

NEWS

CITY MOVES MEETING
TIME UP HOUR TO 5 P.M.

The City of Marion has changed the starting time of its regular meetings. Beginning in April, Marion City Council will be meet on the third Monday of each month beginning at 5 p.m., an hour earlier than it has met for many years. The adjustment, which also moves January and February meetings to the second Monday to avoid holidays, gained final approval at Monday's council meeting.

But not everyone was on board with the schedule change from 6 p.m.

"I'd still like to look at 5:30 to give people an opportunity to be here after work," argued Councilman Don Arflack, the lone dissenting vote.

Arflack, who works in Fredonia, has said he should be able to leave work early, but is concerned about others who may want to attend and not be able to get away early. Last year, Crittenden County Board of Education moved its meetings up a half-hour to 5:30 p.m.

THOMAS RESIGNS AS
UTILITIES DIRECTOR

Brian Thomas, utilities director for the City of Marion, has resigned. His final day on the job will be Friday (March 22).



Thomas has been with the city for the last 14 years and has overseen a number of major projects, including the planning for a new multi-million-dollar sewer plant that will be under construction soon. Other projects during his watch were the Fords Ferry Road improvement and previous upgrades to the water plant and sewer system. Thomas, who lives in Dawson Springs, has accepted a similar position with the Dawson Springs Water and Sewer Department.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Crittenden County High School SBDM planned to meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the high school.
- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the courthouse.
- Marion Tourism Commission will meet at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Marion Welcome Center.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District Board of Directors meets at 6 p.m. Monday at the district office in Salem.

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Meth math
Drug arrests add up to spike in city felonies

STAFF REPORT

Historic data from Marion Police Department and Crittenden County Circuit Court are crystal clear about what's happening with methamphetamine in the community.

Police are connecting the dots between higher crime rates and what has become the drug of choice among addicts in Marion and Crittenden County.

Overall, felonious crime in Marion has gone up steadily this decade, and there's reason to believe much of it is related to illegal drug use.

Felony cases investigated by Marion police went up every year from 2011 to 2017

when there were 91. The felony caseload dropped to 85 last year. Methamphetamine arrests have spiked over the past couple of years while it appears that abuse of prescription medications is on a decline.

Possession of a controlled substance, such as meth or medicine without a prescription, is a felony. Possession of marijuana is a misdemeanor. Misdemeanor crime in the city has been fairly level over the last decade with a peak in 2012 with 160 cases.

Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal says recent legislation aimed at cracking down on opioids and greater controls

by the medical and pharmaceutical industries are reducing the frequency of arrests for illegal painkillers such as hydrocodone. Meanwhile, meth is taking over.

Methamphetamine is distributed in crystal and powder forms. It can be smoked in a pipe or melted down and injected with a needle.

"We're seeing a big rise in syringes being found. We get a lot of reports from people who find needles that have been thrown onto their lawns," O'Neal said.

Police Sgt. Heath Martin has been gathering data on

methamphetamine arrests inside the city limits. His findings show a marked increase in the number of cases involving the potent stimulant that has become a common recreational drug across much of the country.

Kentucky ranks No. 4 nationally when it comes to the percentage of crimes tied to drugs. Only, Vermont, Connecticut and Hawaii have a more frequent incidence.

Much of the rural South is encumbered by methamphetamine usage. Police here say

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O'Neal

1 in 7
miss 10
percent
of school

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Board of Education is considering policy changes to address a costly and persistent problem in the school district – chronic absenteeism.

At a recent working session, board members heard from Director of Pupil Personnel Diana Lusby on serious attendance issues among almost 14 percent of the local school system's 1,300 students. In fact, at the end of February, 180 children had missed more than 10 percent of instructional time in the classroom, the magic number to be considered chronically absent.



Lusby

"It doesn't really matter whether they're excused or unexcused," Lusby said. "We lose money, plus, more importantly, kids aren't learning those days."

Besides being the law and critical to a child's education, school attendance earns school districts money. Each student-day missed costs the school district \$22.75 in

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Jobs on tap
at fair next
Wednesday
in Princeton

STAFF REPORT

The Lake Barkley Partnership for Economic Development will host its first job fair next Wednesday at Princeton. Over the past year, the Lake Barkley Partnership has been working with industry partners to help fill existing job openings.



