

EDITORIAL

Ag Day gives us pause to thank our local farmers

Nearly 70 years ago, farming in Crittenden County was very different from today. Not only have advances in tools and methods taken farming to places unimaginable in 1950, agriculture in the county has changed from mostly subsistence farming to a largely industrialized approach. Our products now reach far beyond our borders.

From the latest figures available, the 2012 Census of Agriculture, farming injected \$31.56 million into the local economy, \$19.88 million of which was for crops with the balance from animals. In honor of National Ag Day Tuesday, The Crittenden Press honors our farmers and all contributors to agribusiness. On Page 9, we compare the landscape of agriculture today versus that of 1950. While some of the numbers have dramatically changed, what remains is that our community depends on agriculture to keep the economy – and life – moving.

Today, our 592 farms cover nearly two-thirds of the county's 371 square miles. In 1950, more than 82 percent of that area was dedicated to 1,444 farms. Illustrating the change in times, 584 farms reported not having electricity in 1950, and only Amish farms currently operate without the flow of power.

But the soil today is more productive due to genetic engineering of plants and improved growth methods. Sixty-seven years ago, 29,415 acres of corn produced 859,016 bushels of grain. Today, fewer acres (22,336) produce 30 percent more yield (1.12 million bushels). That's a 29-bushel yield per acre compared to 50 bushels.

Today, as in the mid-20th century, corn is king. But back then, no other crop came close as soybeans do today. Acreage farmed for soybeans has grown from only 1,168 to 18,964. Wheat production has grown exponentially, too, from 977 acres to 5,426 acres.

Conversely, some crops have dwindled. In 1950, there were 91 acres of tobacco, 38 acres of Irish potatoes and 392 acres in orchards. Today, growers have only 2 acres dedicated to orchards. That's it. No tobacco, no potatoes to speak of. However, it's important to remember that for the purposes of the census, a farm is defined as any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products is derived. So we know there are potatoes in the ground and more trees producing fruit.

As for animals, hogs and pigs were once giants, not cows as today. In 1950, nearly all the farms had hogs, chickens and milk cows. Now, those farms are few. Back then, nearly 21,500 pigs and hogs rooted in the muddy Crittenden County soil on 1,104 farms. Today, there is no head count, but only 10 farms raise pork. Two-thirds of the nearly 1,500 farms made money off chickens 67 years ago. Fewer than 60 do today. And you would have to search high and low for a milk cow today (84), but more than 4,350 dairy cows roamed on all but 309 of 1,444 farms. Beef cattle outnumbered humans then (14,190) as now (13,046).

Farms are bigger today – 251 acres compared with 135 acres back then. There are 29 farms covering 1,000 acres or more in the 21st century, but only four covered that amount in the middle of last century.

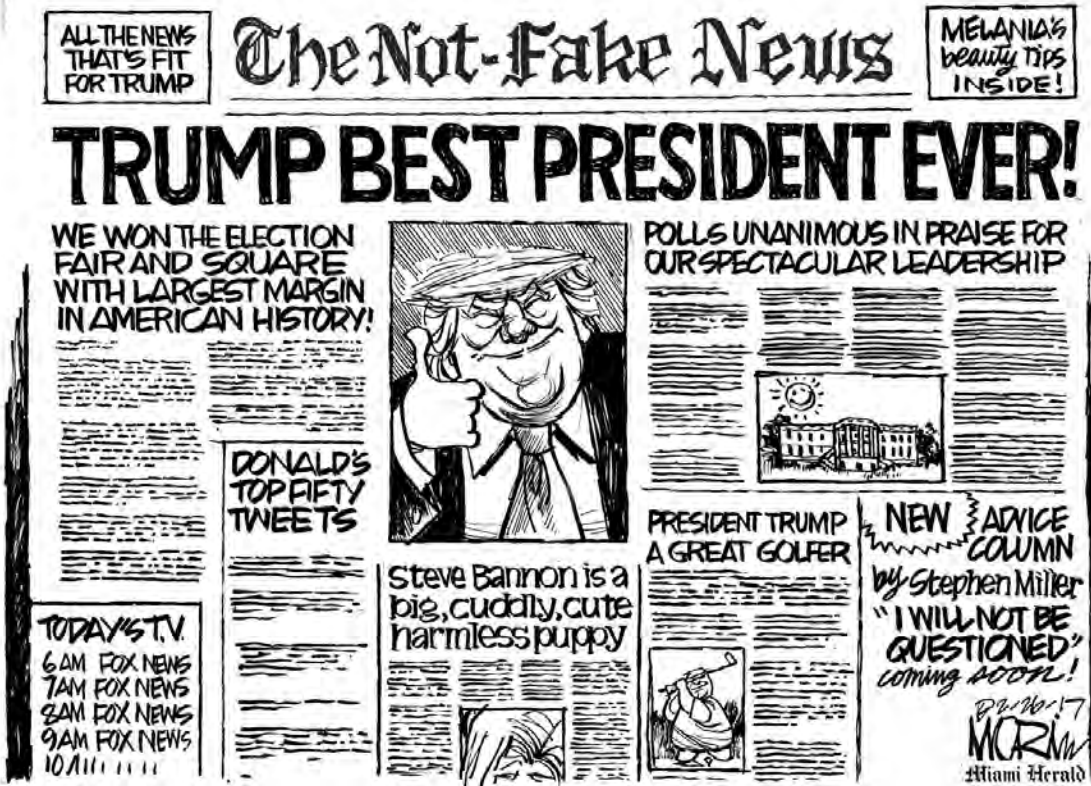
The comparisons go on and on – check them out for yourself on our National Ag Day page – but what hasn't changed is our reliance on the farmer. Quite simply, if you ate or put on clothes today, you have agriculture to thank. And that, we do. Thank you, farmers.



March 12-18, 2017, has been set aside as Sunshine Week in the United States. Though created by journalists 12 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.



Ky. Open Records laws under attack in by public universities

By ANDY BESHEAR
KENTUCKY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Sunshine Week is celebrated across the nation every March to highlight the importance of open government and how only transparency can ensure accountability.

In Kentucky, Sunshine Week could not come at a more important time, as the very protections afforded by our state's Open Records laws are being attacked, and could even be eviscerated, by some of our public universities.

As attorney general, I have made protecting Kentuckians' right to know how government agencies are operating one of my office's highest priorities.

Under Kentucky law, the Office of the Attorney General is responsible for safeguarding the Open Meetings Act and Open Records Act. Under the law, if citizens or journalists are wrongfully denied a request for information to a public agency, they can appeal directly to my office.

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Beshear

we deal with issues that are complicated and nuanced, which require significant research and analysis in the application of the law. One important step we can and do take is to request a confidential review of documents an agency is withholding. That way, we know if their reasons are honest, or merely an excuse to hide information.

In several recent decisions, my office ruled that four public universities violated the Open Records Act when they denied documents containing allegations of sexual misconduct by university staff.

In each case, the universities also refused to allow my office to confidentially review the documents. We told the universities that the review was confidential under law. We told them they could redact the names and identifying information on any student victim. They still refused.

To be clear, state law gives authority to the Attorney General to confidentially review documents. Without that review, a bad actor could easily cheat the system by providing false or fraudulent reasons to withhold information.

tion. However, if the Attorney General cannot review the documents, the bad actor could never be caught or proven wrong.

We are currently in front of a judge in our case to protect these transparency laws against the University of Kentucky, and we are seeking to intervene in cases involving Kentucky State University and Western Kentucky University.

Essentially, the universities' actions are attempting to turn Kentucky's Open Records Act into a 'trust me' law.

In the context of a university, this approach threatens the safety of our students. Campus sexual assault is one of the greatest threats facing our young adults. One in five women and one in 16 men were sexually assaulted while in college in 2015.

How did the university investigate these sexual assaults?

Did the victims secure justice?

Alternatively, were the victims not believed and forced to continue to sit in the same classes as their offender?

Are the universities' investigators and administrators doing a good job?

As a parent, I want to know these questions before

sending my child to any campus.

Sadly, what we do know is that by hiding documents related to university faculty who have harassed or assaulted students, universities around the country have quietly allowed these perpetrators to move to other schools, endangering the safety of other students.

This is what happens when an institution chooses secrecy over transparency.

Our decisions on these matters demonstrate how critical transparency is to good government, and how my office is committed to the law and being tough on those who are found to be in violation of it.

It also shows my commitment to seeking justice for victims of rape and sexual assault. In order for us to fulfill this mission, we must stand up for those who have known the devastating impact of violence or abuse.

This includes ensuring our public universities are not hiding from the law or hiding just how prevalent sexual assaults might be on their campuses.

(Democrat Andy Beshear was elected Kentucky Attorney General in 2015).

Later school start bill awaits Governor

Last week's update focused on Charter School legislation, how I voted, and the reasons for my vote. The bill is still in the Senate and as this article is being written has not yet been heard in committee. With the short time left in this year's session, there is still a question as to whether or not the bill will make it to the Governor.

Other legislation addressing education did come to the House floor, though. Senate Bill 17 is a bill that would permit students to voluntarily express religious or political viewpoints in school assignments free from discrimination. The genesis of this bill was the reaction to a school district (not in western Kentucky) that canceled a "Charlie Brown Christmas Story" play because of the scene where Linus reads from the Bible. This was obviously another case of political correctness run amuck. I voted yes, the bill passed, and is on its way to the Governor.

SB 50 was another education bill taken up by the House. Many states do not start the school year until near or after Labor Day which leaves the last few weeks in August for family vacations. Because of the abundance of water and



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natural beauty in the Commonwealth, Kentucky is a draw for these vacationers. Current law requires a minimum of 170 school attendance days and at least 1,062 hours of instructional time for students with many school districts starting school in early August. This puts our children in school and keeps them from working and earning money at marinas, amusement parks, etc. during the latter part of August. Additionally, many students are unable to attend the Kentucky State Fair with their families due to the early August start of the school year.

While school districts have much latitude on when to start the school year and can start later if they so desire, SB 50 tries to incent the districts to start later by giving schools more leeway in deciding how many instructional days will be on their schools calendar. SB 50 would allow school districts to use a "variable student instructional year" that would require the same hours of instruction now required by law but allow for fewer school days than the current minimum of 170. Districts could use the variable schedule beginning with the 2018-19 school year if their first day of

instruction is on or after the Monday closest to Aug. 26. It is important to note that the bill does not require a later start; it merely gives school districts the option of starting later. I voted yes, the bill passed, and is now on the Governor's desk awaiting his signature.

SB 218 is a bill designed to improve the industrial hemp production program in Kentucky. Industrial hemp legislation first passed four years ago and authorized industrial hemp research programs at the state level. SB 218 would, among other things, create an Industrial Hemp Advisory Board to provide advice and expertise as needed for industrial hemp research and pilot programs. This year marks Kentucky's largest industrial hemp crop under the program, with over 12,000 acres approved for production. I voted yes, the bill passed and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

Four more days are all that is left in the 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly. Two days are set aside for each chamber to concur or vote to change legislation that the other chamber has passed.

These 2 days are typically some of the busiest and longest days of a session with both chambers trying to come to agreement on the bills that have been debated and received votes in one of the chambers. These are the days when bills can be changed dramatically, leaving little time to digest and make good votes. I will continue to resist voting on bills that I have been unable to read and understand.

The last two days of the session are scheduled for March 29 and 30 and have been set aside for the purpose of allowing the General Assembly to override gubernatorial vetoes should they occur.

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 House District.

(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.)

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LETTERS

Track boosters appreciate help of community

To the editor

The Crittenden County track team and boosters would like to thank our community for its support of our ribeye sandwich sale held at Conrad's Harvest Foods on March 11.

Thank you to Todd and Paula Berry for grilling great steaks once again. Thank you

to our athletes and parents for their hard work with pre-sales and on the day of the event. This year's track team has more than 50 members, both male and female athletes. We appreciate the support of Rocket athletics by all of our community and fans.

Our home meets are held at the Marion-Crittenden County Park, so come on out and watch. It's always a fast, fun event.

Robin Curnel
Marion, Ky.



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Talking taxes

Around 50 people packed the Rocket Arena conference room Tuesday evening for Crittenden County Schools' public forum on a "recallable nickel" tax being considered by the board of education to fund construction of a new school. After a short presentation by Superintendent Vince Clark, the floor was opened to those in attendance to ask questions and air their opinions. Above, Paul Beard stands to voice his concerns about the impact the additional property tax would have on many residents already hammered with higher utility bills and other monthly expenses. The reaction was mixed, with only a handful of people speaking in opposition to or in favor of a proposal that would see a new high school built, allowing for middle-schoolers to move into the current high school and the 1949 section of CCMS to be razed. Clark stressed to those in attendance that the board is not ready to make a decision on the tax at this time, but merely wanted to measure input from the community. He said the school district will take some time to digest opinions expressed Tuesday and through an online survey and likely host additional public meetings in the future. More from the meeting can be found in next week's issue of The Crittenden Press.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Pictured at a recent meeting in Washington, D.C., are Siemens executives Jack Wilson; Harrison Wadsworth; Luis Tondi Resta; Donald Channel; Jeff Waldrop, who is also the former plant manager in Marion; and Congressman James Comer.

