually Skyler James placed 4th with 3 points,

Lauren Gilchrist placed 11th with 3 points, Cole Swinford placed 12th with 3 points, Chase Stevens placed 14th with 2.5 points, Dominic Rorer placed 18th with 2 points, Clay Stevens placed 22nd with 2 points, and James Crider placed 23rd with 2 points.

All four Blue Knight teams punched their ticket for the State Team Championship on March 24.

"I am very proud of how all the teams performed and am looking forward to state as we have a good chance to place well in all sections," said coach Don Winters.



Starnes earns board honor

Crittenden County Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark presented Al Starnes with the Rocket Way Employee of the Month for the influence that he has had in the Crittenden County School System since 1991. Clark described him as a football coach with over 175 victories, an excellent teacher, cancer fighter and mentor who has always taught that success comes through preparation and hard work. "He has made a difference by being the difference," Clark said, adding that Starnes also has had an influence on children outside the school system. "I appreciate the honor. After all these years, whatever you try to do for kids, you just want to leave knowing that you've made a difference," Starnes said. "That's all I have tried to do in my years here. There was a coach who did in my life, so I've always tried to do the same. I'm just humbled that I've been a part of Crittenden County and that I, and my family have been welcomed here. I will always call this place home."

Senior Menu

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

– Thursday (today): Menu is beef stew with brown rice, cole slaw, cornbread, pineapple delight and margarine.

– Friday: Menu is breaded pollock, pinto beans, cole slaw, cornbread and vanilla pudding. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

– Monday: Menu is sloppy Joe on whole wheat bun, hashbrown casserole, baked pork 'n beans, baked apples with raisins.. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

– Tuesday: Menu is baked Italian chicken with mashed potatoes, white gravy, peas and carrots, banana pudding and whole grain biscuit.

– March 7: Menu is beef lasagna, buttered broccoli, garlic breadstick, Jell-O fruit salad and margarine. Blood pressure checks will be offered at 9:30

a.m., followed by Bingo at 10:30 a.m.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability. PACS provides milk, coffee, tea or water each day. Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center. The center is a service of Pennyrile Allied Community Services.

Every day, the center at 210 N.

Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the use of exercise equipment. Tai Chi and Walk with Ease classes are available. Call (270) 965-5229 for more information.

Earth photo contest for 6-8 grade students

The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet invites student photographers in middle school (grades 6-8) to submit an original photograph for the "Capture the Earth" environmental photo contest. The winner will receive one nights lodging at any Kentucky State Resort Park with his or her family. Second place will receive an Elk Tour for two at Jenny Wiley State Park. Judges will look for originality and creativity.

Please send your photo by email as an attachment to . Your photograph must be saved as a jpeg file. File sizes may not exceed 5MB. The subject line of your email should read STUDENT EARTH DAY PHOTO CONTEST.

Please include in the body of the email:

- Your name, age and grade;
 - Your parent or guardian's email address and phone number;
 - The name of your school and the county where it is located;
 - Where and when the photo was taken
- Contest begins at 12:01 a.m. on Feb 19 at 12 a.m. Photos may be submitted until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2018. Only electronic submissions are eligible. Limit one entry per student. The Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC) is not responsible for lost, late, illegible, incomplete, or entries not received for any reason. Entries become sole

property of EEC, and none will be acknowledged or returned. By entering, entrant warrants that the entry (1) is original and does not infringe the intellectual property rights of any third party. (2) has not been published in any medium and (3) has not won an award.

The photo contest is open to all Kentucky middle school students. The video contest is open to all Kentucky high school students. Email Carrie. or telephone 502-782-7064 for more information.

All entries will be judged by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet communications staff based on the following criteria:

- Creativity and originality (50 percent)

- Photo composition (25 percent)
- Appropriateness to contest theme (25 percent)
- DEADLINE: Send in your photo or video by 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 6, 2018. Please see flyer below for more details.

Submit your calendar item

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Early attorneys well-respected, successful

Attorneys played an important role in the early days of our county's history. They not only had many cases to try in court at Marion but when the need arose, they would travel to the different districts in the county and have court there. From the archives of The Crittenden Press we find some interesting history of some of the attorneys of the times and a sampling of some of the cases that they handled.

January 1895 – Moore & Moore – Attorneys at Law

A. C. Moore is a son of Judge J. A. Moore, and he inherits his father's love of the profession to which he has devoted his life and talents.

A native of Crittenden County, 38 years of age, of prepossessing a distinguished appearance, he makes sad havoc with the preconceived ideas of the 12 good men and true in the jury box, provided their thoughts of the verdict to be rendered are contrary to his side of the case.

Education largely in our high school, supplemented by the Madisonville normal, he placed himself under the directing touch of Judge L. H. James, the eminent lawyer, and was admitted to the bar in 1888.

In all of our prominent cases, Mr. Moore is usually observed on one side of the other. He has been honored politically several times, county Attorney, Supervisor of the United States Census, with the direct control of over 100 bright men whose loyalty and good work indicated his directing genius, he now devotes his entire time to his large and lucrative professional practice. (Alfred Clay Moore died Dec. 11, 1946 and is buried at Mapleview Cemetery.)

John A. Moore is devoted to his professional practice of the law. City attorney for

the past five years, Mr. Moore's experience has been for so young a man – 30 years – varied and extensive. Graduating from the Marion High School in 1890, he was admitted to the bar in 1894, and has since that time been a close student of both men and the law. He is a Crittenden County product in every respect, born educated and married, and has all the strong loyalty to his town, county and state. (John A. Moore died in 1952 and is buried in Mapleview Cemetery.)

BLUE & DEBOE, Attorneys at Law

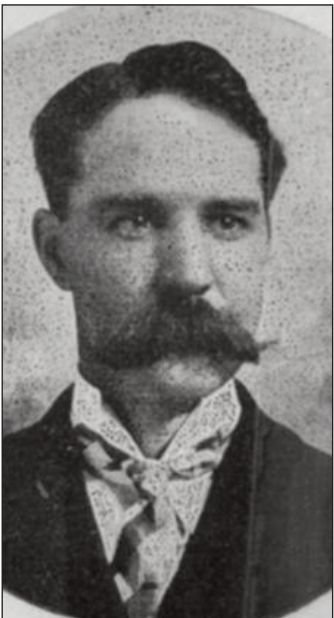
J. W. Blue, Jr. of the law firm of Blue and DeBoe was

educated in the public school and Marion Academy and graduated from the Marion Academy in 1880. He then entered upon the study of law in his father's office and also supplemented that knowledge by attending lectures in the Louisville Law School, graduating in 1885. By his oratorical powers and persuasive presentation in addressing a jury, the force of his argument is very powerful. (John Wm. Blue, Jr. died 1934 and is buried in Mapleview Cemetery.)

