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FERRY, STATE ROADS **REOPEN WITH DRYOUT**

At press time Tuesday, the Cave In Rock Ferry, Ky. 91 North and all state roads in Crittenden County under water from late winter flooding have reopened. A few county roads remain closed.

NEWEST BARN QUILTS BOOKLET AVAILABLE

The third printing of the "Barn Quilts of Crittenden County" is now available at Marion Welcome Center and Crittenden County Extension Service. Each year, pic-

tures and the locations of new barn quilts that are on display are added to the booklet, a joint project between the University of Kentucky Crittenden County Extension Homemaker As-

sociation and

Marion Tourism Commission. "We wish to express our appreciation to each person that has given us permission to put a picture of their barn quilt in the booklet," said Sarah Ford on behalf of the Homemakers, "to Michele Edwards and the Marion Tourism Commission for their support and Melinda P. Walker for her help with this project."

NEW ID INFO MEETING SLATED FOR TODAY

Crittenden Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill is hosting an in formation meeting today (Thursday) at 6 p.m. at Crittenden County Public Library on Kentucky's new standard and Voluntary Travel ID credentials that will roll out in the county beginning in mid-April. Guill will answer questions and offer guides as to what documentation is necessary to obtain one of the REAL ID-compliant credentials required to fly domestically.

IBLIC MEETINGS

- **Marion City Council** will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at city hall.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Rocket Arena conference room.
- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m. next Thursday at the courthouse.

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Man alleged to have assaulted girlfriend Woman shot, injured

A local man is accused of shooting his girlfriend multiple times with a 9mm handgun Monday night then crashing his vehicle into the hospital and a utility pole and fire hydrant on North Main Street before police took him into cus-

The victim, Victoria Clifford, 26, of Marion was restable recovering Tuesday at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

Bingham Chase Bingham, 28, of Marion, who has an extensive criminal record here, was being held without bond earlier this week at Crittenden County Detention Center on a charge of first-degree domestic violence assault, a Class B felony punishable by 10-20 years in prison if he's found guilty.

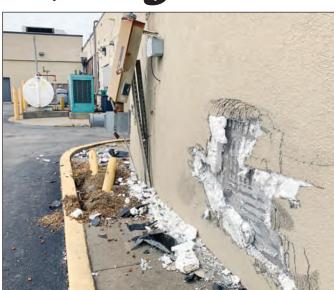
The investigation is being handled collectively between the Kentucky State Police and Marion Police Department. Detectives Jonathan Murphy and Brandon McPherson are handling the case for state police. According to investiga-

tors, Bingham is believed to have shot his girlfriend more than once during a domestic altercation just after 10 p.m. at a residence they share at 510 S. Main St., just more than two blocks from the city's police department. They say

Bingham then put her into a gray 2006 SUV and drove her about a half-mile to Crittenden Hospital. Medical staff notified police that they had a gunshot victim in the emergency room.

Meanwhile, Bingham is re-

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Chase Bingham, 28, of Marion is accused of causing damage at Crittenden Hospital with his vehicle after allegedly shooting his girlfriend multiple times Monday.



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YELP help at the park

Crittenden County 4-H Youth Engagement Leadership Program, or YELP, participants help Crittenden County High School Crosswalk Coordinator Jeff Hughes (left) install murals last Thursday at Marion-Crittenden County Park that the group painted last year to add a splash of color to the outside of the restrooms. YELP members pictured are (from left) Lili Newcom, Trevor Peppler and Abby Kirk. Local 4-H Agent Leslea Barnes said the murals were planned to be interactive, allowing children to have their photo taken with any one of four scenes depicted on the wall.

Grand jury to hear case of sub who threatened pupils

It was a cake knife that a former substitute teacher allegedly brandished in front of students while threatening them, according to testimony last week during a preliminary hearing for Jaken Orten.

Orten, who was charged

in January with felony second-degree terroristic threatening, will have his case sent to the Crittenden County Grand Jury on April

The 22-year-old former Crittenden County School District substitute teacher from Dawson Springs ap-

peared before District Judge Daniel Heady last Wednesday for a preliminary hearing in Crittenden District Court. Following about 30 minutes of testimony from Deputy John Schofner, the school resource officer,

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Fohs Hall hosts ode to local musicians

By ALLISON EVANS STAFF WRITER

It is quite apropos that a popular, young bluegrass band is resurrecting a 60-year-old musical tradition called the Old Kentucky Hay ride.

Only bluegrass enthusiasts in the mid-1950s would remember The Old Kentucky



There will be a whole lot of talent, and so far, response from the community has been great. There is a good chance we will pack the place

- Brennan Cruce local musician on Saturday's revival of the Old Kentucky Hay Ride

The show will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at Fohs Hall, and upright bass guitarist and Crittenden County historian Brennan Cruce expects to pack the house. Cruce is a member of

Hay ride's per-

Marion. But leave

it to some nostal-

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with a love of old

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artists from Crit-

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impressive lineup of country

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counties.

Classy & Grassy, which is organizing the event.

In addition to the two-hour show featuring local artists playing the hits of legendary bluegrass and country musicians, two Crittenden Countians will be inducted into a newly formed Crittenden County Music Hall of Fame. The inductees will remain secret until Saturday

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Turley tapped for Ky. hoops Hall

In a few months, Curtis Turley will officially become the first Crittenden County native enshrined by the Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will be Aug. 3 in Elizabethtown.

Between now and then Turley will no doubt have countless opportunities share memories life story with reporters,

associates and

players. His mind

like a steel trap.

and wellwishers, former

tinguishable details from almost every game he played or coached. He recalls attendance figures, opponents, scores, shots, conversations and even the name of the bus driver for virtually every trip in his 32 years of coaching basketball across Kentucky from Graves County to Berea.

For Turley, induction into the state basketball hall of fame is a group achievement that includes every principal party that's helped him throughout an illustrious career as a high school player at Crittenden County, a collegiate baller and as a college and high school coach. From his

parents, wife Brenda and children Courtney and Tanner and his "basketball family," never forgets Turley

those who nurtured, nudged and sometimes gave their best for him.

"Our course I am very excited and proud, but I sincerely mean it when I say this award is for all those who helped me along the way," he said

Turley Tuesday in a phone interview from his home in Bowling

Green. Turley, 65, graduated from Crittenden County in 1972. He remembers so fondly his coaches here, including

George Whitecotton, Harold

Hill, Steve Davidson and Pat Taylor, plus his teammates, which included one of the school's all-time best

scorers, Bennett Smith. Turley was good enough to play at a junior college in Alabama then he transferred to Western Kentucky University and was part of the junior varsity scout teams when he got a chance to

join the coaching ranks of women's collegiate basketball just as WKU was beginning a program there. He counts that among his greatest opportunities, pointing out that it al-

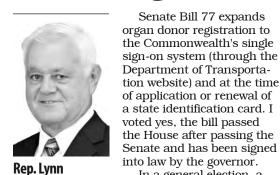
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House rejects changes to tax code

date is being written Monday, 26 days of this year's 30-day session of the General Assembly are in the books. Two bills had been signed into law by the governor, and another 38 have been passed by both chambers of the General Assembly and have either been sent to the gov-

ernor or soon will be. In addition, one joint resolution, which has the force of law, has been sent to the gov-

The remaining calendar will consist of only today (Thursday) for the legislature to meet and consider legislation, followed by a period called "veto days," which is the time set aside for the governor to sign or veto bills that have been sent to him. After that, there will be a single day, March 28, for the legislature to decide whether or not to override any vetoes that the governor may have made. Many other bills remain under consid-



BECHLER R-Marion Kentucky House Legislative Review

In a general election, a voter is able to vote for any candidate on the ballot, but in a primary election, voters can only vote for candidates of one party. Some states have open primaries, which means voters are not re-

quired to declare party affiliation. Some states have closed primaries, which means voters must be registered in the party for which the primary is being held. Kentucky is a closed primary state.

In Kentucky, the cut off date for registered voters to change their party affiliation to vote in a different political party's primary election (which is in May) is Dec. 31 of the prior year. New registrations, however, can be made up to the date of the primary. It turns out that people have been canceling their registration as a member of one party and then re-registering as

a new voter with a different party affiliation. House Bill 325 is aimed at ensuring the accuracy and fairness of our voter registration process by closing this loophole. Should HB 325 become law, last-minute party switching before a primary would not be allowed. I voted yes, the bill passed the House and has been sent to the Sen-

HB 61 is an effort to reward students who choose to enroll in training programs rather than attend college. It would allow students who have received a Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) to apply the scholarship toward a qualifying apprenticeship or qualified workforce training program. A qualified workforce training program is a program that is in one of Kentucky's top five high-demand work sectors. A qualifying apprenticeship program is one that has been registered and approved by the state. I voted yes, the bill passed the House and has been sent to the Senate.

In an earlier update, I reported on the passing of HB 354 that, among other things, would exempt nonprofit civic, government and all other nonprofit organizations from collecting tax on their first \$10,000 in sales

and would raise the threshold for collecting sales tax on fundraisers from \$1,000 to \$10,000 annually.