Siemens executives meet with Congressman Comer

STAFF REPORT
Congressman James Comer, R-Tompkinsville, met with several Siemens officials earlier this month in his office in the nation's capital. The discussion largely centered on the importance of the Railway-Highway Crossings (Section 130) Program to the facility in Marion. The program provides money to remove hazards from railway-highway crossings. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, since Section 130 Program's inception in 1987 through 2014, for which most recent data is available, fatalities at these crossings have decreased by 57 percent. Rep. Comer recognizes the value of Siemens to Marion and the entire Crittenden County community. "Siemens is an important part of the Crittenden County economy," said the freshman congressman representing Kentucky's 1st Congressional District. "It's the largest private employer in Crittenden County, and I want to make sure we do the best we can to help them run more efficiently and safely." Germany-based Siemens is a worldwide company that produces a variety of products including services for power generation, transportation and more. The facility in Marion specializes in relays and industrial controls.

Crittenden 1 of 7 counties where jobless rate jumped

January 2017 unemployment rates edged up in Crittenden and Livingston counties from January 2016, joining only five others, including Lyon County, where the new year's jobless rate started out worse than the year before. Rates fell in 90 counties and remained static in 23 others over the same period, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training. The January 2017 jobless rate for Crittenden County, 6.8 percent, was also higher than the December 2016 figure of only 5 percent. Livingston County unemployment jumped to 9.6 percent from 7.5 percent the previous month. Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 3.6 percent. Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate at 17.9 percent. Below are the jobless rates for select counties from the state's lowest in January to the highest, with rates for Crittenden and surrounding counties included between. Because of their relatively low sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted like monthly state and national rates. The comparable, unadjusted unemployment rate for the state was 5.8 percent for January 2017, and 5.1 percent for the nation.

AREA	JAN 2017	DEC 2016	JAN 2016
Kentucky	5.8	4.5	5.9
Pennyrile Region	6.8	5.3	7.2
COUNTIES			
Woodford (1)	3.6	3.0	3.7
Webster	6.0	5.0	6.5
Caldwell	6.4	4.8	6.7
Crittenden	6.8	5.0	6.7
Union	6.9	5.6	7.8
Lyon	8.9	6.6	7.9
Livingston	9.6	7.5	9.5
Magoffin (120)	17.9	13.5	21.2

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

NEWS BRIEFS

Foundation grants musuem funding

The Braxton McDonald Foundation has award \$5,500 to Crittenden County Historical Society to support its museum. The philanthropic foundation was created by its namesake to preserve history and genealogy in Crittenden County and makes an annual contribution from a return on investments. The grant amount has steadily declined with interest rates. Last year, the historical society received \$6,200 and has received as much as \$10,000 in the past. The museum depends on this money and donations to keep its doors open. This year marks the historical society's 50th anniversary.

March recognized as Eye Donor Month

March is National Eye Donor Month, a special time to honor those who donate their corneas after death to give others sight. More than 48,000 Americans have their sight restored each year as a result of corneal transplants and can once again see loved ones and the colors of the

world. "It's difficult to imagine the loss of sight. Not being able to drive, read emails or see my family members would be devastating. People all over Kentucky need the gift of sight. Every registered donor gives hope to patients in need," explains Crittenden Circuit Court Clerk, Melissa Guill. Working closely with Lions Clubs all over Kentucky, providing the gift of sight has been a focus in Kentucky for decades. Recently, two Kentucky nonprofits who handle cornea donation have merged and are now known as the Kentucky Lions Eye Bank with offices in Lexington and Louisville.



Guill

Judge Glenn Acree recounts his healing experience after receiving a cornea transplant, "For the first time, I could see clearly the details of my own young son's face, the curl of his smile, the twinkle in his eye." In the U.S. about 70,000 people are eye donors each year. Eye banks in the U.S. are able to help patients domestically and overseas, plus support research and training that may lead to preventative and restorative treatments for vision loss and eye damage. Joining the Kentucky Donor Registry through the Crittenden Circuit Court

Clerk's office or at DonateLifeKy.org registers one as a potential organ, tissue and cornea donor. Anyone can join the registry.

Meetings invite accountability input

Kentucky Department of Kentucky Education will be hosting a series of regional town hall meetings across the Commonwealth to gather feedback from Kentuckians on a new accountability system that has been under development for the past year. Under the yet unnamed system, schools would be evaluated on how well they perform on five indicators. Each indicator includes multiple measures. Some will be reported only; others will figure into a school's overall accountability rating. Data will be re-

ported online in a dashboard format that better illustrates school/district progress or deficits than a single number. Data will be reported by student group where available to create more transparency on where gaps may exist. There are two meetings in western Kentucky: - Paducah: Monday, April 10 at McCracken County High School Auditorium, 6530 New Highway 60 W. The meeting runs 6:30-8 p.m. - Henderson: Monday, May 1 at Henderson County Schools Professional Development Center, 631 N. Green St. The meeting runs 6:30-8 p.m. Kentuckians unable to attend the meetings, still will have the opportunity to submit their feedback. Details can be found on Kentucky's ESSA webpage at <http://bit.ly/KYAccountability>.

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Salem woman, 53, arrested on meth-related charges

STAFF REPORT

A Salem woman was jailed last week during a drug investigation spurred by a traffic stop.

Last Thursday around 11 a.m., Kentucky State Trooper T.J. Williams stopped Billy J. Brandon, 58, of Dexter, Ky., on U.S. 60 in Livingston County. During the traffic stop, about a half-gam of suspected methamphetamine was found and seized along with more than \$6,000 in cash. Brandon was arrested and charged with first degree possession of a controlled substance.

Cindy J. Loveless, 53, was



Loveless

later arrested and charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia after a search warrant was executed at a home on Crawford Lane in Salem police believed to be connected to Brandon. Troopers reportedly located and seized 1.15 ounces of methamphetamine. Both Loveless and Brandon were lodged in McCracken County Jail.

KSP Post 1 troopers were assisted at both locations by Trooper Jonathon Ward and K9 Dutch, both assigned to KSP Special Operations Branch.

BOARD

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from across the state, including other boards of education. It will not include anyone from the local school district or board of education.

Pruitt will make the final call on selecting a new board member by April 26. He will review the panel's recommendation, but is not bound by it. He may select any of the three candidates. The new board member will serve the remainder of Orr's unexpired term, which ends December 2018. He may run in the non-partisan 2018 general election to keep the seat.

All applicants are from Educational District 5, which was represented by Orr for 15 years prior to her resignation in January due to health reasons. The district includes voters in Precincts 3, 6 and 12 and is an area east of U.S. 641 and south of U.S. 60 East to Fishtrap Road and continuing south of Fishtrap, Nunn Switch and Cool Springs roads.

The appointee will begin his service immediately faced with consideration of a tax hike. The board – currently Chris Cook, Pam Collins, Eric Larue and Bill Asbridge – is weighing a so-called "re-callable nickel" added to the school tax to build a new high school, which would free its current home for middle-schoolers. The goal is to empty the antiquated 68-year-old wing of CCMS that houses sixth- and seventh-grade classes. The 5.8-cent increase per \$100 of assessed property would generate about \$6 million in local and matching state funds to begin construction and eventually raze the facility built in 1949 as Crittenden County High School.

"Of course, I've given thought to it," said Ken Crider, a 1979 graduate of CCHS. "Anyone who has toured the sixth- and seventh-grade side of the school knows a change

needs to occur."

"I think we're going to have to do it," Mike Crider, an attorney who is no immediate relation to Ken Crider, said of the tax proposal. "I don't see a way around it right now, but I have not heard all the facts. I don't think anyone's going to like it, though."

McDaniel, vice president of sales at Par 4 Plastics and a father of school-age children, agrees.

"My No. 1 priority would be the proposed new school construction," he said. "As a business owner, home and landowner and the father of three children, I fully support this proposed school tax increase."

He and his wife Jennifer have two children – Bennett, 10, and Elle, 8 – who will one day be faced with undersized classrooms and outdated infrastructure at the middle school, two of the biggest issues at the facility that their daughter Kenlee, 13, currently experiences. If the nickel tax is approved and accepted by voters, Kenlee might be able to graduate from a new high school built onto Rocket Arena. James Crider,

the son of Ken Crider and wife Rebecca Johnson, and Landon Crider, Mike and Lisa Crider's son, are also 13 and could benefit from a new CCHS.

McDaniel's family has been in the county for five generations, and he wants the bloodline to continue in the community he chooses to call home.

"It's very important to me that the children of this community have a great educational experience, and I feel that by providing that type of experience, we have a much greater chance to attract those young people back to this community for future generations," said McDaniel, who graduated from CCHS in 1997 and studied business management at Murray State University. "This is a

Police activity report

Last month was a little slower for Marion Police Department than February 2016. The following is an activity report for the police department, reflecting information from February 2017 compared with figures from February 2016 as well as 2017 year-to-date numbers. The data are provided by Police Chief Ray O'Neal.

CATEGORY	FEB 2016	FEB 2017	YTD 2017
Miles driven/patrolled	2,843	2,341	4,078
Criminal investigations	19	10	34
Domestics.....	7	7	17
Felony Arrests.....	2	0	5
Misdemeanor arrests	8	1	6
Non-criminal arrests	16	5	8
DUI arrests	1	0	1
Criminal summons served	5	1	13
Traffic citations	26	17	38
Traffic warnings.....	12	12	25
Other citations	27	5	35
Parking tickets	0	1	1
Traffic accidents.....	7	9	12
Security checks/alarms	68	77	152
Calls for service.....	264	173	388

wonderful school system that is truly supported by the community, however the reality is that our children don't have all the resources available to much larger school systems in metropolitan areas. I hope to play a part in bringing some of those resources so that our local youth can have those same experiences available to them."

Ken Crider, another Murray State alumnus, is also a native to Crittenden County and paid for his college through service in the military, including the local National Guard unit. He graduated with a double major in sociology and criminal justice and works at Westlake Chemical in Calvert City. He feels a high school education alone doesn't carry the weight it did a few decades ago and wants Crittenden County students to be as best prepared as possible when they head off to college.

"When I graduated, a high school diploma was what you needed to get started in life, but in the early 1990s, Westlake began requiring a bachelor's degree," Crider explained. "I would say a degree is equivalent to a diploma 50 years ago."

He said having a son in the school system is part of his motivation for applying to fill Orr's seat, but he also believes the school system is doing a good job at educating students with dwindling resources and wants to be a part of that.

"You've got to do your homework, and I'm looking forward to it," he said of his potential appointment.

Mike Crider graduated high school here in 1986 and earned a bachelor's degree from Georgetown College four years later. He graduated from law school at the University of Kentucky in 1993, and operated a private practice in Marion for a time. He now serves as a juvenile specialist for the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy.

His regular contact with school-age children in Graves, Marshall and Calloway counties has given him what he feels is unique insight into the needs of education that he hopes to put to use in his native Crittenden County.

"I love kids. That's what I do professionally. I represent children in status offenses and that puts me in the education realm almost every day," he explained. "I've learned a lot about what our educators are doing for our kids right now."

Despite the public library operating autonomously from the school district, Guess' application was disqualified based upon state statutes that prohibit any employee under city or county government from serving on a school board. The library, as a taxing district governed by county-appointed trustees, is considered county government.

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automobile accident.

"Our mothers are very close, so Logan and I have been like brother and sister our whole lives," Davis said.

Bingham graduated from Crittenden County High School in 2015 and was taking classes at Madisonville Community College. He loved music, video games, his friends and most of all, he liked to make people smile, Davis said.

"Logan was the kind of guy that everybody liked. It didn't matter who you were or what kind of group you ran with, how old you were, whether you were a boy or a girl, he treated everyone the same. He was great to everyone and polite. Honest to God, there wasn't a better person to be around," Davis said.

Social media was full of similar comments and the family has posted on their Facebook page that they are finding comfort in the messages left online.

The fatality was the first in Crittenden County in 2017. In December, a Wyoming man was killed in a single-vehicle wreck on U.S. 60 East near Rosebud Hill.

The investigation into the Bingham fatality is ongoing by Trooper Cody Kromer, who was assisted on scene by Trooper Jacob Stephens, Sgt. Craig Engler, Crittenden County Sheriff's Department, Marion Fire Department, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Crittenden County Coroner.