W. J. Deboe, the second partner of this firm, also received his early education in the public schools of the county and at Bethlehem Academy. After graduation, he taught for five years in Crittenden and adjoining counties. He then attended Ewing College in Illinois, studying both law and medicine. He was admitted to the bar in 1889. His magnetic personality and easily recognizable abilities soon placed him among the top attorneys in the area. (William J. Deboe died June 14th, 1927 and is buried in Mapleview Cemetery.)

Rochester & Kevil, Attorneys at Law

J. G. Rochester is a Ken-



Pictured above from left are early Marion attorneys John A. Moore, A.C. Moore, William Deboe and J.W. Blue.

tuckian born and raised in Marion, and it was here he was educated and here began studying law with Dan H. Hughes in Morganfield, and was tutored by some of the ablest minds of the age. In 1878 he entered upon the practice of his profession, taking at once a commanding position at the Crittenden County bar and leading in active political life in the fold of the Democratic party, of which he has always been an active member.

He has held some of the most important public offices within the gift of the people of his county. He was twice elected county attorney, entering the office when only 27 years of age, being the youngest man ever so honored in Crittenden County.

His has been a long, successful legal experience, one which has particularly fitted him for county judge. His law practice has been a general one, commercial and corporation law and he represents several prominent collecting agencies.

It is as a lawyer he has achieved his great celebrity. In his office in the Carnahan Block he is surrounded by an elegant library, the latest decisions and reports and thoughts occupied is never too busy or tired to talk and

execute business.

He has a large acquaintance over the county and numbers his friends by the score. Plain, unassuming, pleasant and social he lives near the people. (Joseph G. Rochester died Dec. 30, 1929 and is buried in Mapleview cemetery.)

J. Bell Kevil, our former county surveyor, has found his professional duties largely increased, owing to the great number of mining leases that require "running out."

Mr. Kevil, due to his years of county surveyor, is very familiar with the topography of the country, as well as the direction and extend of our mineral veins that he is about the busiest man in the city. His law practice alone is sufficiently great to demand most of his attention. Add to all these duties that of police judge and mining engineer and one can easily see that he has not much time for amusement.

Mr. Kevil, before he came to Marion, lived at Dycusburg where he was engaged in milling. He removed to Marion with the advent of the railroad and was one of the founders and original owners of the Marion Mill. (Kevil died March 10th, 1817 in Sikeston, Mo., but was brought back and buried in

Mapleview Cemetery.)

In Circuit Court, April 4, 1895, the grand jury returned a bill against James Adams, accusing him of killing his wife. The court appointed Blue & Deboe to defend the accused, as Adams had no money to employ counsel.

Monday the case was called for trial and both sides announced ready. Twenty odd witnesses were examined. Some of the commonwealth witnesses stated that there were bruises on the neck and knees of the dead woman; one witness stated that he heard screams in the direction of the house the evening Mrs. Adams died; other witnesses stated that Adams was in the habit of cruelly treating his wife.

Witnesses for the defense sated that the accused was kind and good to his wife; that the wife was subject to smothering spells. The defense proved that the witness who told of the woman's screams had made contrary statements. Dr. J. H. Clark stated he had examined the body of the dead woman, which was exhumed, and that there was no evidences of a violent death; there were no bruises on the neck and that the red places on knees were caused

by the disease of the skin, and they were not bruised places. He said the neck of persons dying suddenly frequently turn black.

The case was given to the jury without argument, and after about 30 minutes the jury returned a verdict of acquittal and the defendant was discharged.

In May of 1895, attorneys Rochester and Kevil were called to Shady Grove to assist with a trial before Esq. Williams. There was a strong array of counsel, and a goodly number of witnesses that testified. The warrant was against several parties, charging them with "An Unlawful Assembly." But the causes were severed, and W. G. Williamson was put upon trial.

After the prosecuting attorney had exhausted his witnesses and had vainly sought relief from the witnesses for the defense and finding nothing upon which to hang a hope for conviction, he dismissed the prosecution as to all. So it is now on record that Mr. Williamson is not an Unlawful Assembly." After the trial was over, Rochester and Kevil started their long journey back to Marion.

Fredonia Heritage Society meets Thursday

The Fredonia Valley Heritage Society will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday (today) at Fredonia American Legion Post 103 at the Buddy Rogers Park on Dorroh Street in Fredonia.

Local historian Nancy Menser will speak about her background in history, archaeology and historic preservation and how each affects the Fredonia area. Also on the agenda will be refreshments and business meeting.

The Fredonia Valley Heritage Society is for anyone interested in learning more about the heritage and history of the Fredonia Valley and for those who want to see the history of our community preserved for future generations.

The society is in the process of compiling their third publication. This book will feature veterans from the Fredonia Valley. It

should be available for purchase within a few weeks. This book will be one you will definitely want for your library.

The fourth reprint of the society's first publication, "The History of the Fredonia Valley," is still available for sale. The beautifully bound hardback book is 552 pages and has 1,750 photographs, over 200 family histories, approximately 10,000 names, and includes historical accounts of the Fredonia Valley from the 1780's until the present. It covers an area within a six mile radius around Fredonia, including parts of Caldwell, Crittenden, and Lyon Counties. The cost is \$50.

The society's second publication entitled "In Pursuit of Art – The Talent of John F. Rice" is also still available for sale. It is a unique hardback book full of over 335 wonderful pieces of John Rice's

art in full color with historical descriptions. His artwork reflects his love for the Fredonia Valley and its people and also includes art from his time in France and other locations. The cost is \$40.

If you are interested in purchasing a copy of either book, you may contact Pam Faughn at pamfaughn@att.net. To have the book mailed, send the price of the book plus \$6 for mailing cost together with your name, address, and

phone number to Fredonia Valley Heritage Society, P.O. Box 256, Fredonia, KY 42411.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every odd numbered month Membership fees annually are as follows: \$15.00-Individual; \$25.00-Family; \$30.00-Businesses per Voting Member; \$250.00-Lifetime One Time Payment.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Fredonia Valley Heritage Society is encouraged to attend.