The Senate made several changes including requiring online retailers to collect sales tax for third-party sellers and to allow gambling losses as a state income tax deduction. When the bill returned to the House floor for agreement, the House by voice vote rejected the Senate changes. HB 354 is now in the hands of a House - Senate Conference Committee, and I am hopeful that an agreement will be reached prior to the end of this year's session.

As always, thank you for reading my updates and thank you for contacting me with your concerns and thoughtful suggestions. 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.)

Party power

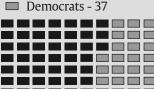
Republican Phillip Wheeler's win in a special election last week in state Senate District 31 gives the GOP 29 of 38 Senate seats. Nine seats will be a new low for Democrats, the party that once dominated state politics. Of Kentucky's 138 state legislative seats Republicans hold a 92-46 advantage over Democrats, maintaining a super majority in each chamber.

Kentucky Senate

Republicans - 29 Democrats - 9



Kentucky House ■ Republicans - 63



Examiner III Community News & Review WILL THE LAST REPORTER COVERING CITY HALL PLEASE ..DEMOCRACY REALLY TURN OUT THE LIGHTS? DOES DIE IN DARKNESS In the past 15 years, 1,800 newspapers have turned off the lights. News Item



Sunshine Week in the United States

March 10-16 has been set aside as Sunshine Week in the United States. Though created by journalists 14 years ago, Sunshine Week is about the public's right to know what its government is doing and why.

Sunshine Week seeks to enlighten and empower people to play an active role in their government at all levels and to give them access to information that makes their lives better and their communities stronger.

Participants include news media, government officials at all levels, schools and universities, libraries and archives, individuals, non-profit and civic organizations, historians and anyone with an interest in open government.

Senate targets teen vaping addressed last

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The pace of activity inside the Capitol is picking up as we rapidly approach the end of the 153rd Regular Session. With only a few days left to pass bills as of Friday, the Kentucky General Assembly has been working in overdrive to develop the best legislative policy for the Commonwealth.

Many big issues have been addressed in this 30-day short session. Last week was one of our busiest yet, as bills concerning abortion, medical marijuana and education had Frankfort buzzing with visitors who attended rallies and committee meetings.

Policy relating to the use of e-cigarettes or "vaping" was also addressed. Senate Bill 218 would establish an anonymous system for students to re port vaping and would encourage school boards to inform teachers and students of the dangers of e-cigarette use and nicotine addiction.

The major legislative priority, tax reform, was



Sen. Robby **MILLS** R-Henderson

Kentucky Senate Legislative Review

> fundraising events are not subject to the sales tax. HB 354 is now before a free conference committee, a joint committee of senators and representatives directed to reach agreement on legislation of which the two chambers are unable

> The first bills of the session were signed into law by Gov. Matt Bevin during the sixth week of session. They include Senate Bill 77, a measure that would allow people to join Kentucky's organ donor registry via a single sign-on system, and SB 4, legislation that would require mandatory electronic filing of all candidates' campaign finance reports.

revision, the General Assembly will begin its veto recess Friday and final adjournment of the 2019 Regular Session is now scheduled for March 28. The revised session calendar can be found online at Legislature.ky.gov.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Sen.-elect Phillip Wheeler on his recent special election victory. The Senate Republican Caucus is proud to welcome him and know he will represent the 31st Senate District well.

Thank you for reaching out with your questions and concerns. It is an honor to represent you in Frankfort.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please call me toll-free at (800) 372-7181 or email me at Robby.Mills

@lrc.ky.gov. (Sen Robby Mills, R-Henderson, represented Senate District 4 - Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Webster, Union and Henderson counties – in the Kentucky General Assembly. He was elected to the position in 2018 and served the two prior years in the Kentucky House.)

TURLEY

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lowed him capture a dream.

"I always knew what I wanted to do. Some people go their whole lives trying to figure it out, but I am fortunate because since I was a little, bitty boy I knew I wanted to be a basketball coach," he said. And indeed he did.

Turley spent more than three decades coaching high school basketball in the commonwealth, in-

cluding stints at Lyon County, Graves County, Warren Central, Henderson County, Greenwood, Shelby County, Daviess County. Lexington Catholic, Louisville Manual, Warren East and Martha Layne Collins. He took four teams at three different schools to the Sweet 16 Tournament twice at Warren Central

and once apiece at Hen-

derson County

Daviess County. His first coaching job was at Berea where one of his players was Greg Todd, who is now head women's coach at Morehead State University. Turley can wax nostalgic about his former players and lists among his greatest joys the times he gets to visit with them and quite often watch them coach their own teams. He's had almost 20 former

assistants become head

coaches, another 20 players who've done the same and four managers have gone on as coaches.

"All of that has really been the most rewarding, he said. "To see them go on and love the game."

Turley coached twice in the Second Region where he grew up playing. He was at nearby Lyon School County High School in 1979 and 1980. His last season at Eddyville, Turley guided the Lyons to a 28-6 record. He coached in the early 1990s at Henderson and took the Colonels to a state tournament for the first time since consolidation of the city and county schools.

Turley, whose nephew Preston is currently a player for the Rockets, ranks 14th on the state's all-time wins list, compiling a career record of 624-321. His niece, Macie Turley, was this year named Freshman of the Year in the Ohio Valley Conference while playing at Murray State. Turley is retired now,

but stays close to the game. He loves watching his nieces and nephews play and this winter saw more than 50 high school

Others chosen for the hall of fame this year are William Falls, a former head basketball coach at Attucks High School in Hopkinsville who later became an assistant coach at Hopkinsville High after

Curtis Turley credentials

Born: Jan. 31, 1954

High school: Crittenden County, 1972

High school athletics: Basketball, football, baseball, track/cross country

College: Western Kentucky University (BS), 1976; WKU (MA), 1980

High school boy's head coach

Record: 624-321 (.660)

- Berea High School (1976-78)
- Lyon County High School (1978-80) - Warren Central High School (1980-85)
- Graves County High School (1985-87)
- Henderson County High School (1987-95) - Greenwood High School (1995-97)
- Shelby County High School (1997-99)*
- Daviess County High School (1999-2004)
- Lexington Catholic High School (2004-05)
- Louisville Manual High School (2006-07)
- Warren East High School (2008-09) - Martha Layne Collins High School (2010-11)

Women's college basketball

- WKU Lady Hilltoppers, student assistant (1974-76) - WKU Lady Hilltoppers, director of operations
- WKU Lady Hilltoppers, assistant coach (2012-13)

Honors

- 1988 Kentucky All-Star team coach - 2007 named to Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches Court of Honor - 2019 Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame

inductee SOURCE: WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

consolidation, Sammy Moore, 1978 Mr. Basketball Doug Schloemer, 1978 Miss Basketball Irene Moore, Robin Harmon, Charles Hurt, 1984

Steve Basketball Mr. Miller, Scott Draud, 1995 Mr. Basketball Charles Thomas, 1999 Mr. Basketball Rick Jones and coach Nell Fookes.

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ported to have left the hospital in the vehicle, striking the rear of the building after knocking down two steel barrier posts and ripping an unused electrical service off the rear of the hospital. Witness statements helped determine that Bingham then went out Sturgis Road before turning around and heading back toward downtown on North Main Street, where he apparently lost control of the vehicle, went off the right side of the road, struck and broke a utility pole and a set of concrete stairs. At that point, the vehicle burst into flames but continued on, striking a fire hydrant before continuing on Main Street. With fire coming from the vehicle, Bingham turned onto First Street next to Subway restaurant, heading east. By then, police had responded

and were on his trail. Crittenden Count Special deputies Rick Mills and Billy Arflack were the first on the scene after Bingham allegedly got out of the fully-engulfed car and went into an acquaintance's residence on Brook Street. Arflack went into the home, where he took Bingham into custody

without further incident.

Marion Fire Department

was called to extinguish

the vehicle.

In addition to the assault charge, Bingham is facing one felony count of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, two counts of leaving the scene of an accident and other traffic charges are pending, according to Marion Police

Chief Ray O'Neal. Bingham was lodged in the county jail, where he was initially held without bond. He has a 2011 burglary conviction in Crittenden County from which he received a five-year sentence. In 2010, Bingham and another man stole a truck in Marion after escaping from custody while serving on a jail work detail. At the time, Bingham was incarcerated on charges of fourth-degree assault and possession of marijuana.



Judge Williams among 3 Supreme Court nominees

The nominees for a va-Kentucky on Supreme Court include Crittenden County's circuit judge, C. René Williams.

On Tuesday, the Kentucky Judicial Nominat-Commission ing announced nominees to the vacant 1st Supreme Court District seat left open when Justice Bill Cunningham retired Feb. 1. The district is composed of 24 western Kentucky counties, including Crittenden County

Joining 5th Judicial Circuit Judge Williams, who presides over court in Crittenden, Webster and Union counties, is attorney David Cowan Buckingham of Murray and attorney Tyler Landthrip Gill of Allensville. Williams lives in Dixon.

a circuit judge since November 2004. She has

been the chief regional circuit judge for the Purchase Region since Chief Justice John. D. Minton appointed her in 2007. She was a district judge 星 for the three counties from January

2004. 1990-November She is a native of Webster County and holds a bachelor of science in business administration from Murray State University and a law degree from the University of Louisville.