Davenport

In the summer of 2018, the Partnership held three community SWOT meetings to identify perceived strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats – the origin of SWOT acronym – in Crittenden, Caldwell and Lyon Counties. From those meetings the Lake Barkley Partnership formed their strategic plan to

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‘Marvel’ously good time



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Local guitarist Bill Marvel (left) was inducted Saturday evening into the newly formed Crittenden County Music Hall of Fame by his contemporary, Franklin Hamilton of Marion. Marvel, 92, a guitar player, was inducted alongside the late Bernal "Little Jack" Little, who played fiddle with Porter Wagoner's band.

Old Kentucky
Hay Ride wows

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

Organizers of Saturday's Old Kentucky Hay Ride revival at Fohs Hall seem to have hit a chord with their audience ... and the community. In fact, last weekend's blend of bluegrass and classic country music – mixed with just the right amount of comedy and ceremony – drew one of the largest crowds in memory for a show under roof in Marion.

"It was a helluva show," said Brennan Cruce, who hosted Saturday's throwback performance and played with the house band. "I don't think I've done anything more exciting in my life. I'm still as excited as I was that night."

And that was almost 48 hours after wrapping up the four-hour variety show.

Estimates of the crowd size varied, but most seem to be in agreement that 600 is a conservative estimate.

"There wasn't room for a fly to land in there," said Phyllis Sykes, who performed a hilarious skit as Grand Ole Opry legend Minnie Pearl. "By 6:30, we didn't have a place left to sit."

And there was still a half-hour before the show even started.

Sykes estimated 660 crowded the floor seating, balcony, lobby doorway and anywhere a person could stand and still catch a glimpse of

the performers on stage at Fohs Hall.

That's a safe guess, too. Fred Stubblefield, a longtime volunteer with Community Arts Foundation that has hosted countless productions at the historic building over the decades, said typical seating capacity for a big show is 455. But folding chairs from the basement were dragged out to supplement fixed seating and cushioned chairs. When those were gone, people took seats in the aisles or leaned against the walls.

Dwight Sherer, who helped take up gate, said all 500 wristbands

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The fiscal court typically meets at 8:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
Is the courthouse open on Saturday? The office of circuit clerk is open by appointment only on Saturday. The sheriff's department is open 9-11 a.m. each Saturday. All other offices are closed.
When is the solid waste convenience center (trash repository) on U.S. 60 East open? Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. It is closed Sunday.
Do I have to have a dog license? Yes. Licenses are available for \$5 through county Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd at Crittenden County Animal Shelter on U.S. 60 East. Call (270) 969-1054 for information.

Lawmakers have 1 day of work left

The last day of the 2019 Regular Session before the Gubernatorial Veto period ended shortly before midnight last Thursday. Many important pieces of legislation were passed and sent to the Governor's desk to become law or to be vetoed. This update will focus on two of those bills along with a comment on two bills that didn't make it to the governor.

The final day of the session is scheduled for March 28 at which time the General Assembly will have the opportunity to determine whether or not to override any vetoes that Governor Bevin may have made. It is also the last day any new legislation can be passed although if such legislation is passed, the General Assembly would not have the ability to override a gubernatorial veto of that legislation.

In my last update I indicated that the changes



Rep. Lynn BECHLER
R-Marion
Kentucky House Legislative Review

made by the Senate to House Bill 354, the tax cleanup bill, were rejected by the House but that I was hopeful that a compromise would be reached. I am happy to report that a compromise was reached and most of the things the House felt were important were included in the compromise.

The bill as approved by both chambers exempts from Kentucky sales tax the items sold at non-profit fundraising events as well as exempting from Kentucky Sales tax the cost of admissions to non-profit and governmental organizations events and sites such as campgrounds. HB 354 also exempts from Kentucky sales tax any fees paid to enter a fishing tournament because the state has already collected fishing license fees. The legislation provides a credit for a small number of low income households

Keeping up

There are several ways to keep up with the 2019 legislative session and share thoughts with lawmakers.

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- Bill Status Line**
(866) 840-2835
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- General Assembly online**
LRC.ky.gov
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702 Capitol Ave.
Frankfort, KY 40601

that saw their income tax burden raised slightly due to last year's income tax changes.