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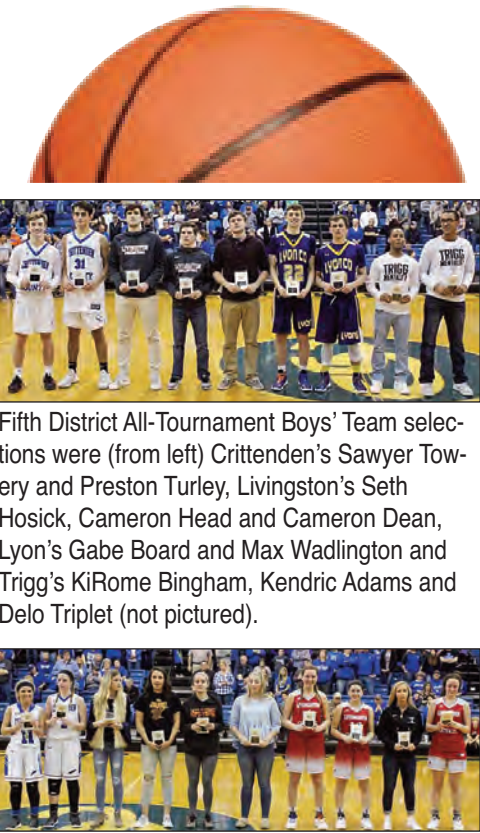
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Fifth District All-Tournament Boys' Team selections were (from left) Crittenden's Sawyer Towery and Preston Turley, Livingston's Seth Hosick, Cameron Head and Cameron Dean, Lyon's Gabe Board and Max Wadlington and Trigg's KiRome Bingham, Kendric Adams and Delo Triplet (not pictured).



Fifth District All-Tournament Girls' Team selections were (from left) Crittenden's Mauri Collins and Madison Champion, Lyon's Sophie Bingham, Hannah Holloman and Alison Murphy, Trigg's Lauren Oliver, Livingston's Tabby Padon and Hailey Stafford, Trigg's Bethany Stallons and Livingston's Lauren Wring.

Hunting Seasons

Raccoon Hunting	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Fox	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Squirrel	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Bobcat	Nov. 25 - Feb. 28
Red Fox	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Grey Fox	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote Nighttime	Feb. 1 - May 31
Youth Turkey	April 7-8
Spring Turkey	April 14 - May 6

Youth balls sign up March 10

Registration deadline for youth baseball, softball and kickball is Saturday, March 10. Registration forms will be sent home with students at Crittenden County Elementary School in the coming days. You may also get a form at YTG Insurance in Marion or at The Crittenden Press. Additionally, an online form is available at <http://www.the-press.com/2018YouthBallRegistration.pdf> or find a link at The Press Online. Costs vary depending on division and number of children in your family who sign up. Play is available for boys and girls ages 4-15. For more information, call Tanner Tabor (859) 333-9751.

March 12 soccer sign up

Youth soccer assessments and final registration opportunity will be held at 5:30 p.m., Monday, March 12 at Marion-Crittenden County Park soccer complex. Cost is \$40 for 4u, 6u and 8u and \$50 for 10u, 12u and 14u. Registration forms will be sent home with students from school in the coming days. For more information, contact Shana Geary at (270) 704-1069.

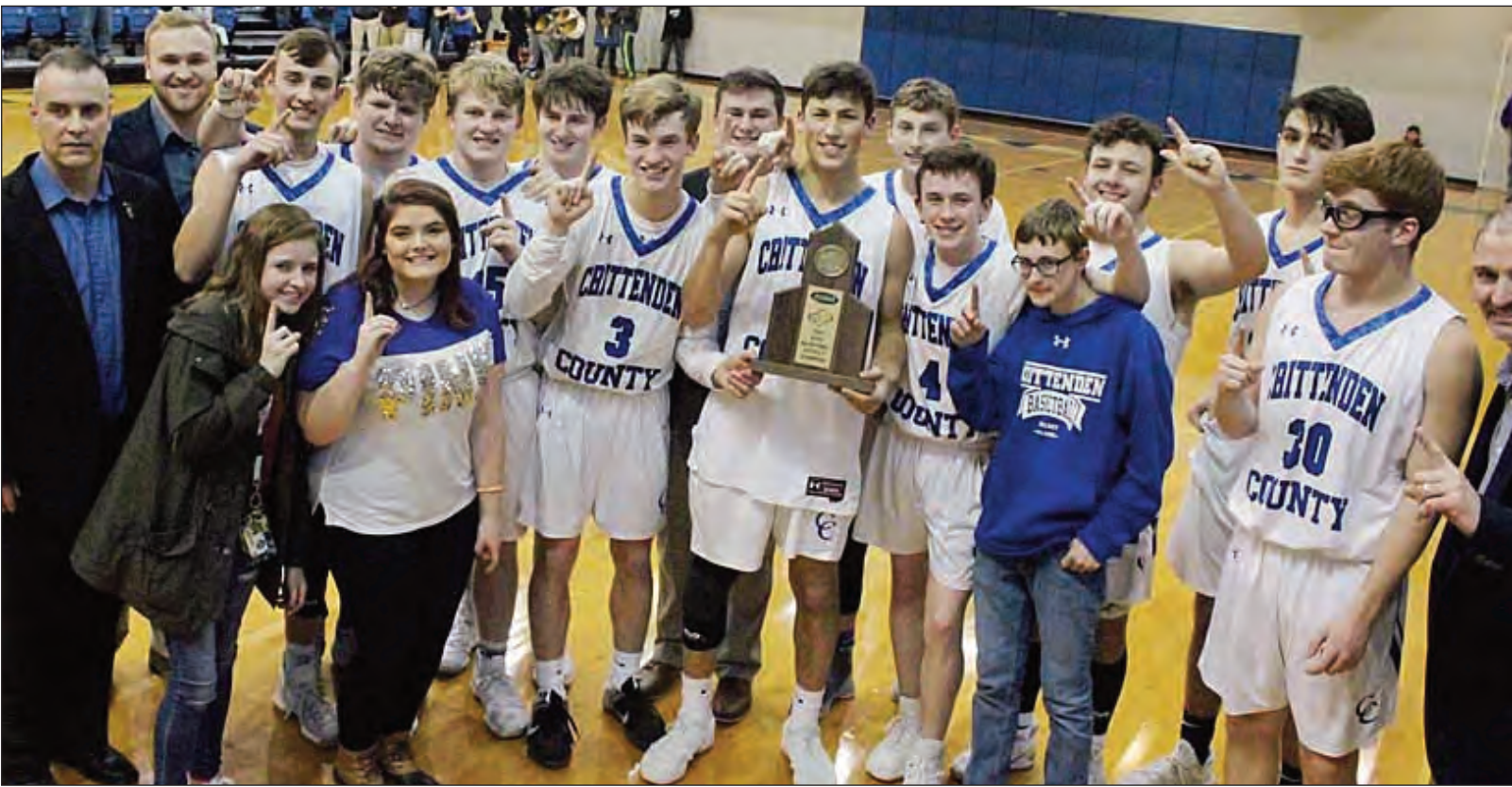
Golf to benefit shelter

Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter will be hosting a four-person golf scramble, "Fore the Luck of the Pups," next month at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. The tournament is March 17 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Along with four-person teams, the shelter is looking for \$100 sponsors for each hole. For more information or to register, contact the shelter from 1 to 5 p.m. at (270) 965-2006 or email MaryHallShelter@yahoo.com.