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The following tax bills for the year 2016, being unpaid, I will offer for sale on March 31, 2017, at 1 p.m. to the highest bidder, for cash. The following delinquent tax claims upon which a real assessment appears (the amount includes penalty, interest and advertising cost). Tax bills are subject to 10 percent per annum.			
Tax Year Range 2016 to 2016			
Bill	Number	Account Name	Unpaid Tax
2016	44	ASBRIDGE VICKI & JEFFERAY	\$70.14
2016	55	BAKER JACK & VICKEY	\$12.20
2016	57	BAKERS GARAGE	\$0.91
2016	67	BARNES LEONARD	\$5.61
2016	71	BATES ROBERT EAR	\$75.75
2016	104	BELT CLIFFORD	\$98.20
2016	144	BLUEGRASS VINYL PRODUCTS LLC	\$106.17
2016	145	BLUEGRASS VINYL PRODUCTS LLC	\$3.10
2016	150	BOONE JOSEPH DANIEL & AMY S GARDNER-HALPIN	\$0.04
2016	154	BOYD JAMES A	\$11.22
2016	155	BRADFORD CHARLES	\$15.43
2016	161	BRANTLEY KENNETH RAY & JULIA	\$70.14
2016	176	BRYANT CAROLINE & HAROLD	\$98.20
2016	191	CALE PHILLIP	\$47.70
2016	192	CAMP AARON & STEPHANIE	\$218.84
2016	202	CARDWELL AMY SUZANNE	\$50.50
2016	28	3CORNERSTONE CHALDEES LLC	\$61.72
2016	286	COSBY TIM	\$95.39
2016	287	COSBY TIM & JASON	\$117.84
2016	294	COZART ANGIE D	\$56.11
2016	328	CROCKETT JAMES C & FRANCES LOU TRUSTEES	\$51.90
2016	341	CRUCE HERBERT EST	\$3.37
2016	364	DAVENPORT SARAH	\$224.45
2016	392	DIEHL BOBBY	\$7.01
2016	410	DRESSNER REBECCA	
		CHRISSEY HARDIN DANNY FEW	\$274.95
2016	426	DYKES ALTON	\$101.27
2016	572	GERHARDT CRAIG	\$11.22
2016	574	GETZ SERRINA & SCOTT	\$25.25
2016	592	GIPSON SHELBY	\$2.81
2016	631	HACKNEY EDDIE	\$16.83
2016	632	HACKNEY G CLARK & MICHELLE	\$98.20
2016	635	HACKNEY JOHNNY D & KARLA	\$82.77
2016	655	HARDESTY KENNETH JR	\$35.34
2016	689	HAZZARD PATRICIA	\$324.89
2016	690	HAZZARD PATRICIA & DWAYNE WILSON	\$28.06
		HEAD HELEN R	\$165.53
2016	724	HERRIN JODY & JULIE	\$174.92
2016	736	HILL HENRY LEE	\$156.83
2016	771	HOLLOWAY WENDELL	\$56.11
2016	773	HOMESTEAD AUCTION & REALTY INC	\$29.41
2016	782	HUGHES DOUG & MILLER KELSEY	\$28.06
2016	788	HUNT CAROL & BERNI	\$99.60
2016	815	HUNTER JOHN & MARILYN	\$84.42
2016	816	HUNTER MARY F	\$64.81
2016	839	JAMES MELODY	\$155.01
2016	852	JOE DAVIS ENTERPRISES INC	\$14.03
2016	853	JOE DAVIS ENTERPRISES INC	\$11.22
2016	854	JOE DAVIS ENTERPRISES INC	\$16.83
2016	855	JOE DAVIS ENTERPRISES INC	\$8.42
2016	856	JOE DAVIS ENTERPRISES INC	\$8.42
2016	892	JONES NORRIS & HELEN	\$36.75
2016	893	JONES ROBERT & CAROLYN	\$43.22
2016	902	JOURDEN DOUGLAS GENE	\$11.22
2016	921	KIMBLE JASON & TINA	\$112.22
2016	959	LARUE JAMES D & SHARON	\$231.46
2016	964	LEWIS JERRY & SHERRI	\$41.81
2016	975	LOCKE KENNETH R JR	\$112.22
2016	976	LOEWEN AMANDA &	\$33.67
2016	981	LONG SHAUN A	\$122.04
2016	982	LONG SHAUN A	\$2.81
2016	986	LOVE TODD B & CAMERON G	\$70.14
2016	990	LYNCH DAVID RAY & MELISSA & DAKOTA LYNCH	\$14.87
2016	1007	MANESS MICHAEL OR STEPHANIE	\$84.17
2016	1046	MARKET DWAYNE E	\$8.42
2016	1059	MASON LISA M	\$8.42
2016	1063	MAXFIELD KEVIN	\$136.07
2016	1073	MCCLURE TROY EST	\$11.22
2016	1074	MCCORD CARRIE	\$8.42
2016	1077	MCDANIEL BELINDA & DOVARD	\$33.67
2016	1090	MCDOWELL SHANE ET AL	\$84.17
2016	1113	MILLS CLAUD & SUE	\$1.40
2016	1117	MINK SARA ANN	\$98.20
2016	1124	MORANZ KELLY	\$50.50
2016	1125	MORRIS TIMOTHY EARL & ASHLEY	\$16.83
2016	1158	NEW HAVEN ASSISTED LIVING	\$88.50
2016	1159	NEW HAVEN ASSISTED LIVING	\$11.22
2016	1210	OSBURN EDDIE	\$55.83
2016	1254	PERRYMAN MICHAEL	\$160.46
2016	1255	PERRYMAN MICHAEL	\$7.01
2016	1256	PERRYMAN MICHAEL	\$28.06
2016	1257	PERRYMAN MICHAEL & KATHERINE M	\$47.70
2016	1258	PERRYMAN MICHAEL & KATHERINE M	\$91.18
2016	1268	PHILLIPS TRACY CROWELL	\$9.82
2016	1286	PORTER JEFFREY G	\$182.36
2016	1291	POTTER WENDY & JOHN P	\$127.65
2016	1292	PRATER RICHARD	\$10.66
2016	1301	PRYOR KENNETH R JR	\$50.50
2016	1310	QUALLS BRYAN & MADISON	\$21.04
2016	1313	QUERTERMOUS DANNY & JOYCE	\$127.94
2016	1314	QUERTERMOUS L G	\$87.24
2016	1315	RAILEY CATHERINE M	\$17.11
2016	1320	REMET PROPERTIES LLC	\$51.90
2016	1321	REMET PROPERTIES LLC	\$51.90
2016	1332	RILEY CHARLES TERRY &	\$589.18
2016	1339	RILEY ROY E % JEREMY WHEELER	\$50.77
2016	1348	ROBERTS DARLENE	\$16.83
2016	1355	ROBINSON BETTY	\$82.81
2016	1413	SHIELDS HAZEL OR	\$5.05
2016	1421	SHUECRAFT JANET	\$5.61
2016	1440	SISCO CHRISTOPHER	\$78.56
2016	1441	SISCO CHRISTOPHER L & TABITHA	\$39.28
2016	1443	SISCO WILBER & PATRICIA	\$56.11
2016	1456	SMITH WILLIAM C	\$14.03
2016	1459	SMOCK MARVIN & REBA	\$99.60
2016	146	OSMOCK MARVIN DAVID	\$56.11
2016	1493	STONE BETTY L	\$35.34
2016	1534	TABOR DARRIN	\$187.98
2016	1535	TABOR DARRIN	\$47.70
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2016	1615	TURNER JOE D	\$70.14
2016	1645	WALKER ROCKY	\$8.42
2016	1647	WALLACE KEVIN W & JIMMIE M	\$25.25
2016	1655	WATSON DONNY & MICHELLE	\$82.75
2016	1657	WATSON MARY ELIZABETH	\$56.11
2016	1681	WHEELER JEREMY	\$42.08
2016	1682	WHEELER JEREMY	\$154.31
2016	1683	WHEELER JEREMY & JODY HERRIN	\$33.67
2016	1684	WHEELER JEREMY & JODY HERRIN	\$50.50
2016	1726	WILLIAMS JEFFERY TRENT	\$22.44
2016	1729	WILSON DWAYNE	
		& PATRICIA HAZZARD	\$28.06
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		& PATRICIA HAZZARD	\$173.95
2016	1731	WILSON DWAYNE	
		& PATRICIA HAZZARD	\$8.42
2016	1779	WYNN WALTER L JR & CATHERINE R	\$10.10
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Time short for lawmakers

Not every bill that passes through the Kentucky General Assembly impacts every citizen. The outreach of some legislation is minimal, while other legislation can have an effect on every Kentuckian. Some bills grab the headlines, while others are only footnotes.

Numerous bills have already cleared both legislative chambers, and many more are waiting in the wings. Last week, we gave final approval on several measures and sent them to the Governor.

One bill that has already been sent to the Governor adds police, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel to those protected under Kentucky's hate crime statute. Under House Bill 14 – Blue Lives Matter – those who assault, kidnap or commit certain other violent offenses against first responders could face stricter sentencing in court. Currently only the legally protected classes of race, color, religion, national origin and sexual orientation are covered under the state's hate crime statute.

I believe we owe our first responders a great deal of gratitude for putting their lives on the line for us every day, and this is just one small step in that direction.

Another bill nearing final



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legislative approval would help Kentucky families have an easier time keeping autopsy photos of their loved ones private. HB 67 would provide additional protections against the release of autopsy photographs, videos and other images to non-essential outlets such as the news media and Internet bloggers. The measure was prompted by the case of a young Kentucky boy killed in an accident whose parents were unsuccessful in halting the release of his autopsy photos to media outlets. It would not affect the release of autopsy reports, including images, to law enforcement officials or others who typically are entitled to receive that information.

HB 67, which will be designated as Jack's Law in honor of the child whose death inspired it, goes back to the House for final approval.

Other legislation delivered to the Governor last week for his signature:

- HB 222: People convicted of second-degree manslaughter while driving drunk would no longer be eligible for shock probation under this bill. Currently, judges are able to use their own discretion in deciding whether to shorten an offender's sentence in favor of probation.

- HB 269: This would allow relatives who are currently ineligible for employment in a

school district to serve as substitutes for certified or classified personnel, so long as they are not employees or contract employees of the district.

- HB 35: Kentucky would become one of more than 31 states that allow for the creation of public benefit corporations – companies that make investments in a public benefit, or public good, as part of their corporate philosophy. Although their mission is to maximize profits, a portion must go toward a charitable purpose.

- HB 195: This would replace the GED with a High School Equivalency Diploma. Kentucky Adult Education would be required to align their programs with the state's College and Career Readiness Standards, or similar standards, which upon completion result in a High School Equivalency Diploma.

- House Concurrent Resolution 59: This measure designates April 6, 2017, as the World War II Centennial Day in the Commonwealth.

Other legislation that cleared the Senate and was sent to the House for final approval:

- HB 38: This measure would add publically owned playgrounds to the areas that sex offender registrants are prohibited from, unless they have advanced written permission from the local legislative body with jurisdiction over the playground. It would be a Class A misdemeanor for the first violation and Class D felony for the second and subsequent violations.

- Senate Bill 215: This legislation puts in statute the Kentucky Coal Fields Endowment Fund and appropriates \$7.5 million annually from the general fund portion of Kentucky's coal severance taxes

to diversify the economy of the coalfields. It would also create the Kentucky Coal Fields Endowment Fund authority, whose members are appointed by the Governor from the eastern and western coalfields, to determine who receives disbursements from the fund.

- HB 374: Anyone hired by the state whose position involves the care and supervision of children would be required to have a fingerprint background check. HB 374 also permits the use of ongoing FBI fingerprint check follow-ups on foster and adoptive parents, and on childcare staff. It also requires childcare staff to have a state and national fingerprint background check.

Having completed 28 of 30 days in the 2017 legislative session as of Wednesday, the time to pass legislation is running out. As of Friday, some bills were still languishing in committees awaiting the chance to go to the floor for a vote. Very few of these have time to gain final approval and head to the Governor's desk before we sine die (adjourn) on March 30.

I encourage you to get involved by contacting members of the legislature, especially committee chairs and leadership of both chambers, to encourage them to help move bills that are important to you. Please share your feedback through our Legislative Message Line at (800) 372-7181 or e-mail me directly at dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky's noxious weed law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will control noxious weeds on state-owned right of way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named in this law are Johnsongrass, Giant foxtail, Canada thistle, Nodding thistle, Common teasel, Multiflora rose, Amur honeysuckle, Poison hemlock, Marehail, Japanese knotweed, and Kudzu.