Buckingham served as of counsel for Adams Law Firm in Murray since 2011. He served as a Kentucky Court of Appeals judge from 1997-2005, a circuit judge for the 42nd Judicial Circuit from 1987-1996 and a Judicial District from 1982-1986. The 42nd Cir-

> cuit and District are made up of Calloway and Marshall counties. He earned his juris doctor from the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law

Gill has served as a circuit court judge for the 7th Judicial Circuit (Logan and Todd counties) since 1995. He was a district judge for those counties from 1993-1995. He received his juris doctor from the University of Kentucky College of Law.

Williams

A letter naming the three nominees has been sent to Gov. Matt Bevin for review. The governor has 60 days to appoint a replacement and his office makes the announce-

NEWS BRIEFS

Concert blends rock, opera music

The Tapestry, a musical ensemble that includes Crittenden County's Corev Crider, is coming to Fohs Hall next month, and tickets are on sale now.

Formed out of a desire to introduce people to different musical traditions than they are familiar with, The Tapestry brings communities of music lovers together. It aims to tear down the divide between opera and rock gen-

"We are doing this by exposing people to the music they know in settings they never imagined," reads ensemble's website, TapestryOperock.com.

The show in Marion will be a brand new, never-before-seen performance of this group of world renowned musicians, including baritone Crider.

Tickets are available at TheTapestry.eventbrite .com or by calling (270) 704-1446. Prices are \$15 for floor seats and \$10 for gallery and balcony. Fees will apply for online pur-

Traveling Vietnam wall coming soon

Local leaders are working on a plan that would bring to Marion the Traveling Kentucky Vietnam Wall. Marion Main Street. Inc. and other local groups are discussing details of the idea and working to raise the funds necessary to bring the traveling wall to Crittenden County for the first

The wall includes more than 1,105 Kentuckians who died during the Vietnam War, including six from Crittenden County.

Although it's not clear when the wall will be brought to Marion, there is some discussion about having it here during the annual Pumpkin Festival in the fall.

Woman jailed on sex abuse charge

A Salem woman was iailed on sex abuse charges.

A Kentucky State Police investigation led charges against Megan M. Harris,

with

counts

of



sexual abuse on a victim under years of age, two counts of first-degree distribution of matter portraying a sexual perform-

first-degree

under 16 years of age in a sexual performance. Harris was taken to Mc-Cracken County Regional Jail and is scheduled for arraignment today (Thurs-

ance by a minor and two

counts of use of a minor

day) in Smithland. The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services assisted the state police in the investigation.

Flu 'widespread' for 10 weeks now

The Department for Health (DPH), Public within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), reports flu activity in Kentucky is at "widespread" for the 10th consecutive week. Widespread is the highest level of flu activity, indicating increased flu-like activity or flu outbreaks in at least half of the state's regions.

Kentucky is currently reporting 44 flu-related deaths for the 2018-19 flu season. For the 2017-18 flu season. Kentucky reported a total of 333 flurelated deaths. Still, only one confirmed case has been reported for Crittenden County.

It takes about two weeks after getting the flu vaccine for a person to develop protection from the flu. Flu can be very contagious. Infection with the flu virus can cause fever, headache, cough, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing and body aches.

Glass no longer local recyclable

Glass is no longer taken as a recyclable in Crittenden County. That is because there is no buyer in the area to which glass can be taken for recycling.

"Unfortunately, due to the lack of glass processors in our area, we, as well as several surrounding counties, have stopped taking glass as a recyclable item." said Crittenden County Solid Waste Coordinator Yvette Martin.

That means Marion Convenience Center and mobile recycling trailer circulated in several Crittenden County communities will longer accept glass in its recycling bins.

Beekeeping class set for next week

There will be a Beginner Beekeeping class at 6 p.m. next Thursday at the Crittenden County Extension Service Annex. The session is for those who want to start keeping bees or those who have questions about the basics of bees. Call the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236 to register.

After 44 years, woman's body ID'd by a son, Frank "Eddie"

Almost 44 years after her murder, the body of Delores Raye Jones Griffin is coming home for burial in Livingston County.

who disap-Griffin, peared Oct. 24, 1975, from her home in Romeoville, Ill., just west of Chicago, was presumably killed by her husband the next day. Police, and Griffin's family, believe Frank Edwin Griffin Sr. killed his wife, then 34, and dumped her body in a pond in Sterling State Park in Monroe, Mich., on

the shores of Lake Erie.

Until recently, Griffin was buried as Jane Doe in Roselawn Memorial Park in nearby LaSalle, Mich. Thanks to some persistent police work and DNA testng, the body has been identified as that of Griffin's. On Saturday, her exumed body will be laid to rest at Paradise Cemetery in Livingston County, where her 99-year-old mother, Mamie G. Jones, and sister, Sheila Henson,

56, still live in Smithland. Griffin is also survived

Griffin of Omaha, Neb., and a daughter, Debra Loveless of Lincoln, Neb. Three grandchildren survive in western Kentucky, with four more currently living in Nebraska.

Private graveside services will be held Saturday, with Bro. Cary Crowell oficiating. There will be a celebration of life to follow for friends and family at 2 p.m. at Smithland Senior Center. Services are under the direction of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem.

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Judge Heady found probable cause to send the case to a grand jury.

Preliminary hearings are evidentiary hearings where the prosecution lays out some of the evidence it has while seeking probable cause to send the case to a grand jury. The burden of proof is very low for a preliminary hearing. A grand decides whether enough evidence exists to continue prosecution of a case as a felony.

Orten, whose employment as substitute teacher was terminated when elementary school administrators learned of the alleged incident, is facing a Class D felony charge. If found guilty, he could be sent to prison for 1-5 years.

Orten is free on bond. He was arrested a few days after allegedly telling two female students at the elementary school to "sit

down, or I will kill you" while holding the knife at his chest.

During last week's hearing, Örten's private attorney, Marcus Little of Madisonville, asked the school resource officer whether weapons such as knives are allowed on campus. Schofner testified that kitchen-type knives are at all of the schools.

Testimony and court records indicate that the knife, which had about a five-inch blade, had been used to cut a cake for a classroom party prior to the day Orten was substituting. The deputy testified that Orten must have found it in the back of the teacher's desk drawer, where she had left it wrapped in a cloth.

The alleged criminal incident occurred on Friday, Jan. 11, but the children apparently did not tell anyone until their regular teacher returned to class the following Monday. The teacher, Mandy Perez, then reported the matter to administrators who began the process of filling a criminal complaint.

Orten's attorney probed the deputy for details of his investigation, including whether the school district has a written protocol for such investigations. Schofner said all investigations are different and that there are no particular school-specified procedures beyond Kentucky statutes that give deputies the power to investigate potential violations of the law. Schofer testified that his commander is Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent and that the two had discussed the case prior to bringing charges against Orten.

Orten's lawyer asked the deputy if he was aware that the elementary school's guidance counselor had gone into the classroom in question at some point during the school day after the alleged incident had occurred? Deputy Shofner said that he did not know that.

Little told Judge Heady that he doesn't believe Orten threatened the two alleged victims, who the lawyer said were among about 20 students in the classroom. None of the others reported hearing the threat, Little told the judge. The attorney also said the two alleged victims had failed to report anything to anyone over the weekend after the purported incident, or to the guidance counselor that he said visited the classroom later that day, giving those students an opportunity to tell someone if they'd felt

threatened. School District officials have said little about the incident since Orten's arrest, other than to acknowledge that they take school safety very seri-Superintendent ously. Vince Clark said shortly after the incident that Orten was fired and he is not permitted to be on or near any school campus, or at any school-related functions.

More than 20 people were in the courtroom last week, apparently to show support for Orten.







Happy Feet shoes 89 students

A makeshift shoe store offered a range of styles and sizes for 89 Crittenden County students to choose new shoes March 5 during first spring Happy Feet event in

the school district. Thanks to robust fundraising during organization's 2018 Happy Feet elimination auction, Happy Feet was able to purchase shoes twice this school year, first in the fall when 221 chil-

dren were given new shoes and again last week. Crystal Wesmoland, director of the Family Resource and Youth Services Center that coordinates the Happy Feet program, said an additional 30-40 pairs have been given out

during the school year as

needs arose. "Some children who receive shoes through Happy Feet were sponsored for Community Christmas so they didn't need new shoes right now, but some kids had outgrown their shoes

or ruined them, so this was an awesome event," Wesmoland said.

The Happy Feet program partnered with Shoe Sensation in Princeton this

school year, offering a real-life shopping experience for kids, who were bused to the Rocket Arena conference room and entered in groups of five or six to peruse the selection of tennis shoes.