Spring sports season tix

Crittenden County High School's spring sports programs are gearing up for their seasons that begin in less than three weeks. Season passes for softball and baseball games are now on sale. Adult season passes are \$30 and student season passes are \$10. Those passes are good for all home softball and baseball games at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Coaches for each program will have those available between now and the start of season. The Rocket baseball team opens March 19 at home against Graves County, the softball girls open March 20 at Hopkinsville and track gets going in a couple of weeks, too.



Rockets Belt Lyons Crittenden ends 20-year 5th District title drought

STAFF REPORT

Contemporary rap music rattled the hinges of lockers in Crittenden County's dressing room while Queen's "We are the Champions" echoed through the quickly emptying Rocket Arena last Thursday night.

Parents, grandparents, boosters, girlfriends and a few others were lingering on the floor smiling as if they'd just watched their child's first footsteps. Coach Denis Hodge sat next to his wife – who coaches girls' basketball team – and they entertained a series of congratulatory handshakes and slaps on the back.

Everything felt different.

It was different. Very different.

The Rocket basketball team had just beaten Lyon County 52-51 for the Fifth District championship – its first in the new gym. Rockets and championship are words that hadn't worked together in the same sentence in two decades. In fact, the boys who labored on the floor to bring a district crown back to Marion, were not even born the last time that trophy settled here. Their fathers weren't born when Crittenden won its only other title since Marion and the county school consolidated 61 years ago.

Yes, since there has been only one high school in this county, the Rockets have won only two district titles prior to last week. One was 20 years ago in 1998 and the first was in 1957.

And what made this even more shocking was the reality that Crittenden County had spent most of the season as arguably one of the worst teams in the region – at least when it comes to wins and losses.

Coach Hodge won't let anyone get away without a serious dispute if they say Crittenden was the Second Region doormat, although his team finished the regular season 5-19. Of the 13 others in the region, none was as bad on paper. In the district, Crittenden hadn't won a game. The boys came into the post-season tournament with the last seed, forced to play the No. 1 team in the league – Livingston Central – in the opening round. Crittenden dispatched the Cardinals 51-47 then eked out a victory over Lyon thanks to an inbounds play that found senior Logan Belt diving from the top of the key to the backside block. From in front of his own bench, junior Hunter Boone keyed the pass across the court to Belt, who left the ground with a powerful leap, catching the ball at full speed while aloft toward the basket. It was in and out of his hands in a flash, kissed off the backboard and through the net with 12 seconds to play. From there, Lyon bungled its last chance by collecting an offensive foul on the other end of the floor.

Belt said the freshman point guard Gabe Mott suggested the inbounds play while the team was huddled up for a timeout.

"Coach said run Special, but Gabe said, 'Let's try Special Back,'" Belt recalled as he pulled off his jersey in the locker room. It will be the last time he'll dress there, but the memory of this game will linger a lifetime.



Rocket junior Sawyer Towery clips the net down after Crittenden won its first ever district championship at the new Rocket Arena.

Just ask Kyle Myers, who stood near the end of the Rocket bench the entire game, encouraging players individually and keeping officials in check. Myers played on the that 1998 team that won the title 20 years ago. He remains a huge fan and people still discuss with him that squad from the late '90s.

"I've followed this team all year and what I noticed was that when the other team made a run they folded. The last two games that didn't happen. They never gave up and kept fighting," Myers said after the title win.

Coach Hodge agrees, but again he is quick to defend his boys.

"I'd never say we quit," Hodge barked. "I said last week that this team had a chance to win this tournament. We'd put three quarters of good basketball together several times, but really hadn't done it for a whole game."

Hodge was an assistant coach in 1998 when Hall of Fame skipper Jimmy Croft led the Rockets to its last title. He knows all too well how special this win was last Thursday.

"I guess I've become more emotional in my older age," he explained, hair graying a bit, but still well-fit and highly energetic for his late 40s. Ever modest – and frankly focused on the next mission – the ex-Army Ranger said he enjoyed watching the boys celebrate.

"I just feel so blessed to be part of something so special for kids," Hodge said. "What I consistently tell them is to enjoy the moment, don't feel the pressure of winning and losing. If you're in

a game, enjoy the moment. If you're celebrating like tonight, enjoy the moment."

Commemorating the moment were hundreds of proud followers who barnstormed the floor with smartphones in hand. From Live internet videos of the final minutes to selfies with the newborn Rocket stars, everyone was tugging at bandwidth for at least an hour after the game.

Once the reality had set in, Belt talked about the pressure from which his coach had tried to shield the team.

"There was a lot of pressure mentally before the game," he said. "Thirty minutes before it started I was thinking '20 years, we can change it all tonight.'"

Yet once on the court, Belt said any anxiety of the moment was replaced by the calming guidance of his coach's words.

"Enjoy the moment."

The Game Itself

While the result is what's celebrated, the nuts and bolts that made up this victory were just as memorable. It was such an unlikely story. One of Crittenden's most reliable scorers – freshman center Preston Turley – had gotten himself into early foul trouble after proving his power inside during the first period. He had nine points in the opening quarter, but picked up his fourth foul in the early seconds of the last half and didn't play again the game's final six minutes.

Attacking the rim gave Crittenden a seven-point lead out of the chute, but it was three-point shooting in the final half that helped seal the deal. Crittenden



BOYS

Monday's Semifinal Scores
Crittenden 51, Livingston 47
Lyon Co. 46, Trigg Co. 44

Championship Score
Crittenden 52, Lyon County 51

GIRLS

Tuesday's Semifinal Scores
Livingston 31, Trigg County 26
Crittenden 52, Lyon County 51

Championship Score
Crittenden 46, Livingston 23

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BOYS' TOURNAMENT
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WEDNESDAY
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Crittenden vs Union Co., 7:30 pm

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GIRLS' TOURNAMENT
At Webster County

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Webster 65, Dawson Springs 21
Hopkinsville 75, Crittenden 40

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Christian Co. 83, Livingston 45
Henderson 74, Caldwell Co. 39

FRIDAY
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had seven treys in the game, four in the second half. Sophomore Erik O'Leary came off the bench for a couple and junior Sawyer Towery nailed two.