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HOPE

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find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy. The Eddyville clinic will serve Crittenden County clients, as well as those from Lyon, Caldwell and Livingston counties that currently do not have a pregnancy clinic. However, the Benton clinic also serves clients from these counties.

It's not just for teens who find themselves dealing with an unplanned pregnancy.

"I have seen them as young as 11 and as old as 50," said Holland, who has been with the clinic for 15 of its 20 years. Men, also, can turn to the clinic for a variety of help.

HOPE Clinic does not offer, nor does it encourage abortion as an option. Instead, employees provide information, non-judgmental support and faith-based encouragement for clients and families so that they may make a better, informed decision. In fact, from 2011 to 2016, 79 of 91 clients who came to the clinic considering abortion chose to keep their baby.

"We want to give them options, be there for them," Holland said. "Once they see the ultrasound, they may change their mind."

One of the most common clients is an unwed teen who has become pregnant. For many, the pregnancy care center is the first place they turn for help out of fear of how their

family might react to the news. "Some girls have been truly scared to face their parents," Holland said.

Though legally a parent cannot force an underage child to have an abortion, many teens will not go against their parents' wishes out of concern for being kicked out of the home or cut off from the family. In those cases, HOPE Clinic can run interference and reason with the parents.

"We try to go above and beyond," Holland said.

She said personnel understand that abortions do occur for various reasons, so the clinic offers counseling for those who have chosen that path and may have a difficult time living with the decision. She said the classes have been taken by women many years after the procedure.

For women who do not feel they can raise a child for whatever reason but do not want abortion as an option, Holland said the clinic can connect the expecting mothers with an adoption agency.

But the volunteers and workers at the clinic don't just wait for people to come to them. They are also active and welcomed in schools to teach abstinence and illustrate the consequences of being sexually active. Besides unwanted pregnancies, unprotected sex can lead to sexually transmitted diseases (STD) that a person can carry the rest of their lives.

"This is the most important decision a young girl or young

guy may ever make," Holland said. "One choice can change your life. It takes just one time."

Judy Binkley, a family advocate for Audubon Head Start in Crittenden County who attended last week's information meeting, said girls in the local school system as young as 12 have gotten pregnant.

HOPE Clinic at its Benton office offers free pregnancy testing, options counseling, ultrasounds, STD testing, abstinence education, abortion recovery support, Man Up classes and Earn While You Learn classes that allow mothers to earn "bucks" to make in-house purchases of products and items to raise a child. Holland said they also help guide parents to other resources they may need such as WIC and SNAP benefits.

HOPE Clinic is a fully-licensed medical facility with a registered nurse on site.

"We are real medical," Holland said. "Eddyville will be just like that."

The pregnancy care center performed 854 services last year and 5,764 in the previous five years, all free of charge. While the Eddyville satellite will not initially have all the resources the Benton office has, such as the ultrasound equipment, Holland said the main clinic will supplement the Lyon County office. In fact, the ultrasound machine is portable.

To keep the satellite clinic going, it will need financial support. Last year, \$177,727

was taken in through donations from individuals, churches and other organizations. The previous five years, \$709,900 was raised.

Holland said just \$100 from 15 churches each month would keep the Eddyville clinic open.

The next fundraiser will be specifically for HOPE Clinic of Lyon County. It will be at the Lee S. Jones Convention Center in Eddyville at 6 p.m. March 28. It will include a light dinner and commentary from a guest speaker. Seating is limited, so reservations are required by Tuesday by calling (270) 527-4111 or sending a Facebook message to HOPE Clinic of Lyon County.

For more information on HOPE Clinic, call or text (859) 935-1613, call the Benton office at (270) 527-4111 or email Holland at lisaholland.hope@att.net. The clinic can be found online at WestKyPregnancy.com.

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Youth celebrate Girl Scout Week

To celebrate Girl Scouts' 105th birthday during Girl Scout Week March 12-18, local scouts are placing green ribbons d o - nated by Mar - ion's three florists on doors of Marion businesses. This year also marks the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts of Kentuck-iana.

Patricia Vied and Nancy Hodge are the leaders of Troop 26 in Marion.

Breakfast offered to local leaders

A community leadership breakfast for community leaders in Crittenden County March 24 will kick off a se-ries of similar activities aimed at offering insight to partnerships available in the county. The school system will be the focus of next week's breakfast.

Sponsored by Par 4 Plastics and presented by and Crittenden County Eco-nomic Development Corp. and the chamber of com-merce, the breakfast is \$7 per person and begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Ed-Tech Center. Doors open at 7:15 a.m. Conrad's Harvest Foods will serve eggs, sausage, biscuits, juice and coffee. Reservations must be made by the close of business Monday by calling (270) 965-5015.

Dalton earns degree

Ashleigh Dalton of Fredonia has received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Western Governors University (WGU). The university held its 32nd semi-annual commencement ceremony Feb. 11 and celebrated the graduation of more than 11,000 graduates. WGU is an online, nonprofit university.

Calendar

– **Friends of the Library** next meets at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) at Crittenden County Public Library. Anyone wishing to support the library is invited to attend. Last month, officers elected were President Brian Hodge, Vice President Brandie Ledford, Treasurer Glen Leslie and Secretary Carol Harrison.

– **Trivia Night** returns to the Crittenden County Public Library at 6 p.m. Friday. The event is offered as adult-only programming for the community. As Trivia Night is on St. Patrick's Day, questions will have a "green" theme. Call the library at (270) 965-3354 to register your team.

– **Crayne Cemetery** cleaning day is set for 9 a.m. Saturday. Rain date is March 25.

– Betty Brantley of Salem will host **story time** at 10 a.m. Saturday at Crittenden County Public Library in conjunction with the signing of her children's book, "Rhyana's Rainbow."

– **Pleasant Hill and Paris Cemetery** associations will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Pleasant Hill Regular Baptist Church on Pleasant Hill Road off Ky. 120. Anyone with relatives buried at these cemeteries is encouraged to attend. Donations to the cemeteries can be mailed to 501 E. Bellville St., Marion, KY 42064. Call Charlie Hunt at (270) 704-0053 for more information.

– Three **book signings** are on the calendar at Crittenden County Public Library. On Saturday beginning at 10 a.m., Betty Brantley of Salem will be offering story time for kids in conjunction with the signing of her children's book "Rhyana's Rainbow." At 10 a.m. April 15, Library Director Regina Merrick will be presenting her first book, a Christian fiction novel. Then, at 10 a.m. May 27, Crittenden County native John M.L. "Mike" Brown will return home to visit and sign his book, "The Kentucky Way," a murder mystery set in Crittenden County in the 1930s and 40s.



Haylee Perrin was selected as the county winner for the 2016-2017 Grandparent of the Year Essay Contest. She is pictured with her teacher, Mandy Winders, and Crittenden County Retired Teachers President Phyllis Sykes.

Perrin wins essay contest

STAFF REPORT

Haylee Perrin, the granddaughter of Mike and Gina Perrin of Salem, was selected the Crittenden County winner of the Grandparent of the Year Essay Contest.

Perrin is a fifth-grade student in Mandy Winders' class. The essay is sponsored by AARP Kentucky and the Kentucky retired Teachers' Association.

Perrin is among thousands of Kentucky fifth graders who participated in the 16th annual essay competition, answering the question "Why My Grandparents Should be the AARP Kentucky Grandparent of the Year."

The essay competition is a unique way to

recognize the significant contributions older Kentuckians make toward shaping the lives and values of youth across Kentucky. An increasing number of Kentucky adults 50 and older are primary caregivers to minor children. In 2010, nearly 87,000 grandchildren in Kentucky lived with their grandparents according to Census data.

As a county winner, Perrin received a framed certificate, and her essay will be submitted for district competition. She is also eligible to compete in the state finals. State recognition will be presented in Louisville April 25.

College savings grow tax-free with Kentucky 529 account

The Kentucky Education Savings Plan Trust (KESPT) is encouraging families this tax season to take advantage of the tax-free growth opportunity that comes with a Kentucky 529 college savings plan account. Not only can earnings grow tax free in a KESPT account, but withdrawals are also tax-free when used to pay for qualified education expenses.

KESPT offers other advantages for Kentucky residents, too. An account can be started with as little as \$25 and can be used at any qualified institution in the nation. Additionally, KESPT savings are not included in determining Kentucky need-based financial aid for beneficiaries of Kentucky residents. (However, other federal and institutional aid programs may take the amount in your account into consideration when deter-

mining eligibility so please check with your preferred institution and refer to the Plan Disclosure Booklet.

"The cost of college continues to increase along with student loan debt for many families. Putting aside money in a 529 plan can help," said David Lawhorn, KESPT program manager. "We encourage Kentucky families to start saving as early as possible. While families have many financial responsibilities, college remains a wise investment."

College graduates may earn more over a lifetime, according to a 2015 study by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (Current Population Survey, 2015), a person with a bachelor's degree earns a median income that is 68 percent higher than someone with a high school diploma. Over a 40-year career, the difference in earn-

ing potential can be more than \$950,000. The difference is more significant for those who earn master's, professional and doctoral degrees.

Parents can open a Kentucky 529 account by visiting kysaves.com and clicking the "Open an Account" button. While on the website, they can also invite family and friends to make secure contributions with KESPT's eGifting feature. Funds may be transferred to another eligible family member if the beneficiary receives a scholarship or doesn't need to withdraw the full amount saved.

For more information about KESPT and tax advantages, visit kysaves.com or call toll-free 1-877-598-7878. The plan is managed by TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing, Inc., a leader in 529 program management.



Seuss salute

These Crittenden Elementary School students were the winners of a school-wide contest to dress like book characters in honor of Read Across America Week.

Fohs Hall offers renewable scholarship to senior class

The Fohs Hall, Inc. Scholarship Fund expects to award up to \$3,000 in scholarships for the academic year 2017-2018. Deadline for applications is May 31.

Each year the Fohs Hall, Inc. Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to students with a demonstrated history of community service. The scholarships require a good grade point average, but they are not primarily academic scholarships. Fohs Hall, Inc. scholarships are available to anyone pursuing post-high school education or training and are not limited by age of the applicant. Vocational training qualifies. Special consideration is given based on demonstrated financial need. Applicants may re-apply in subsequent years and, if selected, will be funded for ad-

ditional years.

Since its formation in 1989, the Fohs Hall Inc. Scholarship Fund has awarded 62 scholarships totaling \$59,150 to Crittenden County students.

For more information, obtain an application from the Crittenden County high school guidance counselor or the Scholarship Fund Coordinator, Linda Schumann at (270) 965-3332.

Anyone interested in supporting young people and adults active and involved in a positive way in our community, may contribute to the Fohs Hall Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1, Marion, KY 42064. Your contribution will help make a difference in the lives of deserving young people in Crittenden County.

Extension events

– **4-H Cloverbuds**, open to ages 5-8, will meet right after school Thursday (today), at CCES. Call the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236 for more information.

– **Diabetes Support Group** will be meeting at 10 a.m., March 17 at the Extension Office. Anyone who has diabetes, a caretaker for someone who does or if you are just interested in learning more about diabetes and diabetic care please join us.

– **4-H 5K** "Run Through the Clovers" will be held March 18 at the Marion City-County Park. Stop by the Extension Office at 1534 U.S. Hwy 60 E for more information and pre-registration.

– **4-H Dog Club**, open to youth ages 9-18, will meet Monday. Call the Extension Office for more information (270) 965-5236.

– **4-H Homeschool Club**, open to homeschooled youth ages 9-18, will meet on at 2

p.m., Tuesday at the Extension Office-Annex. Call the Extension Office for more information (270) 965-5236.

– How many calories should you eat in a day? What is a serving size? Answers these questions and more by joining us for the **"My Plate & You"** class held at 2 p.m., Tuesday at the Extension Office. This class will count as a Community Christmas credit, but is open to anyone interested in learning more about My Plate. Call the Extension Office for more information (270) 965-5236 to reserve your spot.

– **4-H Livestock Club**, open to youth ages 9-18, will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday at the Extension Office-Annex. Call the Extension Office for more information (270) 965-5236.

– **After Hours Homemakers** will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday at the Extension Office. They welcome anyone interested in joining or learning more about the Extension Homemaker organization.



Presidential gift

Susan Alexander, GFWC Kentucky President Emeritus 2014-2016, presented a Paul Sawyier print titled "Main Street, 1900" to the Woman's Club of Marion. Nancy Hunt, club president, accepted the gift. When Alexander was state president, her special project for her administration was "Applause on Main." Clubs statewide reported contributions of 89 projects, 4,860 volunteer hours, \$49,834 donated and \$9,845 in-kind donations. Following the success of "Applause on Main," the print was given to Alexander by Pat Gevenden, GFWC Kentucky President Emeritus 1988-1990, and Sara Bell, GFWC KY Chairman for "Applause on Main." Alexander presented the print to her local club for the support the club has given to her. Sawyier's print depicts Main Street in Frankfort which is the location of the GFWC Kentucky headquarters.