Wesmoland advises the Princeton store the sizes that will be needed and they bring several styles in each size, allowing students to shop and try on the kicks of their choice. At day's end, Shoe Sensation takes back shoes that weren't handed out and Happy Feet pays for the shoes that were distrib-

Wesmoland

"They set it up like a mini shoe store, and we had snacks for the kids and it was a real treat for them," Wesmoland.

The next Happy Feet event will be held in Au-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Elementary school Guidance Counselor Laura Poindexter helps fit a local student last week in a new pair of shoes courtesy of the Happy Feet program.

Todd

gust at the start of the new school year. Wesmoland hopes to expand on the traditional distribution event by also offering free haircuts.

In addition to a highly successful biannual fundraiser, Happy Feet accepts employee donations from Kenergy. Happy Feet director Mary Beth Gobin encourages additional businesses or churches to consider Happy Feet as a recipient for missions or outreach projects in the community. All money raised is spent on Crittenden County vouth.



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Seedling giveaway March 22

STAFF REPORT

It's been said, the best time to plant a tree is last year, the second best time is right now. With all the rain recently, the ground is just right to start digging holes for spring planting. Crittenden County Conservation District's tree giveaway is one way to obtain several species of trees to beautify yards and homeplaces and help keep the county one of the forested treasures of the state.

Seedlings will be given away to residents of Crittenden County 10 a.m.-noon March 22 at the District office at 118 E. Bel-Iville St. in Marion. Given away will be paw-paw, pecan, hazelnut, northern red oak, overcup oak, black walnut, cypress and persimmon. Trees will be

limited to six per person. Trees were purchased by Crittenden County Conservation District. Kentucky Division of Forestry has matched this purchase with the cypress, persimmon and black oak.

Shelter on pace to hold 600 dogs

Spring litters have not even been born, but two months into a new year, the dog days have already arrived at Crittenden County Animal Shelter.

Through February, 112 dogs have been taken in at the shelter from the three counties it serves -Crittenden. Livingston and Lyon. By comparison, fewer than 500 were taken in all of 2018. Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd expects the number this year to exceed 600 at the current

A large number of the 2019 canines, according to Todd, have been owner surrenders. And many of those have been unwanted puppies and even their mother, not strays.

"Usually, your puppies hit during the spring and early summer," said Todd. "Now, it seems almost steady year-round."

That's because despite efforts to educate the public on reducing unwanted dogs and cats through sterilization and vouchers for discounted rates on spaying and neutering at area veterinari-

ans, people are simply not being responsible pet

"People don't fix their dogs," Todd said of sterilization. While the shelter

euthanizes very few

animals, primarily due to illness or danger to others, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find foster or permanent homes for the glut of un-

wanted dogs. As of Friday, there were 32 dogs at the shelter, which has 24 pens under roof and large outside pens. Todd said some ani-

mals are surrendered by families whose pet has become incompatible with the circumstances at home, some come from residents who may be moving and others from hunters who discard their animals at the end of the

"We get a lot of beagles and hounds," Todd ex-plained. "Hunting season is over, so people just turn them loose. We've had three or four beagles in the last month. They just don't want to fool with

"It gives us hunters a bad name." Crittenden and Liv-

ingston counties are the origin of most of the dogs at the shelter, with Lyon County adding about half the number of ei-

> counties. Paying for expenses at the shelter is becoming a

ther of the other two

problem. Crittenden Fiscal Court is currently considering upping annual fees paid by Livingston and Lyon counties for their use of the shelter. Todd would like to see a small owner-surrender fee established for those dropping off animals at the shelter in order to cover expenses, but not one high enough to discourage the practice.

Crittenden County requires an annual dog license for pet owners, but Todd said maybe 30 people in 2018 purchased the \$5 tag. Having a dog registered allows Todd to easily contact the owner if he picks up the animal as a stray, possibly avoiding the \$25 pick-up fee to reclaim a lost dog.

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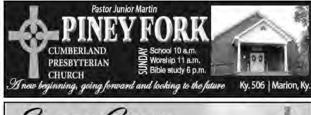
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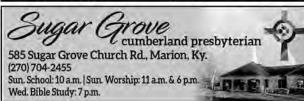
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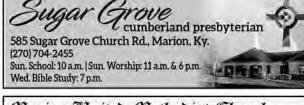


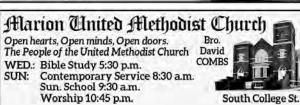










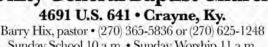






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Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services was recognized last week by the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce as its Business of the Month. The Chamber regularly honors its members in this fashion. Livingston Hospital is located in Livingston County in the town of Salem, but serves Crittenden County residents and has a large number of Crittenden Countians on its employment rolls. The hospital has about 115 employees. Pictured are (from left) hospital employee Samantha Samuals, Chamber director Natalie Parish, hospital employee Crissy Carter, hospital employee Tammy Swinford, hospital employee Joanna Stone, Chamber director Michael Parshall, hospital employee Darlene Tedford, former Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander, hospital CEO Liz Snodgrass hospital CFO Shane Whittington, Chamber president Randa Berry, hospital employee Leah Tramble, Chamber director Kelsey Berry, Chamber member Mary Ann Campbell and Chamber directors Dee Heimgartner and Elliot West.

rea Deaths

Crider

Rose Crider, 84, of Marion died Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at Crittenden Hospital.

She was a member of Marion Baptist Church, retired business woman and former director of Marion Main Street, Inc.

Surviving are a daughter, Rose Ann Brasher of Phoenix Ariz., a son, Kenneth (Rebecca Johnson) Crider of Marion; four grandchildren, Ray Brasher Jr., Matthew Candace Brasher. Fitzgerald and James Harrison Crider; a greatgranddaughter, Gabriella Fitzgerald; a great grandson, Charlie Fitzgerald; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Benjamin Harry Crider; son, Benjamin Harry Crider II; and parents, William and Rosezella Hester Rushing.

services Graveside were Wednesday, March 6 at Piney Fork Cemetery.

Myers Funeral Home, Marion was in charge of

Kinnes

Judith Kay Kinnes, 69, of Princeton died March 7, 2019 at Highland Homes in Princeton.

Surviving are a daughter, Kellie Ann Jackson of Marion; sons, David A. Kinnes of Burna, and Danny E. Kinnes of Salem: a sister, Reeta Wharmby of Murrells Inlet, S.C.; a brother, Jerry Walner, Brennan, Texas; six grandsons; two great-grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carter Allen and Katherine Ruth Tosh Turley; and a brother, Stevenson Carter Turley.

Services where Monday, March 11 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Dycusburg Cemetery.

Brown

Miriam Beverly Brown, 90, of Evansville, Ind., died Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at the home of her great-niece in Patronville, Ind.

She was born May 16, 1928 in Crittenden County to the late Elbert W. and Ida Ann "Mama

Brown (Sutton) Brown.

She gradufrom ated Marion High School in 1946, was a former member of First Cumberland Presbyterian and a recent

member of Morningside Cumberland Presbyterian She retired Church. from the Social Security Administration in 1983 after 30 years of service and served as past president with the National Association for Retired

Surviving her are great-niece, Karen Cruce-Smith of Patronville, Ind.; a nephew, Gary Cruce of Marion; and many other nieces

Federal Employees.

and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Juanita Cruce, Thelma Cruce, Ophelia Johnson; and brothers, J.T. Brown and Doyle C. Brown.

Services were Sunday, March 10 at Boone Funeral Home East Chapel in Evansille with Rev. James Messer officiating. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

Memorials may be made to Morningside Cumberland Presbyterian Church at 8419 Newburgh Rd., Evansville, IN 47715.

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Range day option, according to KDFWR plan; landowners would require Hunter Education

Inviting greater participation in hunting while still stressing the importance of hunter safety is the motivation behind a multipronged proposal under consideration by Kentucky's Fish and Wildlife Commission.

The proposal includes multiple recommendations. Among them, range day would be optional for the state's hunter education pro-

"Range day is where hunter education students familiarize themselves with the operation of a firearm," said Kentucky Hunter Education Branch Manager Brent McCarty. "This is in addition to the classroom or online training.

Not everyone needs the range day, however.

"A number of people who take the course such as veterans - already have proficiency with firearms," McCarty said. "This proposal allows students to earn hunter education certification just by passing the education and safety portion of the course

without having to take the range day component."

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will continue to offer range day training to any hunter education student who wishes to take it. The department also will offer advanced skills range day courses to supplement the basic course.

If approved, Kentucky would join 21 other states no longer requiring live fire training in order to complete the hunter education certification course. The number of hunting incidents remained consistent or declined among those people who did not take live fire training, according to those states that responded to a Kentucky Fish and Wildlife survey on the topic.

Kentucky, which depends on volunteer instructors to do the bulk hunter education training, can only offer a limited number of locations and dates for classroom work and range firing. This can form a barrier for people wishing to earn their hunter education certification.

While the state does offer paid online courses in lieu of classroom work, McCarty said the department is working to provide students with a free online course. This course could be available by summer.