Lyon's top scorer, Gabe Board, dominated the second period to get his team ahead 36-27 by halftime. Crittenden was still behind by five when the final period started.

That's when Belt centered a three from the top of the key. With 2:35 to go, Towery got an old-fashioned three-point play and one of Lyon's best playmakers – Max Wadlington – fouled out. Crittenden trailed by one, 49-48.

Sophomore Tyler Boone tapped in a couple of foul shots with 1:11 left then Lyon eighth-grader Jackson Shoulders missed on the first shot in the bonus with 29 seconds left and Hunter Boone hauled in the rebound. From there, Crittenden moved the ball into the front court and called a timeout. That's where the freshman point guard helped draw up the go-ahead play that was executed by a junior – who just happens to be a quarterback on the football team (Hunter Boone) – and senior (Belt) who so desperately wanted to break that 20-year curse.

"It was just crazy exhilarating," said junior guard Sawyer Towery. "Just crazy!"

Crittenden 52, Lyon 51

Lyon County	20	36	45	51
Crittenden Co.	17	27	40	52

CRITTENDEN – Towery 11, Mott 5, Belt 10, Turley 11, H.Boone 4, E.O'Leary 6, Winders, T.Boone 5. FG 19. 3-pointers 7 (Towery 2, O'Leary 2, Mott, Belt, T.Boone). FT 7-11.

LYON – Wadlington 6, Haines 5, Blackburn, Yancy 4, Board 17, Brown 10, Shoulders 9. FG 17. 3-pointers 3 (Board 2, Haines). FT 14-22.



At top, Crittenden’s Chandler Moss guards Livingston’s Lauren Wring. Top right, the girls posed for a group photo with the district trophy. Directly above, senior Madison Champion reacts to the announcement that she not only won a district crown, but also eclipsed the 1,000-point milestone during the championship game.

Back-to-Back Nets

For first time ever, Lady Rockets get 2nd straight 5th District championship

STAFF REPORT
History just keeps following the Lady Rockets. Crittenden County’s girls’ basketball team continues a decade of successes from a regional championship in 2011 and a Class A regional championship in 2017. Now, in the exhaust of Coach Shannon Hodge’s basketball program are back-to-back Fifth District Tournament titles for the first time ever. The Lady Rockets ran the table on the district tournament Friday night, beating Livingston Central in commanding fashion 46-23. The victory also gave Crittenden County a sweep of the Fifth District Tournament for the first time ever. The boys had beaten Lyon a night earlier. Crittenden had lost twice to the Lady Cardinals this season, by one at Marion in December and by seven in January at Smithland.

In the championship game, Crittenden shot well, making half of its fielders while Livingston struggled offensively and turned the ball over 16 times. The Lady Cardinals made just 21 percent of their shots, none from long range and got just three points at the foul line where they had 11 chances. Crittenden contorted the tempo of the game with its man-to-man defense and senior Madison Champion did a good job containing Livingston stalwart Tabby Padon, who got a dozen points, eight below her season average. Champion also surpassed a career milestone, getting her 1,000th point in the second half. She entered the game needing 14 to reach that coveted threshold, but no one knew it until the game was over and she was honored with the game ball. “I didn’t want to let that

cat out of the bag and make anyone extra nervous,” Coach Shannon Hodge said after the victory. “Tabby Padon is a great player, great scorer and I thought Madison did a great job defending her,” the coach added. She also pointed to the help defense that stretched a stranglehold around Padon any time she came close to the lane. Hodge singled out Nahla Woodward, Shelby Summers and Chandler Moss for providing backside help against Padon, and also commended senior Mauri Collins, who held Livingston’s No. 2 scorer Hailey Stafford to just three points. “Early we gave up some rebounds, but I thought we continued to battle with that and got some huge ones in the second half,” the coach said. Seventh grader Taylor Guess came off the bench for



Crittenden County seventh grader Taylor Guess emerged as the Lady Rockets’ first player off the bench after she joined the squad midway through the varsity season after her middle school team finished playing. She got a chance to cut off a piece of the net at Rocket Arena last week.

10 points, including some key foul shots down the stretch – making each of eight attempts from the charity stripe. Once Livingston was down in the second half by eight, Crittenden picked up the pressure and made it a rout. The Rocket girls went ahead by a dozen with over six minutes to play when Champion stole the ball from

Padon at the top of the key in Livingston’s front court and went the length of the floor for a layup. In short order, Crittenden was ahead by more than 20. Collins and Champion were each named to the all-district team.

Crittenden 46, Livingston 23				
Livingston	5	13	17	23
Crittenden	11	18	27	46

LIVINGSTON – Padon 12, Wring, Stafford 3, Quertermous, Downey, Dudley 6, Tolley, Davidson 2. FG 10-47. 3-pointers 0-9. FT 3-11. Rebound 30 (Padon 12). CRITTENDEN – Champion 20, Collins 10, Moss 2, Summers 4, Woodward, Long, Keller, Duncan, Perryman, Easley, Guess 10, Boone, Driskill, Hatfield, Hayes. FG 15-30. 3-pointers 2-7 (Collins). FT 14-19. Rebounds 30 (Champion 6, Woodward 6).



Senior Madison Champion provides pivot defense against Hopkinsville’s Jayla Rose. Both were named this week to the All Second Region Basketball team as selected by the region’s coaches.

Girls’ season ends in region opener

STAFF REPORT
Playing on foreign soil against a deeper, quicker and stronger opponent, Crittenden County’s girls’ basketball season came to a close Monday night in the opening round of the Second Region Tournament at Webster County. Hopkinsville (20-10) shot very well in its 75-40 drubbing of the Lady Rockets (15-14). It was a lopsided ending to an otherwise rewarding season. Coach Shannon Hodge said among her team’s preseason goals were a district championship and a winning season. Both were checked off. “This is not what we want to remember as what our season has been all about,” Hodge said. “We’ve had a great run here at the end and made some history last week.” Hopkinsville’s two All Region performers Breon Oldham (13ppg, 4 reb.) and Jayla Rose (16 ppg, 8 reb.) were as good as advertised. Crittenden hadn’t played Hoptown all season long and had only a handful of common opponents. Rose scored a game-high 23 and Oldham 14. Crittenden senior Madison Champion led her team’s scoring as she has all season long. She finished with 14 on a day when it was announced that she’d been selected to the All Second Region Team. The members were chosen by area coaches.