Senior Menu

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

– Thursday (today): Menu is hamburger patty with gravy, baked sweet potato, lima beans, wheat bread and mandarin oranges. Bro. Garland will host Bible study.

– Friday: Wear green for St. Patrick's Day! Menu is taco soup, baked potato with sour cream and margarine, apple crisp and cornbread. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

– Monday: Menu is meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned peas, tropical fruit and whole wheat roll. Ladies' exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

– Tuesday: Menu is baked spaghetti, broccoli salad, whole wheat garlic breadstick and mandarin oranges. Legal aid will be offered at 10 a.m.

– March 22: Menu is sweet

and sour chicken, brown rice, seasoned peas, seasoned cabbage, chocolate pudding and fortune cookies. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

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

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Woodall

Maurice A. Woodall, 67, of Marion died Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at Western Baptist Hospital.

Surviving are his wife Mary Jo Woodall; a son, Zac Woodall of Flat Rock; a daughter, Stacy Birdwell of Marion; four brothers, Douglas Woodall of Kuttawa, John Woodall of Fredonia; and five grandchildren, Bethany Birdwell, Seth Birdwell, Lacy Birdwell and Bri-
anne (Rustin) Woodall.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Houston and Mattie Woodall; a sister, Lana Sisco; two nieces, Lori Perkins and Teresa Shewcraft; and a nephew, John Woodall.

Services were Saturday, March 11 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion.

Collins

Wilburn Taylor “W.T.” Collins, 92, of Sullivan died Monday, March 6, 2017 in Marion.

He was very involved with the First Christian Church of Sturgis where for nearly 70 years he served as deacon, Sunday school teacher, elder and elder emeritus.

He was U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Asian Theater during World War II. He worked for over 42 years at the Sturgis Clothing Company.

Surviving are children, Stephen and wife Caryn, of Lincoln, Ill.; granddaughter, Stephany Robinson, and her husband, Matthew of Spring, Texas; grandson, Matt and his wife Jenni of Ft. Worth, Texas; great-grandchildren Carson Mattea and Wilson Gage Robinson and Jude Taylor and Mattie Mae Collins; nephews and nieces, Brad, Tina and Jessica Walker; Mike, Charlene and David Walker; Wanda Masters; and special friend, Pansy French.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosa Mae Markham; parents, Taylor and Julia Markham Collins; his brothers Virgil, Davis, Bobby, Jerry, Arthur and Luther; sisters, Kate Riggs, Kempie O’Leary, Virginia Kanipe and Edna.

Services were Wednesday, March 8 at Sturgis First Christian Church with Rev. Rodney Raymond and Rev. Stephen Collins officiating. Burial was at Sullivan Community Cemetery in Sullivan.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church of Sturgis or Lincoln (IL) Christian University.

Area Deaths

McMican

Joyce Ann Dunkerson McMican, 77, of Richland, Ind., died Friday, March 10, 2017 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

She was born Oct. 28, 1939 to the late George and Nona Belle (Kanipe) Dunkerson in Livingston County.

She was a member of the Hatfield Baptist Church and she last worked as a floral arranger for Status Garden in Newburgh, Ind.

Surviving are her husband, Charles William McMican; a son, Tim McMican and his wife Rhonda of Rockport, Ind.; a daughter Sherry Mosby and her husband Tim of Evansville; four grandchildren, Megan, Courtney, Jonah McMican and Rachel Mosby; a great-grandson, Aiden McMican; a sister Nona Lee Davis of Illinois; and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, George Thomas, Truman, William Henry, Warrenn Gabriel, George Willard and I.E. Wendel Dunkerson; sisters, Dessie Mae Barnes, Lavergne Sanders and Flora Elizabeth Rothert.

Services were Tuesday, March 14 at the Boultinghouse Funeral Home in Rockport, Ind., with Bill McMican officiating. Burial was at James Parker Cemetery in Hatfield, Ind.



Bingham

Logan Tosh Bingham, 20, of Marion died Sunday, March 12, 2017 in Marion.

He was a member of Repton Baptist Church, an employee of Henry and Henry Monuments and was attending Madisonville Community College.

Survivors include his parents, Wendi and Kevin Bingham of Marion; a brother, Chase Bingham of Marion; grandparents, Virgil (Phyllis) Campbell of Marion; Cathy Campbell of Marion; Joyce Albritten of Paducah; great-grandmother, Angela Tosh of Marion; and a niece, Rion Bingham of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Glen Tosh, and Glynn and Evelyn Campbell.

Services were at 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 15 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Rosebud Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or American Heart Association.

Sen. Ridley planning for eclipse

Senate Democratic Caucus Chair Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson, recently met with Kentucky Homeland Security Executive Director John Holiday about preparations for the large crowd expected in western Kentucky for the total solar eclipse on Monday, Aug. 21.

Ridley requested coordination between Holiday’s office and the cities and counties that will be impacted.

“A full solar eclipse is coming to western Kentucky and so are tens of thousands of visitors to observe it. It is important that we have the security measures in place to keep the astronomy viewers and our citizens safe,” Ridley said. “With a large number of people expected in our region, we need to make sure that we have adequate officers and first responders in place to handle this influx of visitors to our area.

“I appreciate John Holiday and his staff for working with our county and city officials in preparation for the event this August,” Ridley added. “I also want to thank our first responders for their ongoing preparation in getting ready for the anticipated crowds. Because of the professionalism of our local first responders and the state’s assistance, I feel confident that everything will go smoothly.”

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The diversity of Crittenden County's agriculture is very broad. The traditional row crops of corn, soybeans and wheat are staples along with beef cow/calf operations. There are goats, sheep, vegetables, greenhouses, agri-tourism ventures, pumpkins, horses, fruit, hay, bees, poultry, pigs, timber, mums, flowers and several other items grown and raised in the county. Crittenden County farmers are busy feeding the world.

Who helps the producers and homeowners when they have questions and issues growing their ag product of choice? That is where your local University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) can help. Many people are surprised by the services offered, most for free, and right here in Marion.

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- Insect identification: Is something eating your crop? Call the ANR agent to scout for pests, identify them and give recommendations for control.
- Forage/hay analysis: Want to know exactly what you are feeding your animal? Then call the ANR agent to bring the

sampling equipment out, sample your forage and send to a lab for nutritional analysis.

- Don't know what to plant on your land? The ANR agent can discuss opportunities and options that are just right for you and your land.

- Looking at a new agriculture business venture? There are several resources available through Cooperative Extension that can help in the basic decision making for starting new adventures.

County agents can help solve a variety of problems. Extension agents don't have the answer to everything, but they utilize the expertise of Extension personnel who are categorized as specialists. These specialists work in one area like beef, forages, weeds and environmental stewardship. These specialists are also conducting research across the state. This research is distributed to the public by their county agent.

If you are interested in using the resources at Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service, contact ANR Agent Dee Brasher at (270) 965-5236 or deanna.brasher@uky.edu.

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UK Extension Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent
Home and Ag Notes

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Receipts	357	Last Week	327	Last Year	400
Compared to last week	Feeder steers and bulls traded unevenly steady. Feeder heifers steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls traded steady to 2.00 higher. Sale consisted of 21 stock cattle, 52 slaughter, and 284 feeders. Feeders consisted of 27% feeder steers, 39% feeder heifers, 15% feeders bulls and 29% of feeders were over 600 pounds.				
Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	200-250	225	183.00-187.50	185.93	
4	250-300	271	175.00-184.00	181.41	
8	300-350	324	175.00-181.00	178.58	
5	350-400	372	175.00-175.00	172.12	
2	400-450	440	151.00-153.00	152.00	
2	450-500	495	151.00	151.00	
11	500-550	536	140.00-150.00	145.72	
1	550-600	565	137.00	137.00	
7	600-650	612	123.00-132.00	127.56	
4	650-700	630	117.00-122.00	118.72	
11	700-750	720	115.00-122.00	120.80	
5	750-800	780	106.00-108.00	107.60	
2	800-850	805	115.00	115.00	
Feeder Steers Small and Large 2-3	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	150-200	150	175.00	175.00	
2	200-250	220	160.00-161.00	160.51	
1	250-300	295	170.00	170.00	
1	350-400	420	140.00	140.00	
1	450-500	480	140.00	140.00	
1	500-550	500	130.00	130.00	
Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-250	245	177.50	177.50	
5	250-300	289	156.00-168.00	160.50	
8	300-350	312	144.00-148.00	146.33	
10	350-400	377	140.00-145.00	142.35	
11	400-450	429	133.00-140.00	137.22	
11	450-500	470	133.00-139.00	136.72	
12	500-550	506	126.00-134.00	129.49	
6	550-600	554	115.00-124.00	119.93	
11	600-650	620	121.00-125.00	124.27	
2	650-700	655	117.00	117.00	
1	650-700	680	100.00	100.00	Fleshy
1	700-750	715	109.00	109.00	
1	750-800	755	110.00	110.00	
1	800-850	820	100.00	100.00	
Feeder Heifers Small and Large 2-3	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	150-200	186	184.00	184.00	
1	200-250	240	155.00	155.00	
1	250-300	280	153.00	153.00	
3	300-350	315	139.00-140.00	139.63	
1	350-400	380	137.00	137.00	
2	400-450	428	127.00-130.00	128.53	
2	450-500	482	120.00-127.00	123.92	
3	500-550	538	110.00-122.00	120.70	
4	550-600	528	107.00-116.00	112.30	
2	650-700	685	104.00	104.00	
Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	300-350	332	163.00-167.00	165.08	
4	350-400	387	164.00	164.00	
6	400-450	408	155.00-163.00	156.81	
1	450-500	460	148.00	148.00	
5	500-550	538	127.00-137.00	130.97	
3	550-600	583	124.00-128.00	125.64	
2	600-650	627	121.00	121.00	
1	650-700	675	112.00	112.00	
6	700-750	724	108.00-111.00	109.00	
1	750-800	765	105.00	105.00	
1	800-850	805	94.00	94.00	
Feeder Bulls Small and Large 2-3	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	350-400	385	122.00	122.00	
4	400-450	412	151.00	151.00	
1	450-500	460	133.00	133.00	
1	600-650	635	111.00	111.00	
Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-90%	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	800-1200	115	56.00	56.00	
4	1200-1600	1392	55.00-62.00	58.43	
1	1200-1600	1530	53.00	53.00	LD
Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	800-1200	965	55.00-60.00	57.64	
1	800-1200	1155	70.00	70.00	HD
6	1200-1600	1357	56.00-65.00	59.97	
1	1200-1600	1385	52.00	52.00	LD
Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	700-800	765	53.00	53.00	
14	800-1200	1019	49.00-56.00	52.67	
2	800-1200	1050	47.00	47.00	LD
1	1200-1600	1240	55.00	55.00	
1	1200-1600	1295	45.00	45.00	LD
Slaughter Bulls YG 1-2	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	1000-1500	1452	85.00	85.00	
1	1000-1500	1455	87.00	87.00	HD
3	1500-3000	2807	82.00-95.00	83.06	
1	1500-3000	1700	72.00	72.00	LD
Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Young	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	800-1200	1045	950.00-1055.00	1060.07	
4-6 Mos Bred					
1	1200-1600	1225	1375.00	1375.00	
7-9 Mos Bred					
Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Aged	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1200-1600	1205	720.00	720.00	
7-9 Mos Bred					
Bred Cows Medium and Large 2-3 Young	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1000-1500	675	510.00	510.00	
1-3 Mos Bred					
Bred Cows Medium and Large 2-3 Middle-Aged	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	700-800	755	685.00	685.00	
7-9 Mos Bred					
Bred Cows Small and Medium 1-2 Young	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	700-800	650	530.00	530.00	
7-9 Mos Bred					
1	1000-1500	685	660.00	660.00	
1-3 Mos Bred					
Bred Cows Small and Medium 2 Middle-Aged	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	700-800	770	430.00	430.00	
1-3 Mos Bred					
1	700-800	770	600.00	600.00	
4-6 Mos Bred					
Stock Cows and Calves Cows 2 to 4 years old with calves at side 100.00-175.00 per pair					
Baby Calves Beef 170.00-250.00 per head					
Legend: VA=Value Added, Low Dressing-LD, HD=High dressing, BK=Brakman X					
Chip Stewart market reporter: (502) 782-4139					
24-hour Market News Report: (800) 327-6568					
Source: Kentucky Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture Market News, Frankfort, Ky. ams.usda.gov/mnreports/VNLSD60.txt , LBS60.txt					
This report reflects price of majority of cattle with a USDA grade, weight and sex on sale date. This report does not represent all animals at sale.					