"If we are able to remove the barrier of travel from certification, and if we are able to eliminate the barrier of cost from certification, then we should strive to have every hunter in the woods of Kentucky hunter education certified," McCarty said.

The proposal also would require children of landowners to obtain hunter education certification. Landowners are license exempt, and currently not required to have hunter education

The proposal was discussed at the March 8 meeting of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission at which time it was tabled until further details are available.

Turkey show March 23

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Cattle

12,500 head of cattle were counted in Crittenden County as of Jan. 1, 2018, down 3,800 from estimates five years earlier. There were 2.16 million head of cattle

USDA National Agricultural Statistics

Service estimates for Crittenden County

26,800 acres of soybeans were planted in Crittenden County in 2017 with a yield of 49.7 bushels per acre.

The state average was 53 bushels per acre.

15,300 acres of corn were planted in Crittenden County in 2017 with a yield of 155.7 bushels per acre. The state average was 178 bushels per acre.

17,200 acres of hay (non-alfalfa) were harvested in Crittenden County in 2017 (down 10,700 acres from 2012), yielding 1.95 tons per acre, a half-ton better yield than five years prior. The statewide average was

Wet conditions may lead to corn planting delays

weeks away, the way con-

ditions are playing out it

may be that we're six

weeks away before we're

planting corn. If that's the

case, that won't hurt our

yields if we do a good job of

planting and we get all the

in-field things done in a

recent cold weather has

In Ballard County, the

timely fashion.

February's heavy rainfall across the commonwealth may mean some Kentucky farmers will miss the traditional April 1 start date for planting corn this spring.

> farmers to get some work done in the now fields, according to Tom Miller, the county ag extension and

done now, farmers will be trying to do that on top of trying to plant corn, and then switch to plant soybeans. So there's a lot of logistics that's going to be backed up.

"There will be a rush for getting spreader trucks to put fertilizer on. If you've contracted to have herbicide sprayed, you may not be able to get the truck

 Local Decision Local Commitment

fice's crop progress and condition report, the state has experienced an extremely wet winter so far with local flooding, standing water and very saturated fields and pastures. In Crittenden County

"Even though we say date for planting corn, the

most important thing for the grower is to look at when the soils are right, calendar," Lee said.

According to Dee Heimgartner, Crittenden County extension agent, the impact on planting is not immediate. But the outlook is not good. "If – and it looks like it when you want because is going to - it stays wet into April, then it can

season or it can get too late to plant corn, meaning most producers will switch to planting soybeans instead of corn.

detrimental to the crop.

"Sometimes producers also rush and plant with the ground a little wet and that causes compaction issues," said Heimgartner. "Compaction makes it hard for the roots to grow through, and that affects the health of the plant all season long.

counted in Kentucky, down 80,000 from 2013.

2.4 tons per acre.

"It will take a lot of

warm weather, and dry weather, to get ready in that time frame," said Chad Lee, University of Kentucky extension agronomist.

Under normal conditions. would the time farmers "would be putting lime on to adjust

potassium on to get

everything's compressed," According to the recent Kentucky USDA field of-

through Tuesday, 19.29 inches of rain has fallen since meteorological winter began Dec. 1, 2018. April 1 is the official start

and the weather's right, and plant accordingly to that ... not so much the

"So while the official

(Editor's note: The Crittenden Press contributed to this story.)



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soil PH, putting "It's maybe a little phosphorus different because usually we've it (soil) ready with adewarmed up by now. But quate nutrients, and getthe frozen fields have actuting some of those fields ally been pretty good to which were damaged last work on. It's a lot better fall by the harvest because they were wet fixed," Lee "They put a lot of fertilizer on wheat while the "So, what will happen if ground's been frozen, and we can't get all that stuff they're starting to spread

fertilizer on regular crop fields," he said. "We're looking at six weeks out now from planting corn. I wouldn't say we're behind yet at all."

cause a deiay in getting the seed planted," she said Tuesday. "That delay can mean anything from just a late start to the growing

Rushing to plant before soggy ground dries can be

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Signs of Ag Week

tension Service Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources, gets a little help last Thursday from student volunteers Maggie Blazina (left) and Emma Williams erecting several signs in recognition of National Ag Week along the walking trail at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Every year, producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America join together to recognize the contributions of agriculture during National Ag Week, March 10-16, 2019. Each American farmer feeds more than 165 people ... a dramatic increase from 25 people in the 1960s. Quite simply, American agriculture is doing more – and doing it better. As the world population soars, there is an even greater demand for the food and fiber produced in the United States.

Ag key

to U.S.

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Though it's easy to look

at the tech industry and

think this increasingly in-

fluential sector is what

makes the world go round,

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be what's driving your

The agricultural sector

plays a strategic role in a

nation's economic develop-

ment and prosperity. From

the earliest days, agriculture has been heralded as

playing a crucial role in North American culture.

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have long exemplified what

it means to work hard and

take initiatives to be self-

The symbiotic nature of agriculture and the econ-

omy is noticeable when ex-

amining the ups and

downs of each. This is be-

cause food production and

the potential of agriculture

extends beyond the fields

and local food stands.

These resources impact

supply chains and other

markets. A strong agricul-

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employment sectors like

biotechnology, hospitality,

machinery building and

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vides food and raw materi-

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sectors. Also, food provides

nutrition that can serve as

the foundation of a healthy

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Many years ago, a favorite pastime of friends and neighbors was to gather at someone's home and make good, entertaining music. It was great fun for adults and youngsters alike. It is really something to think that most of these people played music by

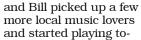
Brenda ear and taught Underdown themselves how **County Historian** to play their instrument and Forgotten really didn't have any formal **Passages**

training. There were many of these musical get-togethers back in the 1950s, for I remember getting to sit in on some of them. The old homes would rock with the beat of the music of the pianos, guitars and fiddles, and the walls would echo with the good times of the people who were there.

A few of these talented musicians were dedicated enough to form their own bands and actually played for engagements as well as hometown entertainment. The county school functions were always a favorite place to invite these bands to perform. Usually, it would be for a box or ice cream supper. A few of the local well-known performers of this era were Bill Marvel, J.D. Orr and Ray Wilson.

Bill started playing guitar at the young age of 9-10 years old. His dad, Ray, played the fiddle, but knowing that people also enjoyed guitar music, he bought a guitar to learn to play it. Although he bought the guitar for himself, it was his young son Bill that fell in love with it and couldn't wait to learn to play it. Bill taught himself how to play by listening to other people play the guitar. Together, Bill and his dad would play at different functions around the area.

Sometime later, Ray



gether. They were Soapy Truitt, who sang and played guitar, Virgil Newcom, who played the mandolin, and Elmer Newcom, who sang and played guitar. Their friend, Clifton Nation. who loved to listen to them play, gave them the name of the Crooked Creek Hillbillies. The name stuck and the group

Crooked Creek Hillbillies was born.

The group played and sang all around the area, and they were invited to play on the WHOP radio station at Hopkinsville several times a week. They would get up early in the morning and make the long drive to the station to be ready for their spot on the radio.

When World War II broke out and changed so many lives, the band broke up, and when the war was over, they never got back together to reform the group.

In the early 1950s, another local, Ray Wilson, had formed the band known as the Kentucky Wonders. Ray was county sheriff from 1950 to 1954, and he was known as "The Singing Sheriff." The group consisted of Leman Little, guitar; Bernal "Little Jack" Little, fiddle; J.D. Orr, steel guitar; and Sparky Winders, base fiddle. Since Bill wasn't playing with a group at this time, Ray asked him to join their group with his guitar.

The Kentucky Wonders was a popular band and played many functions around the area - at local meetings, on the court house lawn on weekends and they would tape several songs at Ray's house and then send the tapes







Above left, the popular musical group in the 1950s, J.D. Orr's Lonesome Valley Boys, included (back, from left) Bill Marvel, guitar; Leon Walker, guitar; J. D. Orr, steel guitar; Ray Marvel, fiddle; Jimmy Gass, guitar; and (front) Cheryl Orr, vocals. Above right, an advertisement for everyone's favorite Saturday night gathering in 1956, the Old Kentucky Hay Ride at Fohs Hall.

to be played on a Princeton radio station. The Kentucky Wonders also appeared on a Henderson TV station.

Some interesting information about the band members of the Kentucky Wonders. Many of us know that Bernal "Little Jack" Little at one time went to Nashville and played fiddle for Porter Wagoner and the Wagoneers for many years. After the Porter Wagoner vears. Little Jack played with a band that preformed regularly at Henderson. What many people may not know is that Leamon, Little Jack's brother, was a master guitar player. Bill remembers that Leamon played what is known as the "thumb and finger style" guitar picking and was the only one around who had mastered it at the time. That style is where the thumb plays the rhythm while the fingers pick the melody. Merle Travis and Chet Atkins were creators of this type of guitar playing.

The Kentucky Wonders also cut a few records. Some of the titles were "Waiting with Tears in My Eyes," "What Have You Done With My Heart?,"

"Plain American Boy" and "Heart Stealer."