Hodge praised Champion and the team’s only other senior, Mauri Collins, for their leadership throughout the season and pointed toward a strong group of young, talented girls who will return next year. “Maddie and Mauri played hard all year long and we got consistent improvement from our younger kids,” the coach said.

Hopkinsville 75, Crittenden 40
Hopkinsville 23 43 66 75
Crittenden Co. 13 23 34 40
HOPKINSVILLE – Samuels, Oldham 14, Epps, Foster 11, King 11, McKnight 8, Rose 23, Montgomery, Moore 2, Radford, Rawlings, Flowers 6. FG 32. 3-pointers 6 (King, Foster). FT 5-9. CRITTENDEN – Collins 6, Champion 13, Moss 2, Summers 7, Woodward 7, Long, Guess 2, Duncan 2, Easley 1, Hayes, Boone, Perryman, Binkley, Keller, Radford. FG 15. 3-pointers 1 (Collins). FT 9-16.

Senior Mauri Collins brings the ball up the floor against relentless Hoptown pressure during Monday’s Second Region opener at Webster County.



Crittenden County’s girls won the third- and fourth-grade championship, beating Caldwell County twice in the district tournament Saturday at Trigg County. The girls were undefeated in division play this season. Pictured are (front from left) Jordyn Hodge, Haylie Hunt, Elle McDaniel, Elliot Evans, Anna Boone, Chloe Hunt, (back) coach Mandy Hunt, Lacey Boone, Georgia Holeman, Ella Geary, Andrea Federico, Bristyn Rushing, Madison Walker and coach Lee Anna Boone.



Crittenden County’s boys’ won the third- and fourth-grade championship, beating Caldwell County twice in the district tournament Saturday at Trigg County. The boys were undefeated this season. Pictured are (front from left) Avery Thompson, Brady Dayberry, Isaac James, Davis Perryman, Colt Bailey (back) coach Sean Thompson, Ethan Thomas, Caleb Riley, Brayden Poindexter, Bryson Walker and Quinn Summers and coach Maeson Myers.

Elementary School Basketball District Tournament Results

BOYS Fifth and Sixth Grade QUARTERFINALS Crittenden Blue 30, Lyon 28 Scoring: Tyler Belt 2, Travis Champion 9, Caden Deboe 2, Caden Travis 2, Levi Piper 8, Gabe Keller 7. Crittenden White 37, Dawson 13 Scoring T.Riley 4, Casey Cates 4, Chase Conyer 6, Jaxon Hatfield 2, Bennett McDaniel 2, Tucker Sharp 6, Brady Belt 15.	SEMIFINALS Trigg 38, Crittenden Blue 28 T.Belt 11, Champion 5, Deboe 3, Travis 3, Jeremiah Foster 2, Piper 2, Keller 2. Caldwell 43, Crittenden White 27 Cates 6, Conyer 2, Micah Newcom 9, B.Belt 10. Third and Fourth Grade SEMIFINALS Crittenden 29, Caldwell 17 Scoring: Bryson Walker 8, Avery Thompson 9, Quinn Summers 3, Isaac James 2, Brayden Poindexter 7.	CHAMPIONSHIP Crittenden 31, Lyon 21 Scoring: Walker 10, Thompson 5, James 2, Summers 5, Poindexter 6, Brady Dayberry 2, Caleb Riley 1.	CHAMPIONSHIP Crittenden 28, Caldwell 9 Scoring: Boone 8, Evans 6, Walker 3, Chloe Hunt 4, H.Hunt 2, Georgia Holeman 5.
GIRLS Third and Fourth Grade SEMIFINALS Crittenden 26, Caldwell 12 Scoring: Anna Boone 2, Elliot Evans 16, Madison Walker 2, Haylie Hunt 2, Andrea Federico 4.	Fifth and Sixth Grade Crittenden 20, Trigg 8 Scoring: Riley Smith 9, Hannah Long 2, Emily Mattingly 6, Jaelyn Tapp 3. SEMIFINALS Caldwell 26, Crittenden 14 Scoring: Riley 12, Carly Porter 2.		

Losing record should not take away from Morris’ season

Vic Schaefer thought Mississippi State had a good defensive plan to stop Maci Morris, Kentucky’s leading scorer. He felt like the Bulldogs, who finished Southeastern Conference play unbeaten and are considered the team to beat for the national title, made Morris work for any shot she got. Yet in Sunday’s regular-season final, Morris still went 8-for-15 from the field and had 22 points for Kentucky. It was her sixth straight game with 20 or more points, something no other UK player had ever done.

“She’s such a great player,” said Schaefer “She’s added now not just the 3-point range and big range, but she’s added the off the bounce piece. She’s really developed herself into a complete player.

“She’s very difficult to defend. She’s smart. She knows that if you’re here, she can do this. If you’re here, she’ll do this. She’s a very smart, heady player. She’s highly skilled. (Kentucky coach) Matthew (Mitchell) does a lot of runs, a lot of good stuff for her. Her teammates understand their role in trying to help her get open and allow her to be successful.”

Kentucky has a losing record going into Thursday’s SEC Tournament game in Nashville against Alabama, but Morris is averaging 17.2 points per game and shooting 47 percent (69 of 147) from 3-point range and 83.7 percent (82 of 98) at the foul line. She’s pulled off 3.5 rebounds per game and even blocked 16 shots. She had 35 points against South Carolina, making her only the third UK player ever to score 35 or more in a SEC game. She also led UK in scoring 19 times — and played the second half of the season with a bruised knee.

Mitchell has watched the junior from Bell County develop into one of the best players in the SEC this year when UK needed her to do far more than she had her first two seasons.

“She has command of her game, she has command of her ball handling, and she can go right or left so you can’t force her one way or another. She can make plays off the bounce with both hands and that’s very, very important,” Michell said. “She’s a great 3-point shooter. So, you can’t make a mistake at the 3-point line or she’ll make you pay. She’s got a mid-range game and she makes free throws. She can play out of the on-ball screen. She just has a total package offensively, skill wise, and what rounds that out is accurate shooting. She’s a very, very good offensive player.”

She’s worked to become a better leader and also understands the role her teammates have played in her



Maci Morris scored 20 or more points in UK’s last six games, something no other UK player had ever done. (Vicky Graff Photo)

success. “When I was struggling to score some I remember KeKe (McKinney) she came up to me and told me, ‘You’re the best shooter in the SEC. You shoot it every time,’” Morris said. “All my teammates, they have complete confidence in me and just to know they believe in me, I get confidence from that and it just helps me go along with my game. I feel like my shot is working really well right now.”