CATEGORY	2012	1950
Farms (number).....	592	1,444
White principal operator (number).....	588	1,442
American Indian principal operator (number).....	1	n/a
Multi-racial principal operator (number).....	3	n/a
Female principal operator (number).....	64	n/a
Land in farms (acres of 237,440 total in county).....	148,795	195,227
White principal operator (acres).....	148,140	195,148
Female principal operator (acres).....	9,066	n/a
Average size of farm (acres).....	251	135
Estimated market value of land, buildings:		
Average per farm (dollars).....	\$541,214	\$45,519
Average per acre (dollars).....	\$2,153	\$34.61
Estimated market value of machinery, equipment (\$1,000).....	\$44,527	n/a
Average per farm (dollars).....	\$75,215	n/a
Farms by size:		
1 to 9 (acres).....	24	93
10 to 49 (acres).....	138	207
50 to 179 (acres).....	230	793
180 to 499 (acres).....	139	311
500 to 999 (acres).....	32	26
1,000 (acres) or more.....	29	4
Total cropland (farms).....	488	1,399
Area (acres).....	83,004	121,520
Market value of agricultural products sold (\$1,000).....	\$31,560	n/a
Female principal operator (\$1,000).....	3,937	n/a
Average per farm (all, dollars).....	\$53,312	n/a
Crops, including nursery, greenhouse crops (\$1,000).....	\$19,882	n/a
Livestock, poultry and their products (\$1,000).....	\$11,679	n/a
Farms by value of sales:		
Less than \$2,500.....	255	n/a
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....	70	n/a
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	66	n/a
\$10,000 to \$24,999.....	88	n/a
\$25,000 to \$49,999.....	43	n/a
\$50,000 to \$99,999.....	35	n/a
\$100,000 or more.....	35	n/a
Government payments (farms).....	300	n/a
Value (\$1,000).....	\$2,672	n/a
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000).....	\$30,890	n/a
Average per farm (dollars).....	\$52,178	n/a
Net cash farm income of operation (farms).....	592	n/a
Value (\$1,000).....	\$7,790	n/a
Average per farm (dollars).....	\$13,159	n/a
Principal operator by primary occupation:		
Farming (number).....	198	n/a
Other (number).....	394	n/a
Principal operator by days worked off farm:		
Any (number).....	332	n/a
200 days or more (number).....	217	n/a
Hired farm labor (number).....	313	181
Unpaid workers (number).....	608	693
Migrant workers.....	1	n/a
Livestock, poultry farms:		
Cattle and calves inventory.....	266	1,228
Beef cows.....	239	n/a
Milk cows.....	245	1,135
Cattle and calves sold.....	245	1,063
Hogs and pigs inventory.....	10	1,104
Hogs and pigs sold.....	7	1,035
Sheep and lambs inventory.....	27	50
Goats.....	25	61
Egg layers inventory.....	51	886
Broilers and other meat-type chickens.....	6	824
Equine.....	127	1,047
Bees.....	21	57
Livestock, poultry inventory:		
Cattle and calves.....	13,046	14,190
Beef cows.....	7,496	n/a
Milk cows.....	84	4,353
Cattle and calves sold.....	6,988	2,460
Hogs and pigs inventory.....	(D)	21,409
Hogs and pigs sold.....	(D)	21,813
Sheep and lambs inventory.....	1,375	2,097
Meat goats.....	395	n/a
Egg layers inventory.....	1,166	n/a
Broilers and other meat-type chickens.....	(D)	60,162
Equine.....	714	1,775
Bees (colonies).....	110	221
Selected crops harvested:		
Corn for grain (farms).....	95	1,086
Corn for grain (acres).....	22,363	29,415
Corn for grain (bushels).....	1,117,475	859,016
Corn for silage or greenchop (farms).....	11	61
Corn for silage or greenchop (acres).....	441	557
Corn for silage or greenchop (tons).....	5,210	557
Winter wheat for grain (farms).....	23	64
Winter wheat for grain (acres).....	5,426	977
Winter wheat for grain (bushels).....	322,866	13,223
Oats for grain (farms).....	2	14
Sorghum for grain (farms).....	4	72
Sorghum for grain (acres).....	355	77
Sorghum for grain (bushels).....	23,963	5,856
Soybeans for grain (farms).....	58	52
Soybeans for grain (acres).....	18,964	1,168
Soybeans for grain (bushels).....	621,636	17,889
Hay (farms).....	269	920
Hay (acres).....	18,117	17,868
Tobacco (acres).....	0	91
Vegetables harvested for sale (farms/acres).....	19/51	10/14
Irish potatoes (farms/acres).....	n/a	930/38
Sweet potatoes (farms/acres).....	n/a	528/4
Orchards (farms/acres).....	3/2	767/392
Honey collected (pounds).....	1,658	847

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

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derstands the need for utility companies to maintain their infrastructure to better serve ratepayers,” Beshear said. “In this instance, we view the requested increase by the utility companies to be excessive and are asking the PSC to take the appropriate action so that any cost passed to consumers isn’t crippling.”

The Office of Rate Intervention serves as a watchdog for consumers in matters relating to health insurance, natural gas, water, sewer, electric and telephone rates. Under Kentucky law, the office is responsible for representing the interests of the commonwealth’s consumers before governmental ratemaking agencies, concentrating on utility cases before PSC.

For KU electric customers, the basic service charge request would increase from \$10.75 a month to \$22, but the per kWh rate would drop 0.347 cents per kWh to 8.523 cents, helping to reduce the impact of heavy heating and cooling months. As petitioned by KU, the average residential user should expect an additional cost of 6 percent – about \$7 on each month’s bill – if the adjustment is approved. Currently, the average residential bill is \$117.19 per month based on 1,200 kWh of use.

Sarah Lynn Cunningham, the Climate Change Subcommittee Chair with the Sierra Club in Kentucky, told Kentucky News Connection in December that raising the basic service charge would reduce customer control over the size of their bills.

“We have the opportunity to reduce our consumption, but when you put it on the meter fee it doesn’t matter if you’re wasteful or not,” she said. “It doesn’t matter if you live in a little bitty house or a great big huge McMansion, you’re going to pay the same fee and that’s very, very unfair.”

But Natasha Collins with

Speak out

Comment on the proposed KU rate increase by contacting the Public Service Commission. All comments become public record.

Written comments

Include case number, which is 2016-00370.
- PSC, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602
- (502) 564-3460, fax
- psc.info@ky.gov, email

Public meeting

April 12, 5:30 p.m.: Byrnes Auditorium, Hatley Building, Health Sciences Campus, Madisonville Community College, 750 N. Laffoon St.

KU and LG&E told the news service that the proposal is “a step toward providing customers with less bill volatility from cold winters and hot summers when customers can least afford it.”

KU and LG&E say the rate increases are needed to pay for system-wide installation of new technology that will improve safety and reliability. The technology includes Advanced Metering Infrastructure – also known as AMI or “smart” meters – that allows meters to be read remotely and automates the process of detecting and locating outages, thus speeding repairs. The utilities say the adjustment also will pay for rehabilitation of the hydroelectric generating capacity at McAlpine Dam in Louisville, improvements at other power plants and safety and reliability improvements through their systems.

Beshear’s office is recommending that the fixed customer charge remain the same with no additional increase. Beshear is also recommending the PSC reject the proposed smart meter deployment, which will cost customers more than \$350 million over the life of the meters.

“After careful review of the filings in this case, we find little support that smart meter deployment will benefit the ratepayers in any way,” Beshear said.

Other recommendations by Beshear’s office include:
- Delaying a smart grid project.

- Requesting the PSC reduce proposed transmission spending in an attempt to keep costs for customers down.

- Recommending a much lower authorized return for shareholders than proposed by the company.

The PSC will hold public meetings in Madisonville, Louisville and Lexington to present information and receive comments on the requests for rate increases by KU and LG&E.

“These meetings will allow the public to learn about the PSC’s ratemaking process and to present their views directly to members of the Commission as we prepare to consider whether the proposed rates are fair, just and reasonable,” PSC Chairman Michael Schmitt said.

The meetings will begin with an information session during which PSC staff will explain how rates are set and the PSC’s review process. The presentation will include an overview of the utility applications. Public comments will follow the information session. The Madisonville meeting is slated for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12 in the Byrnes Auditorium of the Hatley Building on the campus of Madisvonille Community College.

The KU and LG&E applications and related documents are available on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. The KU case number is 2016-00370.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed rate increase may do so at the public meetings. Written comments also may be mailed to the PSC.

The evidentiary hearing in the cases will appear before the PSC on May 2.

N.C. man given 3 years for theft of van at grocery store

STAFF REPORT

A North Carolina man who stole a vehicle from Conrad’s Harvest Foods parking lot in October was sentenced to three years in prison last week by Crittenden Circuit Judge Rene Williams.

Bradley S. Moseley, 29, of Barnardsville, N.C. pleaded guilty last Thursday to theft of a firearm and theft of a vehicle. A third felony charge of being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun was dismissed.

Moseley stole a mini van from the parking of Conrad’s grocery store shortly after 9 p.m. on Oct. 7. Inside the van was .45 caliber handgun.

Moseley was later arrested by Kentucky State Police when he was found driving the stolen vehicle in Lyon County.

He was sentenced to three years on each of the theft charges and the commonwealth opposed probation. The prison time will run concurrently for a total of three years.

Others sentenced last week by Judge Williams were as follows:

- Chris Freeman, 47, of Marion pleaded guilty to an amended charge of second-degree burglary, a Class C felony; theft by unlawful taking, a Class D felony; and being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, a Class D felony. He also pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of third-degree criminal mischief.

Freeman broke into a home on Country Club Drive in Marion last year and stole a firearm and costume jewelry. He was sentenced to six years on the Class C burglary charge, five years on each of the Class D felonies and 30 days on the misde-

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meanor. All time will run concurrently and Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell opposed probation.

- Edward F. Piper Jr., 49, of Marion pleaded guilty to Class D felony charges of cultivating marijuana (five or more plants) and being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. He also pleaded guilty to misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

Piper was arrested in August of last year by Kentucky State Police as part of its annual marijuana eradication program.

He was sentenced to five years on each felony count and 12 months of the misdemeanor charge with all time to run concurrent. The commonwealth attorney did not oppose probation so the judge probated his sentence for five years.

- Tyler Blake Bivins, 22, of Marion pleaded guilty to fourth-degree assault, domestic violence, a third or greater offense in a period of five years and third-degree criminal mischief. He was sentenced to five years on the felony and lesser time for the misdemeanor with both sentences to run concurrent. Upon a recommendation from the state prosecutor, Bivins was given a five-year pre-trial diversion and ordered to serve 30 days in jail. However, he was released from custody based on time already served.

- Shallyn N. Stoner, 36, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor charges of possession of drug parapherna-

lia and second-degree possession of a controlled substance. She was sentenced to one year in prison on the felony drug charge and 12 months on each of the misdemeanors. The time will run concurrent for a one-year sentence.

- Ty Joseph Yaw, 28, of Burna pleaded guilty to an amended felony charge of second-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

An additional charge of possession of a legend drug was dismissed.

The judge accepted the commonwealth attorney’s recommendation of a two-year probated sentence for the felony and 12 months on each of the misdemeanor charges.

- James Matthew Belt, 18, of Marion pleaded guilty to an amended charge of misdemeanor trespassing. He was originally charged with felony burglary. Belt was given a 12-month sentence in the county jail with six months to serve and the balance probated for two years.

- Probation was revoked for Alan C. Rogers, 49, of Salem and he was sentenced to five years in prison for flagrant non-support. Court records indicate that Rogers in arrears by more than \$7,000 in child support payments. He had been convicted and placed on probation in December 2015.

- Probation was revoked for Terry Dorris, 44, of Marion who was convicted in 2015 of flagrant non-support. If he finds a job, the judge suggested that she would consider shock probation.

PUBLIC NOTICE LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Copperas Springs property sold at courthouse door

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Crittenden Circuit Court
Civil Action 16-CI-00060

U.S. Bank National
Association
Plaintiff
vs.
Roy Allen Laughary;
Shanda Laughary
Defendants

Notice of Sale

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the Feb. 13, 2017, I will on **Friday, March 24, 2017 beginning at the hour of 10:00 a.m.** at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to

offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property address

2736 Copperas Springs

Parcel No.