When Mr. Wilson took a iob as U.S. Marshall in Owensboro, the band broke up. J.D. Orr, steel guitar player for the Wilson band, decided to form a group of his own. It included Bill Marvel from the Kentucky Wonders; Bill's dad, Ray, on fiddle; Leon Walker on rhythm guitar and lead vocal; and Jimmy Gass also sang and played rhythm guitar. J.D. named the new band The Lonesome Valley Boys. As a special treat, at many of the places the band played, J.D.'s daughter, Cheryl, would sing with the band.

The Lonesome Valley Boys was a popular group in the county, for they played for all kinds of functions and also performed on the courthouse lawn for meetings and just for good entertainment for the community.

Every Saturday night, there was a musical program at Fohs Hall, and the Lonesome Valley Boys also performed there along with other talented musicians and singers from our area. It was known as the Old Kentucky Hay Ride. Another place the Lonesome Val-

Boys performed was every weekend at the Hancock Super Market at Paducah. Their music would be recorded and then replayed on the Paducah radio station.

In 1958, the Lonesome Valley Boys recorded two records. Here is what The Crittenden Press reported about the records: "Two records featuring J. D. Orr and the Lonesome Valley Boys are reported selling well, only a short time after their release.

"The records were made by Summit Records, a Central City firm composed of personnel of radio station WMTA. They are the first records ever made by the Marion country music group. One of the records, released about the middle of October, featured Elzie Asbridge on vocal. Both numbers were composed by Orr – 'Lonesome Hearted Blues' on one side and 'Hula Hoop Boogie' on the reverse.

The other, released just before Thanksgiving, features the singing of Mr. Orr's daughter, Cheryl. They are 'What I Saw on Christmas Night,' another Orr original, and 'Why Does My Daddy

Come Here?' by Bobby Anderson of Central City. Personnel on the records are all local products: J.D. himself on steel guitar, Little Jack Little on violin, Jimmy Gass on the electric Spanish guitar and Earl Cowan on bass.

"These are the first two records the local group has made. Most of the members of Orr's band got their start in music with Ray Wilson's group several years ago. The Lonesome Valley Boys have been together under that name for about three vears."

How exciting, over 60 years later, Marion is once again going to have its very own Old Kentucky Hay Ride show. Crittenden County's own local group, Classy and Grassy, are sponsoring the show, which will be at Fohs Hall on Saturday. The lineup is full of many musical country favorites from long ago portrayed by local performers in the true Grand Ole Opry style.

Fohs Hall will once again hear those wonderful old country songs from long ago. It should be a fun and exciting night for everyone.

Allen 'surprised, grateful" to be Kentucky's Mr. Basketball

has been named Mr. Basketball, it won't be long before Dontaie Allen will certainly see road signs coming into Pendleton County proclaiming it the home of the 2019 Mr. Basketball.

Vaught That is just **UK Sports Columnist** crazy to even think about,' Vaught's said Allen after Views he won the award last week given to the state's top senior player. "I really can't even fathom that. It's

Larry

Allen's parents, coach Keaton Belcher and others erupted in applause, and maybe disbelief, when he

won the award after playing in just 13 games as a senior before a knee injury sidelined him.

just nuts."

"I was really surprised, too. I am just grateful to be in this position and thank the Lord for it,' Allen, a Kentucky signee, said. "I think it just came down to people appreciating what I do on the floor. I can pass, dribble, shoot, rebound. I just know I am blessed to be in this posi-

"There was a lot of pain not getting to play but there were also good things. I got to support my team. Now I am just ready for the next step.

Allen was averaging 42.9 points and 14. 2 rebounds when he got injured. He finished his career with 3,255 points, 11th best in state history despite missing 40 games during his five-year career due to injury. He also had 1,228 rebounds — 22nd best in state history along with 357 assists, 284 blocks and 191

"I wasn't expecting to win. I think people just appreciated the way I

played," Allen

Belcher knew some might be upset with Allen being named Mr. Basketball after missing the final two months of play. However, there is no set criteria on voting for the award and Belcher felt what Allen did for five years and also scheduling that let him play in 12 of the state's

16 regions during his ca-

reer helped him. "I think we did a pretty good job of shopping him around the state," Belcher said. "I don't think any of the other (Mr. Basketball) candidates could say that

they played across the state like he did. Us scheduling appropriately, him averaging 42 points a game. Those things were factors in the award along with him signing with Kentucky.

Belcher doesn't have the social media followers that Kentucky coach John Calipari does, but he was very active on Twitter and other social media forums doing what he could to promote Allen. He even got Pendleton County superintendent Joe Buerkley to send a letter of support for Allen to voters across the state.

"Luckily it's 2019 and not 1989, where the power of social media and emails and contacts (exists),' Belcher said. "It really helped, I'm not going to

Now Allen is focused on his rehab before he gets to Kentucky. He's been doing rehab three days a week in Lexington and hopes to be released soon to start doing more on the court.

"I am working on a lot of things and it is getting better. It is painful but I have to push through it

and it will be good," he

He's got no plans to need a redshirt year at UK next season.

"I am not going into it trying to redshirt," Allen said. "There is not really a timetable. Just see what happens. I want to play just like always next year.

That's the goal.' Belcher, who played basketball at Belmont College, wouldn't rule out Allen playing at UK as a freshman despite the in-

"I think he is on pace to be in uniform next year at UK," Belcher said. "That's what he wants and he's really working hard to do it. When Dontaie sets his mind on doing something, he really attacks it and that's what he has been doing with his rehab.'

Allen became the 18th UK signee to earn Mr. Kentucky Basketball honors following Bill Lickert (1957), Pat Doyle (1959), Randy Embry (1961), Mike Casey (1966), Jimmy Dan Connor (1971), Jack Givens (1974), Dirk Minniefield (1979), Todd May (1982), Winston Bennett (1983), Rex Chapman (1986), John Pelphrey (1987), Richie Farmer (1988), Josh Carrier (2001), Brandon Stockton (2002), Darius Miller (2008), Jon Hood (2009) and Dominique Hawkins (2013).

Quote of the Week

'We all took it personal when we lost just like the fans did. You have to un-

derstand that it is personal. We are still sitting here 33 years later talking about that game," former Kentucky point guard Roger Harden on UK's 59 57 loss to LSU in the 1986 Elite Eight after beating LSU three times earlier in the season.

Josh Allen

Bud Dupree was the 22nd overall pick in the 2015 NFL draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers and brought some needed attention to the Kentucky football program when coach Mark Stoops was just starting his rebuilding effort.

'What Bud did a few years ago was good for the program but this year's draft is going to be huge with Josh (Allen) and then what is going to occur after that. You are just going to keep seeing that Kentucky logo show up in the draft," Kentucky recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow said looking ahead to the April draft.

Marrow says having a player picked in the top three to five like Allen, the consensus national defensive player of the year, is projected to be give UK a strong start" to the draft.

"Everybody is watching and seeing that. Players we are recruiting see that and remember that," Marrow said.

The difference will be that after Dupree was drafted the Cats had just one more player picked -Za'Darius Smith in the fourth round. This year

Marrow knows a lot more Cats will be picked.

"I would not be shocked if we have 10 guys drafted. A lot of guys tell me that George (Asaio-Adjei) and Bunchy (Stallings) are going to be drafted," Marrow said.

He also noted that some NFL scouts had talked to him about defensive lineman Tymere Dubose and receiver Dorian Baker, who had 55 catches in 2015 as a sophomore but just 27 combined in his junior and senior seasons.

'Say what you want about Dorian but he is 6-3, 218 pounds. He can run. He might run a 4.4 (second 40-yard dash at UK's Pro Day)," Marrow said. "He's still such an intriguing player. He can be a very physical player.

"I don't know what might happen with him, Tymere, Bunchy, George.

But they all got a chance to be drafted. You are going to see our name (Kentucky) every day of the draft. That's why having Josh go so nigh is big but having all these other guys go after him just makes this whole draft bigger and hopefully the start of what we can do every year."

Quote of the Week 2

'It came down to I love this community. I love this administration, Dr. (Eli) Capilouto, Mitch Barnhart. The guy that I work for is fantastic. I have become a part of this community and I love. We are doing some things that are special and those all had a part in the decision making when I decided to stay," UK offensive coordinator Eddie Gran on why he turned down Georgia to stay at Kentucky.

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Family Fitness Night Monday Crittenden Elementary

students and their families will celebrate Family Fitness Night from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Monday. An obstacle course, yoga, GoNoodle and Zumba will be offered, along with healthy snacks.

Calendar

Crosswalk Learning Center has rescheduled a "Budget More...Stress Less," an informative class led by Paja Crider, of Farmers Bank & Trust Co. of Marion, for 6-7 p.m., Thursday (today) in the Crittenden County High School library. The original event was canceled due to inclement weather. A meal will be provided, and the session qualifies as a Community Christmas class requirement. To register, call Jeff Hughes, Crosswalk Coordinator, at (270) 965-

Extension

The Diabetes Support Group will meet at 10 a.m., Friday, at the Extension Office. Everyone is welcome to attend.