One thing that has surprised her, though, is how fast three years have gone by at Kentucky. She’s already 26th on the UK all-time scoring list with 1,068 points, but says realizing her junior season is almost over is hard to comprehend.

“I swear, I feel like I just got out of high school. It flies by. I remember (former UK teammate) Janee Thompson telling me, ‘Enjoy it cause it goes by so fast,’ and I didn’t believe her cause my freshman year seemed to go so long. It has flown by and it’s crazy,” Morris said.

How would Kentucky’s 1977-78 national championship team like to be remembered by UK fans?

“I would like people to remember us as bunch of unselfish people. A team that came out and always had one or two guys step up and make things happen for us. Just a team that was on a mission,” said Rick Robey, one of four seniors on that team.

Kentucky lost to UCLA in the 1975 title game when Robey, James Lee, Jack Givens and Mike Phillips were seniors. They were eliminated in the Elite Eight in 1977 by North Carolina when the Tar Heels used the four-corners offense after getting a lead.

“If we had won that North Carolina game nobody would have beat us in the Final Four because nobody could run with us,” Robey said. “My freshman year, UCLA should not even have been in the title game. Louisville should have won that semifinal game. With (UCLA coach) John Wooden retiring, it kind of made it tough for

anybody else to win in that Final Four. But down the stretch we missed some free throws that cost us, too.

Robey, a Louisiana native, doesn’t have any regrets about playing at UK and then his NBA career. He considers himself blessed. He’s been working in the real estate business in Louisville and the last five years his son has worked with him. Robey was with RE/MAX for 24 years before recently joining eXp Realty.

“It has been a great career and having my son with me now just makes it even better,” Robey said.

Freshman Nick Richards figured to have some growing pains at Kentucky this year, and certainly has. He’s shown flashes of brilliance but often has gotten pushed around by stronger opponents and has had trouble developing an offensive game near the basket.

What does he have to do to become more of a factor in postseason play for UK?

“I just think Nick needs to play confidently. Another way of saying it is get out of your own self’s way. You’re trained. You are walking in the games, playing a good game. So what happens when you step on the court. You’ve been trained, you prepared, you know you worked hard, you put your time in,” Kentucky assistant coach Kenny Payne said.

“What is happening whenever you step on that court — and it is not just for Nick; it’s for any kid — if you will put your work in, the hours and the days before we play our game and you are feeling good about yourself, what happens when you are in the battle? What changed in your mind mentally that made you have self-doubt? That’s what the challenge is with him. He’s a good player and he needs to go out there and believe in him the way we do.”

Richards is averaging 6.2 points, 5.0 rebounds and 16 minutes per game. Kentucky coach John Calipari says



Rick Robey, third from right, hopes Kentucky fans remember the 1978 national championship team for its unselfish play.

Richards has to remain ready because there will be games where UK needs his size.

One of the stars already in Georgia’s 2019 football recruiting class is five-star receiver Dominick Blaylock of Walton High School in Marietta, Ga. The 6-0, 175-pound Blaylock is the nation’s No. 2 receiver and No. 10 prospect overall in the 2019 class in the 247Sports.com rankings. His first scholarship offer came from South Carolina when he was in the eighth grade.

If that name sounds familiar to you, it should. His

older brothers, Daron and Zack Blaylock, played football at Kentucky. They signed when Joker Phillips was UK’s coach and also played under coach Mark Stoops. However, he never had a scholarship offer from Kentucky despite having two brothers that played at UK before leaving prior to their final season of eligibility.

Georgia also has a 2019 verbal commitment from in-state receiver Jadon Haselwood, the nation’s No. 1 receiver.

Toronto Raptors coach Dwane Casey, a former UK player and assistant coach, got to have Cleveland super-

star LeBron James on his team at the NBA all-star game. Casey joked he was now jealous that he didn’t get to coach him regularly.

“He’s a joy to coach. He’s a coach’s coach. He reiterates exactly what should be said, the right things. No BS,” Casey said. “In the huddle, defensively, he got the guys jacked up and juiced up as far as wanting to get a stop.

“So everything he says, if he says that, or any great players say that, you want to go with them because it was their idea, their belief, and he had it. My hat’s off to him.”



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Fohs Hall renovations complete; funds depleted

By MIMI BYRNS
STAFF WRITER

Fohs Hall, Marion's most recognized historical and cultural landmark, is opening the doors for visitors and organizers of public and private events in 2018 with a completed restoration and upgrade.

The numerous improvements at the venue have made the community center even more attractive for renting.

The renovation project includes new carpet in the auditorium, upholstering the remaining seats not already updated, enlargement and refinishing of the dance floor, upgrading the kitchen behind the stage, replacement of the back door awning and repair of the south side door. As a part of this significant capital project, the flat roof over the auditorium was replaced. Sealcoat was put on the parking lot, and leaks in the auditorium were repaired. The walls in the auditorium and the first and second floor and stairways are repainted and the windows in the facility have been reglazed.

The 82-year-old building



FILE PHOTO

Built in 1926 and gifted to the community by Julius Fohs, Fohs Hall has recently undergone and lengthy restoration, but the work has depleted the funds of the organization charged with overseeing the structure.

got a new, very much needed heating and cooling system as well.

Fohs Hall is utilized for a number of various events including plays and other arts functions, wedding receptions, fundraisers, gospel singings, class reunions, Crittenden County Lions Club Fair pageants and many other types of events.

"This is our most historic building in Marion. It has been a wonderful asset for

the community for (nearly) 100 years," said Linda Schumann, secretary of the Fohs Hall Inc. board of directors. added. "I hope that with the support of the people it will continue to be a wonderful place for the community to gather."

The namesake Fohs family lived in Marion in the early 1900s. After Julius Fohs achieved international recognition as a geologist, he built the facility in 1926 to

be used as a community center in conjunction with the Marion High School that was located across the street. Fohs Hall continued to be used as a school until 1981 when a new elementary school was built. Fohs Hall was selected as a Kentucky Landmark in June 1981 and was accepted on the National Register of Historic Places in May 1982.

In recent years, it was beginning to show signs of age despite its stunning and iconic nature.

Over the years, the Fohs family has supported maintenance of the building with generous donations. The last donation from the family was made by Julius Fohs' daughter five years ago. It helped the venue to get to the place where it needs to be.

Despite the improved facility, the revenue collected from donations, rental of the property as well as fundraisers is not sufficient to cover the operating expenses. That is why Fohs Hall Inc., the organization created in 1981 to oversee upkeep of the building, depends on the generosity of the community in order to continue to offer

a place for cultural and community gatherings.