090-00-00-00-022.00

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky, on the waters of Piney Creek and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stone on the east side of the Flynn Ferry Road, near S. M. Turley’s dwelling; thence up the hill S

76° E 38 poles to a small hickory on the south side of the road leading to Cullen Travis, with two small black oak pointers; thence N 32° W 34 poles to an ash; thence N 43 W 30 poles to a stake in Turley’s line, three poles from Turley’s corner on the west side of the road; thence S 1 ½ W 41 poles to the beginning, containing 5 ¼ acres, more or less.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas, and other minerals underlying the land which has been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.

Being the same property

conveyed to Roy Allen Laughary and Shanda Laughary, husband and wife, from Sandra Winn, unmarried, and John Winn and Kelly Winn, husband and wife, and Jerry Gipson and Karen Gipson, husband and wife, by deed dated August 5, 2013 and recorded August 7, 2013 in Deed Book 223, Page 106, of the records of the Crittenden County Clerk’s Office.

Subject to all restrictions, conditions, covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

The description of the property conveyed herein was provided to the draftsman by the plaintiff and the draftsman does not certify the accu-

racy of the same nor any existing easements.

The current year’s property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.

Only delinquent property taxes will be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10 percent deposit, wit the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12 percent) per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a

judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will be immediately be offered again for sale.

This the 9th day of February, 2017.

Robert B. Frazer
Master Commissioner
Crittenden Circuit Court

City home in foreclosure

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Crittenden Circuit Court
Civil Action 15-CI-00081

JP Morgan Chase Bank,
National Association
Plaintiff
vs.
Joseph W. Jones; Bobbie J. Jones; Baptist Health Madisonville Inc., F/D/B/A Trover Clinic Foundation Inc. D/B/A Trover Clinic
Defendants

Notice of Sale

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on Feb. 9, 2017, I will on **Friday, March 24, 2017 beginning at the hour of 10 a.m.** at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property address

232 Country Drive, Marion, KY 42064

Parcel No.

070-70-04-007.00

A certain tract lying and being near Marion and in Crit-

tenden County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT #7 of a certain subdivision known as Town & Country Acres #2 and said subdivision now of record in Deed Book 108, Page 336, in the office of the Clerk of the Crittenden County Court, to which plat reference is made of a more particular description of same.

This property is conveyed subject to all restrictions and covenants as set out in “Restrictions” recorded in Deed Book 108, at Page 337.

Source of title: Being the same property conveyed to Joseph W. Jones, by Cindy Wheeler et ux, by Deed dated December 4, 2013 and recorded in Deed Book 224, at Page 373, Crittenden County Court Clerk’s Office.

Subject to all restrictions, conditions, covenants and to all legal highways and easements. The description of the property conveyed herein was provided to the draftsman by the plaintiff and the draftsman does not certify the accuracy of the same nor any existing easements.

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This the 9th day of February, 2017.

Robert B. Frazer
Master Commissioner
Crittenden Circuit Court

Sale of lots ordered March 24

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Crittenden Circuit Court
Civil Action 12-CI-00019

Deutsche Bank National
Trust Co. as trustee for Car-
rington Mortgage Loan
Trust, Series 2005-NC5
asset-backed
pass-through certificates
Plaintiff
vs.
Michael J. Vaughn;
Connie F. Vaughn
Defendants

Notice of Sale

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the July 14, 2016, I will on **Friday, March 24, 2016 beginning at the hour of 10 a.m.** at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property address

206 E Central Avenue,
Marion, KY 42064

Parcel No.

070-10-14-004.00

Situated in the County of Crittenden and Commonwealth of Kentucky, the following real property:

A certain lot of parcel of land lying and being in Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being Lots No. 50, 51, 52, 53, 54 and 55 in the Section B-2 of Flynn Property Addition to the Town of Marion, Kentucky, as shown by a plat now of record in Deed Book 61, at Page 429, reference to which is hereby made for a particular description.

Being the same property conveyed to Connie F. Stallins, unmarried, by Deed, dated August 6, 1999 in Book 184, Page 172, County Clerk’s Office, Crittenden County, Kentucky.

Subject to all restrictions, conditions, covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

The description of the property conveyed herein was provided to the draftsman by the plaintiff and the draftsman does not certify the accuracy of the same nor any existing easements.

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This the 9th day of February, 2017.

Robert B. Frazer
Master Commissioner
Crittenden Circuit Court

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Hawkins important to UK's tourney run

Dominique Hawkins is not Kentucky's star player going into this week's NCAA Tournament play. However, he could turn out to be UK's most important player.

The showcase players are freshmen Malik Monk, De'Aaron Fox and Bam Adebayo. They are UK's top scorers and all are considered likely No. 1 NBA draft picks in June. They've all been the subject of national media features and certainly will be put in the spotlight by CBS-TV.

However, the most reliable and energetic player on the team is Hawkins, the senior that Kentucky coach John Calipari called "old reliable" earlier this season.

"He presses and gets us up. He helps on offense because he gets people in the right spots," said freshman center Bam Adebayo. "He's a warrior, which is the best thing you can have as a teammate.

"He fights and always plays hard. He plays unbelievable defense. He just gets the job done and makes us get it done."

He certainly did at the SEC Tournament in Nashville. He had a career-high 14 points in Sunday's win over Arkansas along with four steals, two assists and two rebounds. He also drew two charges.

Not only was he named to the all-tournament team, but UK fans were chanting, "MVP," and thought he should have got the award as the tournament's best player that went to Fox.

Many Kentucky fans have wanted to see Hawkins in the starting lineup. He's been a fan favorite since he led Madison Central to the state high school championship four years ago and then announced he would come to Kentucky.

But he's so good at what he does coming off the bench, starting him would seem to negate what he does best. Hawkins can come in for almost anyone in the lineup except Bam Adebayo and it's a given he will bring instant energy. Not every player can do that.

"I don't even want to start. I like coming off the bench," Hawkins said. "I get to see how the flow of the game is going and see how who I am guarding is handling the ball and how I can pressure them."

Hawkins laughed when told he might "be too good to start" because of his spark off the bench.

"I take pride in what I do, but whatever the coach needs me to do is what I am going to go for," Hawkins said. "But coming off the bench is good for me."

No matter what he does, teammates consider him a starter already.

"He brings energy. He makes shots. Dom brings it every time he's in the game," sophomore Isaiah Briscoe said. "He plays like

starter minutes I think and for us in the NCAA, he'll need to play big minutes like he has been."

"I don't consider him a sixth man. He's a starter," Adebayo said. "When Dom comes in, the pace of our game does not slow down or speed up because there's nothing he can't do when he comes in. Dom is just unbelievable and I am glad we have him."

However, the next Kentucky loss is the final game for Hawkins unless the Cats run the table in NCAA play and then he'll go out as a national champion. He's been on two Final Four teams and hopes to make it three.

"I am very satisfied with my role and how I am helping this team," Hawkins said. "I know if somebody is not having a great game, then I need to step it up. Defensive-wise, I just want to put pressure on the ball, stay in front of my man and take charges. It's just been an unbelievable experience here. We've done it all except win a championship and hopefully we can do that this year."

Hawkins hopes the recent close games UK has had — and won in a variety of ways — helps the team in NCAA play that starts Friday night in Indianapolis against Northern Kentucky University. If UK wins, it will play the Dayton-Wichita State survivor on Sunday.

"As a team want to show everybody we can finish off games," Hawkins said. "Our offense is way better with Malik (Monk) hitting shots because one guy has to stick on him and the floor opens more for other guys to make plays. But if Malik has an off night, we know somebody has to step up and score. We rely on Malik to score the ball for us. If he is not scoring, Coach tells us to go to somebody else who has the hot

hand."

That can be Hawkins. Maybe not for long stretches, but he has a propensity for hitting shots when they count the most.

"I don't know how he does it," Adebayo said. "It seems like every time he scores it is when we need it most. It's just part of what makes him so good."

Key to tourney success?

Before Kentucky played in the SEC Tournament, I got a chance to ask ESPN college basketball analyst Jay Bilas what he thought would be the biggest key to UK having more success in the NCAA Tournament this year than it had last year.

His quick answer — defense — and UK continued its recent improved defensive play at the SEC tourney.

"I don't think Kentucky can rely upon outscoring people. And when I say outscore people, obviously you have to score more points than them to win. Like there's a lot of teams — there's some teams out there that are not as defensive-oriented. So they're going to try to just be more efficient offensively than you, just kind of try to pile up points and you can't score enough to beat them," Bilas said.

"I don't think Kentucky can afford to do that. They've got to really be — they've got to be at their best defensively. You get down against a good team in the NCAA Tournament, it's going to be a short stay. But they're capable of second weekend. But they're also, being as young as they are, the second-round game is going to be difficult depending on what matchup they draw. I mean, they've seen that when they got Indiana (and lost in the second round last year). It's not easy."

Calipari is on the same page with Bilas. He said after the SEC tourney championship that he would take his team over any other team in the country.

"If we don't defend, we'll lose real fast, like real fast. We guard and play with great energy and disrupt and do the things we've been doing, it should be a fun NCAA Tournament," the UK coach said.

"You can't have one or two guys breaking down defensively — the reason: we're fast. I'm not worried much about offense. Defend and rebound, and someone else will pick up the slack. We've been down and up, but we're better than we were three weeks ago and these kids are in a great state of mind."



Dominique Hawkins, shown with his all-SEC tournament trophy, had a career-high 14 points Sunday, but says he likes coming off the bench more than starting.

No. 1 seed predictions

Before he had any idea who would be the No. 1 seeds of what the NCAA brackets might look like, Sporting News columnist Mike DeCourcy picked who he thought might be the best four teams.

"Gonzaga has to be among them, I think," DeCourcy said. "Kansas has flaws, but also some serious strengths and Josh Jackson is so good as a team's second best player. There is little beyond the first group. The only team as limited on the bench is Villanova. They have no size on the bench.

I would still put North Carolina in there."

Guess what? DeCourcy accurately predicted all four No. 1 seeds even though two of them — Carolina and Kansas — lost in conference tournament play.

Kentucky is a No. 2 seed but DeCourcy says the recent play of Fox, who has scored 27 and 28 points in two of his last four games, is a huge plus for UK going into the tournament.

"Until De'Aaron Fox plays like De'Aaron Fox, you couldn't feel great about where Kentucky was headed," DeCourcy said. "I have never seen a point guard who can pick up his dribble 12 feet from the basket and still get a layup. He does that all the time with his length and dexterity.

"If Fox is 100 percent, and it looks like he is, then I have no worries about Kentucky. He's that important to them."

LB Jamin Davis

Freshman linebacker Jamin Davis of Ludowici, Ga., doesn't know Georgia basketball player J.J. Frazier personally. However, he knew

plenty about Georgia's star player.

"I knew of him being from there in my hometown," Davis said. "The area where we come from is kind of overlooked by coaches. Every year we have some talented players that get overlooked. There is so much talent in our area in different sports that never gets a look and never gets out of there. That's why I kind of looked up to him for what he did."

Frazier said during last week's SEC Tournament that he didn't know a lot about Davis, either, but understands how he feels.

"Any time we can get out from where we are from it is always a big deal," Frazier said. "That's a big step in his life to sign with Kentucky and I am happy for him. I think everybody has someone like that or something to use to help yourself and get an extra boost of confidence. I have used that, too. If in some small way I helped inspire him, I could not be happier."

Davis was just the second player in Long County High School history to sign with a Division I football program.

Adrian Middleton

Before defensive line coach Jimmy Brumbaugh left Kentucky to join the Maryland staff, he noted that sophomore Adrian Middleton had become a player versatile enough to play any defensive line position.

"I feel like I can fill that role," Middleton said. "It's not that hard to learn all the spots. It's not any tougher than regular school work. You just focus on what you have to do and not worry."

Middleton was redshirted in 2014, played sparingly in 2015 and then blossomed

into a regular performer last season.

"It took quite a bit longer for me to show what I could do," Middleton, who played at South Warren High School in Bowling Green, said. "Last year I got the opportunity to start and felt I did a pretty good job."

Before that, Middleton might have been known for his hair than his play by many UK fans.

"I feel like I gained some recognition within the community for more than just the hair but for my football ability as well," he laughed and said. "I am very excited for what is ahead. We are improving and can win multiple games again this year."

Middleton says there is great high school football competition in Bowling Green that helped motivate him. He has known UK linebacker Eli Brown since middle school when they played together.

"Eli is getting a lot better. He was always a feature guy. In high school he was that guy for their team. Now he can be that guy at Kentucky with what I am seeing," Middleton said.

Quote of the week

"I think they should put the Final Four in one spot. Pick the best city for it and keep it in one spot. I think you've got a good city for it. I think Indianapolis is a great city for the Final Four because you can walk everywhere," ESPN analyst Jay Bilas on NCAA tourney sites. (Larry Vaught, a former sports writer at The Advocate-Messenger in Danville, Ky., now covers UK sports on VaughtsViews.com blog and his weekly column appears in many newspapers across Kentucky.)