- After Hours will meet on Tuesday, March 19th at 5pm at the Extension Of-

The Pennyrile Area Spring Seminar "Herbs the Word" will be March 22 at the Christian County Extension Office. The program will incldue discussions about planting herbs. The cost is \$12. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Door prizes and lunch will be provided. Register at the Crittenden County Extension Office by calling (270) 965-5236.

Senior Center

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

Menu and activities include:

Thursday - Menu is baked potato soup. chicken drumstick, seasoned peas, cornbread and pear crisp.

Friday - Menu is baked catfish, navy beans, cole slaw. Ambrosia salad and cornbread. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Be sure and wear green for our St. Patrick's Day celebration!

Monday - Menu is meat balls, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned peas, wheat roll and tropical fruit. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday – Menu is hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, buttered spinach and tropical

March 20 - Menu is chicken and rice casserole, buttered spinach, banana pudding, margarine and wheat roll. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

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

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

Submit calendar items

Community calendar is designed for individuals, nonprofit organizations and government entities to publicize meetings and events. Call (270) 965-3191 or email pressnews@the-press.com or stop by 125 E. Bellville St. in Marion.



FBLA members representing Crittenden County High School at the Region 1 competition last week are (front from elft) Lili Newcom, Hailey Belt, Kyron Hicks, Shelby Cooper, Hannah Bell, Leah Long, Lily Atchison, Audrey Croft, Sam Tinsley, Emma Williams, Ryleigh Tabor, (second row) Trinity Hayes, Amanda Estes, Kenlee McDaniel, Matthia Long, Cole Swinford, Lauren Gilchrist, RheaVynn Tabor, (third row) Ashleigh Dunkerson, Allie Geary, Kate Keeler, Lily Gardner, Zach Robinson, Coby West, (fourth row) Matt Lynn, John Duvall, Gavin Davidson, Gavin Dickerson, Jayden Carlson, Dane West, James Crider, Simon Shepard, Seth Taylor, Raina West, Callie Brown. Not pictured, Shelby Brown.

FBLA competitors advance to state

dozen members of Crittenden County High School's FBLA club will compete at state competition after placing in the top three in various categories at the Region 1 competition last week in Murray.

Crittenden County's chapter was awarded the Silver Local Leadership Challenge, which consists of 18 tasks that require dedication and commitment from offithroughout the year. Advisor for the club is Amy Hardin.

Hannah Bell was inducted as the new Region 1 treasurer for 2019-20.

The following CCHS students were recognized for completing Business Achievement Awards: Hannah Bell, James Crider, Jayden Carlson, Lili Newcom and Skyler James.

The following students

were recognized for completing the Community Service Awards: Gavin Shelby Dickerson, Brown, Shelby Cooper, Ashleigh Dunkerson, Trinity Hayes, Lili Newcom and Hannah Bell.

Top finishers at the regional comptition and advancing to state are: Advertising

John Duvall, 1st place advertising; Shelby Brown and Trinity Hayes, 3rd place bulletin board; Kate Keller and Kenlee McDaniel, 1st place business ethics; Cole Swinsecond place computer problem solving; Simon Shepard, second place economics; Shelby Brown, second place electronic career portfolio; Dane West, second place introduction to information technology; Ashleigh Dunkerson and Lily Gardner, first place local chapter scrapbook; Jayden Carlson, Gavin

Dickerson, third place marketing; RheaVynn Tabor, first place organizational leadership; Seth Taylor, third place personal finance; Kyron Hicks, first place public speaking; Allie Geary, Trinity Hayes and Leah Long, third place website design; and Hannah Bell, first place Who's Who Region 1 FBLA.

Read Across America Week



Crittenden Elementary students dressed as their fasecond place Kash Myers; and third place Oakley



vorite book characters Friday in honor of Read Across America Week. Winners in the kindergarten-second grade division were (from left) first place Daryl Sherer;



Third- through fifth-grade winners were (from left) first place Jerry Bates, second place Michelle Tapp and third place Creea Whitfield.



Woman's Club of Marion writing contest winners are (seated from left) Paul Combs, Paris Foster and Jhett Wright, (standing) Zoe Foster and Caleb Combs.

Club announces writing winners

The Woman's Club announced winners earlier this month of its annual writing contests.

Poetry winners were Zoe Foster and Caleb Combs. Short story winners were Paul Combs, Paris Foster and Jhett Wright. Students received certificates and cash awards and will compete in the state competition in May.

The contest, for stu-

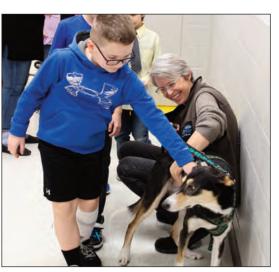
dents in grades K-12, was open to students in public schools and home schools

Poetry winners are as follows: Zoe Foster, first place in the K-2 division for "The Beach;" and Caleb Combs, first place grades 3-5 for his poem 'Dreams.'

Paul Combs, a local and state winner in 2017 and 2018 won the 9-12 grade short story cate-

gory for his entry called From the Diary of James Smith." Paris Foster's short story called "My First Deer Hunt" won the category for 3-5 grade, and Jhett Wright won the K-2 grade category for his short story called

"Golden." Winners from the state competition will be announced in May at the GFWC KY Annual Conference in Lexington.



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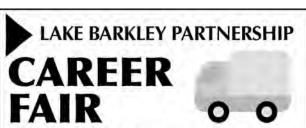
Karen Land and her dog Noggin visited Crittenden Elementary last week and discussed her three experiences in the Alaska iditarod Dog Sled competition. A journalist and avid reader, Land learned of dog sled racing from books and shared many facts with students, who got to try on mushing gear and see the sled used in the famous race. At left, Eli Lovell pets Noggin as he arrives in the gym for the assem-

Christmas credit class Tuesday

"Starting Seeds and Transplanting" will be the first Community Christmas class offered.

Presented by Ag Agent Dee Heimgartner, the class will include a tutorial on how to start seeds at home and proper transplanting techniques.

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Anyone interested in playing youth baseball, softball or kickball at Marion-Crittenden County Park this summer that missed last weekend's registration and assessment day can still sign up by paying a penalty. The final deadline is March 21. This is for boys and girls ages 4-12. Get a registration form at the Dugout Club Facebook page or The Press Online. No registration forms will be accepted after players are assigned to teams.

Paid umpire jobs

Crittenden County Dugout Club is seeking mature individuals age 14-up interested in umpiring youth baseball and softball games this summer. Call Misty Porter at (270) 704-3311.

OUTDOORS Asian carp meeting

Area residents can learn more about efforts to combat Asian carp and the state of fishing in western Kentucky during a Town Hall meeting set for 7-9 p.m., Thursday, March 21 at the Lyon County Convention Center at Lee Jones Park in Eddyville. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) holds these public meetings annually to keep residents updated on fisheries-related topics. All interested persons are welcome to attend. Fisheries Director Ron Brooks will provide a broad overview of the department's efforts to protect the resource while building better fishing opportunities to the public. Other presenters will include department Nuisance Species Biologist Jessica Morris and Western Fisheries District Program Coordinator Adam Mar-

SOCCER

Youth registration

Crittenden County Youth Soccer Association is currently accepting registrations for the spring season at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Registration forms are available online at the CYSA on Facebook or at Double Take Salon in Marion. Cost is \$45 for 4u to 8u players and \$55 for 10u to 14u players. Fee includes jersey, insurance and end-of-season award. Registration deadline is March 28. On that date, there will be assessments at 5:30 p.m., at the park for 4u, 6u and 8u. First practice for 10u to 14u is 5:30 p.m., April 8 at the park.

School soccer meeting

Any Crittenden County student interested in playing schoolsponsored soccer and currently in grades 6-11 is invited to attend an informational meeting at 5:30 p.m., Thursda at the Rocket Arena conference room.

BASKETBALL Porter ref for state

Marion's Jeff Porter will be among the area's basketball officials who have qualified to referee at the Kentucky Girls' Sweet 16 Basketball Tournament this week at Lexington's Rupp Arena. Porter was also selected last fall to referee a state football cham-



Members of the Lady Rockets varsity softball team are (front from left) Autumn Derby, Hadlee Rich, Kalli Champion, Jessie Potter, Jada Hayes, Ashlyn Hicks, Emmie Smith, Matthia Long (back) coach Jason Champion, Chandler Moss, Ellie Smith, Jenna Potter, Hannah Cooksey, Brandy Book, Callie Brown, Riley Smith, Brylee Conyer and coach Stephen Smith.

LADY ROCKET SOFTBALL PREVIEW

Girls reload with perhaps 'most athletic team'

Crittenden County's softball program has emerged as one of the best in the region and despite a catastrophic injury to the team's No. 1 pitcher, coach Stephen Smith expects nothing less.

The Lady Rockets have an assortment of talented players with the goal of winning a Class A championship and district title, for starters.

Smith makes no bones about it; his team is still good despite losing some key contributors from a team that has won almost 50 games the past two seasons.