"However, the problem is that we don't generate enough money to maintain the building on an annual basis. The cost of heating, cooling and cleaning Fohs Hall is \$30,000 a year," said Schumann. "We have many expenses and not enough revenue. It is a struggle to operate the building. Ever since the repairs were done, the facility has been rented more frequently, but that is not sufficient for the operating expenses to be covered."

The current Fohs Hall Inc. board includes Schumann, longtime President Alan Stout, Vice President Bonita Hatfield, Treasurer Marie Burkhart, JoAnn Asbridge, Tom Crider, Ethel Tucker and Shyral Estes. Donations are tax-deductible. Stout has served as president for 22 years. Previous presidents were George Patmor and Richard Conrad.

"The mission of the board continues to be to carry out the vision of Julius Fohs to provide a community auditorium," said Stout. "Still, it is

an old building and it requires a lot of maintenance and upkeep. Shyral Estes has done a great job keeping the building cleaned and maintained."

Estes also serves as the contact for booking rentals at the building.

Fohs Hall Inc. membership support and attendance at fundraising events is vital to keeping the building available to the community. The restoration left the capital fund severely depleted and the operating expenses continue to exceed rental revenues. The largest fundraiser for this year has been canceled due to a health issue of one of the organizers.

Members of Fohs Hall Inc. receive discounts for renting the property throughout the entire year. Discounts are 50 percent for a gold membership, 20 percent for silver membership and 10 percent for sustaining members. Memorial contributions are also accepted and acknowledged as well. Donations can be made to: Fohs Hall, P.O.Box 1, Marion, KY 42064.



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the event and getting their costumes and props together. A dress rehearsal was scheduled for Wednesday.

"We are finalizing the solutions for them as well," said Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford, who brought the idea to Marion from a Washington State community where he lived several years ago. "We will be looking for solutions on three elements. The first one is, Who did it? There may be one or several people who perpetrated the event. The other two elements are, How they did it? and Why? We will be looking for people to have thoughts on all three elements in the solution form.

The Marion Murder Mystery already has successful exposure on its Facebook page of the same name. Hundreds of people are following the posts and the videos that reveal some of the characters and contain possible hints for the solution.

All participants who want to solve the crime on March 10 will begin at the Marion Welcome Center by registering and picking up a detailed map, solution sheet and a newspaper with stories on the crime. The map will list 23 local businesses where the clues will be located. The investigators will spend some time going in the businesses and finding the clues.

At noon on March 10, the fictional coroner will read his report and findings as well. To make the event more realistic, the organizers will set a taped off crime scene where clues will be located as well. The investigative journey will end at Fohs Hall that night when a live reveal of the perpetrators will take place.

To ensure a fair game, planners have kept secret from everyone who the murderer is. Even the participat-

ing actors playing parts in the game will not know the solution until the last minute. Only two people in Marion will know the solution, and they are the writers of the script.

"Not even the murderer will know they are the murderer till after 4 o'clock on March 10," assured Ledford.

He is very satisfied with the response from local businesses participating in the murder mystery. The number of cooperating business is twice the number Ledford had envisioned.

"This is meant to be a communal event that encourages people to come and tour the community, eat out, visit the businesses and take part in the entertainment," he said. "It is so much more about the journey and not that much about the solution."

"What we are going to attempt to capture is that no matter if you are a kid or an adult, you will be able to go and talk to the actors, pick up the clues and feel that you are enjoying the process. And whether you attend the solution live or you just follow the end results on Facebook, you can say that all in all you had a positive experience."

Two weeks after the Murder Mystery, the Chamber and city administrator will re-evaluate the event and

look into the possibility of making it even more unique in the future."

"There's an idea to include a funeral as a neat little element in the scenario for next year," he explained. "If we are going to continue to do this, we will be looking for how to make it more of our own. And we will be looking to see what challenges we faced."

Ledford is hoping the experience will be solid and enjoyable for visitors. A radio station from the Metropolis area as well as media from southeastern Illinois have gotten interested in the Marion Murder Mystery.

After Monday on the "Marion Murder Mystery" Facebook page, the actors in the performance will have their own video introduction so that participants get familiar with their role and get the basics of the story.

"The Friday before the event, on March 9, we will go to all three levels of school and present the event so that kids can see if they are interested in taking part in it," Ledford said. "In the edition of The Crittenden Press (next week), there will be an insert for the murder mystery."

The characters in the story of the murder mystery include a store owner whose business is right next to the crime scene, and she is quite a gossip. The widow of the deceased man will be available for questioning as well. Investigators will also have the opportunity to ask a make-believe FBI agent more about what he is doing in

town.

All in the spirit of fun and game, participants will make their best guess at who committed the crime and turn the solution sheet in and wait for the reveal that will take place the same night on March 10 at Fohs Hall.

For interested parties who want to attend the live-reveal of the solution the night, 100 tickets for dining will be available for \$25 each. The tickets are first come, first served.

The results will be published on the Facebook page as well.

This event serves as a fundraiser for Fohs Hall Inc., the organization that oversees upkeep of the historic landmark for which it is named.



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Molly "The Mascott" Miniard could be a suspect in the mysterious death of Mr. Baseball during Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's Murder Mystery program Saturday, March 10 in downtown Marion. The Chamber hopes to attract sleuths for this daylong event that will include almost 20 costumed characters at various locations across town, each with his own clue to the mystery of what might have caused the death of Roger Redbone, owner of the local baseball franchise.

MURDER MYSTERY

Downtown Marion, Ky.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Headquarters:
Marion Welcome Center

6 P.M. DINNER

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Reservations Required:
(270) 965-5015

\$10
MYSTERY KIT
Map, Paper, & Solution Sheet

\$25
Additional ticket to dinner & Live Reveal at Fohs Hall

\$5
Live Reveal Only at Fohs Hall
Doors Open 6:45 p.m.
Only Sold at Door

VISIT PARTICIPATING MERCHANTS AND FIND CLUES AROUND TOWN TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY WHO KILLED MR. BASEBALL ROGER REDBONE

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March 5-10, 2018

Mystery Scavenger Hunt at the Library

3 Age Groups: Preschool/K-5/Teen & Adult
Solve the Library Mystery & Win!

Spy Glass
Picture with Sherlock Holmes
One Entry for Grand Prize

Family Clue Game Night at the Library

Thursday, March 8 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Dress up like your favorite detective or Clue Board Game Character!
Will you be Professor Plum or Mrs. Peacock?

Costume Prizes • Refreshments
This is a family event, so bring everyone that loves the game Clue.
Max of 6 per team.