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BASKETBALL

Turley has local roots
Murray High junior guard Macey Turley has been selected First Region Player of the Year by the region's coaches. Turley, who averaged 16 points a game to lead the Lady Tigers in scoring, is the daughter of Crittenden County graduate Todd Turley. Her team was a Kentucky Sweet 16 semifinalist and she is a candidate for Miss Kentucky Basketball in 2018.

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Late losses keep Rockets winless after 2

STAFF REPORT
Weather and some late-inning gremlins have the Rocket baseball boys still in search of their first win about a week into the season.
Crittenden (0-2) was scheduled to play at Webster County on Monday but the game was snowed out and Graves County cancelled its game against CCHS scheduled for Tuesday.
Crittenden opened the season with a 10-5 loss to Mayfield at Guess Field last Thursday. The Rockets fired off five runs in the first two innings, commanding a 5-3 advantage early on.
However, the Cardinals' bats came alive in the final two innings, scoring three and four runs respectively while stymieing the Rockets offense.
Senior southpaw hurler Maeson Myers started the game, pitching two scoreless innings in three frames. He struck out three, but allowed three runs in the second. At the plate, Myers led the Rockets with a leadoff triple for his only hit of the game. He actually scored on the triple thanks to an errant throw from the outfield that went over the third baseman's head.
Myers finished with two runs scored. Senior slugger Ethan Hunt had two RBIs and was 1-for-3 at the plate with a run scored.
On Friday, the Rockets lost again after leading early. St. Mary won the game 8-6 but Crittenden led 4-3 at one point. Unlike the quick start against Mayfield, Crittenden's offense was unable to generate any momentum until the middle innings after Division I signee John McCauley was run off the mound. McCauley has committed to Butler University and his fastball was reaching the lower 80s. Crittenden touched him for one unearned run.
The Rockets trailed the Vikings by two runs until the bottom of the fourth inning, when the offense heated up, scoring three runs and taking a one-run edge.
The Vikings took command of the game in the top of the fifth and never trailed again.
Rocket sophomore Payton Riley went 2-for-2 at the plate with two RBIs. His brother, senior Paxton Riley, also accounting for two RBIs.
Starting the game on the mound for the Rockets was junior Kyle Castiller, who allowed three earned runs and walked three in two innings of work. Payton Riley and Jayden Carlson worked the middle innings and senior pitcher Taylor Yancy finished the final two.



Senior lefty Maeson Myers eyeballs the strike zone with this early-game delivery last Thursday in the Rockets' home-opening loss to Mayfield. Below, senior Paxton Riley stretches for a throw to first to get this Mayfield base runner out. In the background is second baseman Pate Robinson.



Beverly homers in Lady Rockets' 11-0 win to open season

STAFF REPORT
Senior Courtney Beverly hit a three-run homer to lead Crittenden County to an 11-0 season-opening victory over Dawson Springs Tuesday night at Marion-Crittenden County Park.
Beverly, a second baseman who has signed to play collegiate softball at Brescia, knocked an 0-2 pitch onto the roof at the nearby baseball field.
Starting pitcher Cassidy Moss, also a Brescia signee, had three hits in the game, including a pair of doubles, and drove in two runs.
It was a slugfest from the outset as Crittenden

smashed 16 hits in the shutout. CCHS scored 5 in the first and 5 in the fourth.
Moss went four innings on the rubber, striking out nine, walking two and scattering six hits. Chandler Moss closed it out in the fifth inning before the mercy rule went into effect.
Lady Rocket senior Jessi Brewer capped a 3-for-3 opener at the plate with an RBI and an extra-base hit.
Ellie Smith and Ashlyn Hicks had two hits apiece. Hicks, Beverly and Smith each scored twice.
Crittenden hosts Trigg and McLean Thursday and Friday.



Crittenden County's Jenna Potter releases a pitch during Friday night's Lady Rocket freshman doubleheader against Graves County at Marion-Crittenden County Park.



Lady Rocket JV softball members are (front from left) Jaylin Blackburn, Autumn Derby, Jada Hayes, Chaylee Wolf, Kali Champion, Chandler Moss, Ashlyn Hicks, Matthia Long; (back) assistant coach Tory Baker, Josey Tolley, Destiny Knight, Hannah Cooksey, Sharon Collins, Brandy Book, Ellie Smith, Kaitlyn Hicks, Emmie Smith, Jenna Potter, coach Stephen Smith and assistant coach Ronnie Moss.

Area runners invited to 5-race series

Pennyrile District Health Department is sponsoring the inaugural Pennyrile Spring Cross Country Challenge Season with the first race to be held in Marion.
This will be a five-race series with events taking place in Trigg, Lyon, Caldwell, Crittenden and Livingston counties from April to August. The purpose of this race is to encourage all ages to become physically active through walking and running. There will be a race each month with distances of 1K, 2.5K and 5K. Medals or bracelets will be awarded to top finishes in each division. Runners will accumulate points based on their finishes in each race and there will be awards

Racing Series Schedule			
Race Date	Place	Early Registration	
April 29	Marion	April 15	
May 20	Eddyville	May 5	
June 17	Cadiz	June 1	
July 22	Princeton	July 7	
Aug. 19	Smithland	Aug. 5	

for the top three runners in age division at the season's end.
Early registration is encouraged. Applications are available at The Press, on the district health department Facebook page, at each of the local health departments and throughout many of the schools and businesses across the district.
Each race will cost \$20, or pay

only \$75 to enter them all. Registration will include a shirt, if met by the deadline. Registration for the entire season will allow you to receive a season shirt and each of the five race shirts.
Race day registration may allow for shirts to be given out on a first come basis.
Proceeds support outreach wellness programs. Sponsors are also being sought for each race and the series. The first race will be at Marion-Crittenden County Park on April 29. Registration deadline is April 15. For more information, contact your local health department or the district office at (270) 388-9747 ext. 403.



Spring sports gear is available for free.

Free cleats, bats for youth players

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County Dugout Club is offering free gear for those participating in the summer youth sports programs at Marion-Crittenden County Park. The Dugout Club has been given pairs of cleats, ball bats, helmets and other items that had been donated to the Community Center.
The cleats are used, but generally in very good condition. They are in a variety of sizes. Most are baseball or softball cleats, but some are soccer shoes. Anyone interested in getting any of this gear for free may call (270) 704-0435 or see Chris Evans at The Crittenden Press.



Members of Crittenden County’s boys’ track team pictured (front from left) are Dalton Wood, Jordan Long, Caleb McDonald, Noah Perkins, Lance Case, Xander Tabor, Tristan Davidson, Zach Claybrook; (second row) Gavin Davidson, Ross Crider, Jacob Russelburg, Eli Moss, Will Tolley, Devon Nesbitt, Aaron Lucas; (back) Zack Weathers, Will Perkins, Branan Lamey, Sawyer Towery, Adam Beavers, Tyson Steele, Chris Perez and assistant coach Bryan Holland.

Track & Field Team Roster

GIRLS' SQUAD		
Name	Events	Grade
Audrey Croft	sprints	8
Cortne Curnel	sprints	9
Jaelyn Duncan	distance	8
Lauren Gilchrist	sprints/field	9
Anzie Gobin	sprints	9
Trinity Hayes	sprints/field	9
Emma Herrin	sprints	9
Cameron Howard	distance	8
Kate Keller	distance	8
Abby Kirk	sprints	8
Hailey Mathieu	sprints	8
Katie Mathieu	sprints	8
Briana McDonald	sprints	8
Lili Newcom	distance	8
Ally Newman	sprints	8
Southern Pate	distance	8
Kenlee Perryman	hurdles	10
Jessie Potter	hurdles	8
Alexis Tabor	shot/discus	12
Ryleigh Tabor	sprints	7
Shelby Wallace	sprints	10
Ashley Wheeler	distance	10



Members of Crittenden County’s girls’ track team are (front from left) Lili Newcom, Audrey Croft, Katie Mathieu, Briana McDonald, Shelby Wallace, Jessie Potter, Cortne Curnel, Hailey Mathieu; (second row) manager Chloe Weathers, manager RheaVynn Tabor, Kate Keller, Ally Newman, Ryleigh Tabor, Alexis Tabor, Southern Pate, Abby Kirk, head coach Angela Starnes; (back) jump coach Erin McDonald Driver, manager Lily Berry, Cameron Howard, Ashley Wheeler, Jaelyn Duncan, Kenlee Perryman, Emma Herrin and Lauren Gilchrist.

BOYS' SQUAD		
Adam Beavers	sprints/shot, discus	10
Zach Claybrook	sprints	10
Ross Crider	shot, discus	11
Gavin Davidson	sprints	9
Tristan Davidson	sprints	8
Joseph Estes	sprints	11
Lance Kayce	sprints	8
Branan Lamey	sprints/field	10
Jordan Long	sprints	7
Aaron Lucas	distance	11
Caleb McDonald	sprints	8
Eli Moss	sprints	8
Devon Nesbitt	sprints	10
Chris Perez	distance	9
Noah Perkins	sprints	8
Will Perkins	hurdles	12
Jacob Russelburg	sprints	11
Tyson Steele	hurdles, field	11
Xander Tabor	sprints	8
Will Tolley	sprints	12
Sawyer Towery	distance	10
Zack Weathers	distance	9
Dalton Wood	sprints	7

Starnes expects strong track season

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County’s track and field team will be lined up behind rising star Aaron Lucas this spring, but the state-contending distance runner will be looking over his shoulder at a number of talented athletes who are right on his heels, seeking similar glory.

Angela Starnes will be coaching the track team for the next to last time. Since the early 1990s, Starnes has been a fixture at the track where she was a star in high school as a state record-setting sprinter at Todd Central. Starnes plans to retire after the 2018 season, but this could be one of the most memorable springs in a long time. The great expectations start with Lucas’ chances of winning a state championship in the 3200 meters where he finished sixth a year

ago.

“Every time he steps on the track he gets a wow!,” said Starnes. “People just love to see him run.”

Lucas has made quite a name for himself over he past couple of years, qualifying twice for the state meet and running impressive times over the winter during indoor competition. Lucas finished 11th in the state last year in the mile run.

In addition to Lucas, the distance running corps will be anchored by Sawyer Towery, a newcomer who is running with great strength, according to the coach.

Will Tolley, Devon Nesbitt, Branan Lamey, Jacob Russelburg and Tyson Steele all are working mostly on sprints and middle distances. Each is a strong competitor. Among them will emerge candidates for the

3200-relay team that has its sights on setting a new school record and will likely contend beyond the regional level.

Tolley, Nesbitt and Russelburg all qualified for state a year ago in the relays.

Newcomer Gavin Davidson, a freshman, will add great depth in sprints as will junior Adam Beavers. Beavers also competes in the shot and discus where he will be strong this spring, as will Lamey in the jumping events. Senior Will Perkins is a talented hurdler who will be a possible regional contender.

On the girls’ side, Starnes is a bit giddy over several youngsters, a few of whom have a great deal of experience despite their tender age.

“I am very excited about the distance runners out this year. Jaelyn Duncan is very strong,

Cameron Howard is new but will bring a lot to the team and Kate Keller has worked very hard this offseason running half marathons and 5Ks.”

Keller, an eighth grader, will be a regional contender in the two-mile run, the coach projects.

Ashley Wheeler is another newcomer who can run the 1600 and 3200, giving Starnes plenty of depth and lots of options for the relay squads.

Shelby Wallace, just a sophomore, returns to the sprinting squad as the team MVP from a year ago. Kenlee Perryman and Jessie Potter are good hurdlers and sprinters and Cortne Curnel will be a middle distance runner and key contributor on relay teams.

Senior Alexis Tabor provides very strong leadership and will be a points-grabber in the shot



26th and Next to Last Season

Coach Angela Starnes will be retiring as track coach after the 2018 season. She has been coaching the squad for 26 years and is the longest tenured track coach in the history of Crittenden County High School.

CCHS 2017 Track Schedule

- March 14 Home: Lyon
- March 16 at Union County
- March 21 at McCracken County
- March 23 Home: Dawson, Hopkins Central, Union
- March 27 Home: Caldwell, Graves, Livingston
- March 30 at Union County
- April 11 at Jimmy Harrell Relays, Murray
- April 13 Pink Out, Home: Dawson, Livingston, Lyon
- April 15 at Tilghman Invitational
- April 18 at Hopkins Central
- April 20 Senior Night, Home: Caldwell, Union, Webster
- April 24 at Ballard All Comers
- April 27 Home: Caldwell, Union
- May 2 at Marshall County
- May 5 at Area 1 Championships, Murray State
- May 13 Regional Track Meet, Murray
- May 20 State Track Meet, University of Kentucky



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