"This will be the most athletic team we've ever put on the field," Smith said.

And that's a mouthful considering Crittenden won 22 games last year and 27 the season before. Over the past two years the Lady Rockets have won the Second Region All Classic and been in the regional tournament's Final Four.

The biggest obstacle for the team, however, is something that happened several months ago. Returning starting pitching ace Chandler Moss tore an ACL playing basketball in December. She won't see the field this spring which has thrown the Lady Rockets into Moss-less situation. She or her sister, Cassidy Moss (now playing at Brescia University) have been the top pitchers for CCHS for the past fourplus seasons. Smith says it will be tough to find a pitcher of equal caliber, but he's confident in the arms he'll deploy.

Junior Jenna Potter has plenty of experience to become the team's No. 1 pitcher. She pitched in some key situation ast year and has worked hard in the offseason, increasing her fastball to the mid 50s. Sophomore Ashlyn Hicks, one of the most talented players on the squad, will be the team's No. 2 hurler and freshman Jessie Potter will be a third option although she's not been on the field in two years while running track in the spring.

Ellie Smith is the catcher. She's one of the best around and hits well. Her backup is Matthia Long who will also see time on the infield at the corners.

Senior Brandy Book was one of the best sophomores in the state two years ago. Her slugging percentage and RBIs were among the Commonwealth's most elite hitters as a sophomore and although her numbers were good last year, she'll be looking for a repeat of the 10th-grade fig

Varsity Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Grade
13	Brandy Book	1B, 3B	Sr
15	Callie Brown	OF	Fr
31	Kalli Champion	OF, SS	So
-	Brylee Conyer	OF	8th
5	Hannah Cooksey	2B, OF	Sr
22	Autumn Derby	OF	Jr
3	Jada Hayes	2B, OF	So
10	Ashlyn Hicks	SS, P	So
35	Matthia Long	3B, 1B, C	So
24	Chandler Moss	3B, P	So
16	Jenna Potter	2B, P	Jr
1	Jessie Potter	3B, OF, P	So
00	Hadlee Rich	SS, OF	Fr
20	Ellie Smith	INF, C, P	Jr
34	Emmie Smith	3B, LF, SS	JR
7	Riley Smith	OF	7th

One of the team's most athletic players will man second base. Jada Hayes was an all-district performer last year. She has incredible range and is quite savvy at the plate, leading the team in RBIs a season ago. Senior Hannah Cooksey will be her backup and will also get a look as an everyday player in the outfield.

Hicks will play shortstop. She was an all-region performer last spring and led the club in hitting.

Third base is one of the few question marks on the club. Moss and Hicks held the corner down last year, but neither will be among the obvious candidates this time. Book and Long split time at third and Emmie Smith will get a chance to play there as well although she's a retuning starter in left field.

In the grass, Smith has been a fixture in left for years. She covers a lot of ground out there. Her backup will be freshman Callie Brown. In center, Kalli Champion returns with a good glove and strong arm. Right field will be a competition between Cooksey, freshman Hadlee Rich and middle schoolers Riley Smith and Brylee

Smith says his bench is stronger this year and it will be used often. With a number of school trips expected to take key starters off the field, those in backup roles will be called upon often, he said.

Although Trigg County is widely con-

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including pitcher Hannah Colbert, Smith says his girls cannot be counted out of "We can hit with anybody. We have

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three college-bound players in the lineup,

proven that," the coach said. "And we can go two deep at every position." Despite having a young lineup, Smith

says experience is counted among the team's greatest assets.

"The meat of our team has seen everything we've done in the last two years," he said, "and they're ready to go."





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meeting of the fiscal court beginning at 8:30 a.m. Crittenden County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any bid. (1t-36-c)

Crittenden County Public Library is requesting bids for housekeeping services from independent contractors. The job description is available at the Crittenden County Public Library. Quotes will be accepted until 5 p.m. on April 1, 2019. Cleaning services include restrooms, floors, windows and dusting three times per week. Applicants must carry their own insurance. Cleaning supplies are provided by the library. (3t-38-c)



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Young Leaders make safety upgrades to park

After months of research, interviews and networking, Crittenden County Middle School's Young Leaders In Action have successfully affected change in their community. Charged with the task of identifying a community issue to affect positive change, group of four eighthgraders - Brylee Conyer, Macie Hunt, McKenna Myers and Carly Towery, will present their project on park safety this weekend at Kentucky Dam Village State Park. They will compete against nine other counties in our re-

According to their sponsor, Tiffany Blazina, the group chose park safety because it was an issue that related directly to them and their peers, as well as so many in the community.

"These girls are active teenagers," said Blazina. "They play softball there, run track, play soccer and

walk the paths with their friends. They also are well aware that many young children in our community frequent the park, and their goal was to make it a safe and enjoyable place for everyone."

As part of their research, the girls conducted a survey and decided to focus on speed limits in regard to park safety. They also visited other local parks to learn of their practices for park safety, as well as researched parks of similar sizes and demographics across the nation.

Currently, speed limits are in place on the roads surrounding our county park, but the signs are not in high-traffic areas. After a presentation to the Marion City Council in February, Mayor Jared Byford shared that the city is planning to install new speed limit signs around Marion-Crittenden County Park.

"The signs should serve to more easily curb excess speeds in this location," said Byford. "We have also started to increase police enforcement of traffic in this area which should also help alleviate the problem.'

On Tuesday, the park board confirmed that they are adopting the girls' proposal to post 10 mph speed limit signs inside the park. so, their accomplishments are:

- Increasing visibility on roads surrounding the park to indicate the 25 mph speed limit.

- Increasing police patrol around the park, especially during in-season

- Establishing and posting 10 mph speed limits inside the park.

Byford praised the group for its dedication to this important community issue.

'We must work together to positively impact the place we live, work, and play in," he said. "Your willingness to do so is greatly appreciated."



Four eighth-graders at Crittenden County Middle School will present a project on park safety this weekend at Kentucky Dam Village State Park. The Young Leaders in Action pictured above with Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Chuck Hoover are (from left) Carly Towery, McKenna Myers, Brylee Conyer and Macie Hunt.

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night, but their recognition is based on their contribution to bluegrass music in Crittenden County.

The Grand Ole Oprystyle event will feature Franklin Hamilton, Classy & Grassy, Richie and Sammy Jo Linzy of Ridin' Shotgun, Lacie Duncan, Buddy Ray Stalions, Richard Maxfield, Crittenden County High School Jazz Band and other regional talent. It will also include an appearance by Grandpa Jones and Minnie Pearl of Hee Haw fame.

Admission is \$5, with 10 and under admitted free. All proceeds will be divided between the Crittenden County Food Bank and Crittenden County High School Project Grad-

"It's going to be a lot of fun, you're going to get your money's worth," said

Cruce. "There will be a whole lot of talent, and so far, response from the community has been great. There is a good chance we will pack the place."

Cruce and Shelley Singlethe ton. mother of Cutter and Cash Singleton of Classy

Grassy fame, began forming the idea for this Oprystyle event in January.

"In the 1950s, every Saturday night, at least for a time, there was a show called Old Kentucky Hay ride at Fohs Hall. J.D. Orr, Cutter and Cash Singlegreat-grandfather, ton's and Bill Marvel were involved and all those old pickers people have always talked about were on the show," Cruce said. "When talking about doing this show, that was the first thing that came to my mind, that we've got to

Old Kentucky

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throw it back to something like that." Each artist will do two

songs. Some of the performers

and the music they will be playing inc l u d e s Franklin Hay Ride history Hamilton doing Johnny Cash, Richie and Sammy

Linzy

doing Merle Haggard and Loretta Lynn, Lacie Duncan doing Patsy Cline and **Buddy Ray Stalions doing** Marty Robbins. Cruce will play with Classy & Grassy and will also be making a local vocal debut with some Ray Price tunes.

Jo

Cruce is self taught on the upright bass and guitar and with no formal training, plays solely by

"Classy & formed in the spring of 2017, and it's amazing getting to play with Cutter and Cash and seeing how far they have come," Cruce said. "Cash is going to be a heck of a guitar picker but Cutter, I would call him a child prodigy, because he plays the banjo and dobro and pretty much taught himself dobro - and guitar and steel guitar some, too.

"If I gave him a cardboard box, he would figure out how to play it.'

Cruce is excited to see Franklin Hamilton return to the Fohs Hall stage.

"That is as close to seeing Johnny Cash as any-

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body's ever going to get, because he is spot on," Cruce said. "A lot of people haven't heard him in a while, but what he does is effortless - the way he talks, his mannerisms. He doesn't even have to try to be Johnny Cash, it just happens. It sends cold chills down your spine. everybody likes Johnny Cash, it doesn't matter how old you are or what kind music you like, he's the bridge between it

Cruce said many of the out-of-town musicians are people Classy & Grassy is somewhat connected to. oftentimes performing at some of their similar

Radio personality Taylor Davis will emcee the event, with Cruce serving as host and making introductions throughout the

A \$10 DVD of Saturday's performance will be available by pre-order, cash only at Fohs Hall.





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