In addition to other changes, HB 354 strengthens community banks by reforming the Bank Franchise Tax. Beginning in 2021, Kentucky banks will be taxed like regular businesses

instead of being taxed like out of state banks that operate in the Commonwealth. This change is necessary because since 2000, about 31% of Kentucky's state-chartered community banks have been purchased by out of state banks. The legislation also exempts the first \$6,000 in sales from taxation on services for minors. A prime example of someone benefiting from this change would be a teenager with a lawn care business. I voted Yes and HB 354 awaits action by the governor.

As required by the Kentucky's Constitution, the General Assembly takes up the Commonwealth's biennial budget bill in even-numbered years. There are 100 House members and 38 members of the Senate. During even-numbered years, the budget bill may be approved by a simple majority of the votes cast as long as there are at least 40 yes votes in the House and 16 in the Senate. In odd numbered, or non-budget, years, a budget bill may be passed, but there must

be at least 60 yes votes in the House and 23 in the Senate.

A budget bill, HB 268 was filed this year, and it was another bill in which the House and Senate could not initially agree. Therefore, it also had to go to a joint committee of the House and Senate to see if a compromise could be reached. A compromise was reached.

Included in the final version of HB 268 was money to address the deterioration of our state parks, some of which are suffering from collapsing roofs, falling down fences, poor internet access, and other infrastructure problems. The governor requested \$150 million in bonding authority with the first phase being for \$50 million. Included in the first phase for our area are Kentucky Dam Village, Lake Barkley, and Pennyriple State Park. HB 268 does not authorize the entire \$150 million requested by the governor, but does authorize \$50 million in bonding authority. This builds on funding that was allocated for state park improvements in the budget

passed last year.

HB 268 passed 36-0 in the Senate and 76-20 in the House. I voted Yes and the bill has been sent to the governor for his approval or veto.

Two other tax bills were filed in this year's session. HB 58 would have raised the pension income tax exclusion from \$31,100 back to \$41,100 retroactive to Jan. 1, 2018. HB 51 would have raised an additional tax on gasoline, diesel, and other specialty fuels. It would also have raised many other fees related to automotive vehicles.

HB 58 passed the House and I voted Yes, but no action has been taken by the Senate and I doubt action will be taken next Thursday. HB 517 was discussed in the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee, but a vote was not taken. HB 517 is dead this year.

(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.)

Several sentenced last week

STAFF REPORT

A man caught with a pistol, methamphetamine and pot last summer after someone saw him drop a plastic bag of drugs in a retail store's parking lot on Sturgis Road has pleaded guilty to amended charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

Paul King, 34, of Dyersburg, Tenn., pleaded guilty last week in Crittenden Circuit Court to three of the original seven charges he faced. One of those to which he pleaded guilty had been amended down and others dismissed.

Marion police received a call on Aug. 7 of last year about a man who dropped a bag of dope next to a vehicle in the parking lot of a discount department store in Marion. When police located the suspect's vehicle elsewhere in town, they found King inside and in possession of a number of alleged illegal drugs and a five-shot revolver under the seat.

He was originally charged with two counts of possession of methamphetamine, possession of unspecified drugs, possession of marijuana, trafficking in marijuana and trafficking in methamphetamine. All of the charges were enhanced due to the presence of the firearm, and he was charged with misdemeanor carrying a concealed deadly weapon.

The handgun charge was dismissed and so were all of the enhancements, plus some of the drug charges, including trafficking in marijuana.

King pleaded guilty to felony trafficking in meth and was sentenced by Circuit Judge Rene Williams to five years in prison. He also pleaded guilty to pos-

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session of drug paraphernalia and got 12 months and possession of marijuana and got 45 days. All time will run concurrent and the commonwealth will not oppose shock probation after King serves a portion of his sentence and meets other conditions.

As part of his plea deal, King was required to forfeit the 2009 Chevrolet diesel Silverado pickup he was driving on the day of his arrest. It will be liquidated and the Marion Police Department will eventually end up with proceeds from the sale.

Following are reports from other cases on the circuit court docket last week:

- Andrew Paul Ferguson, 22, of Marion pleaded guilty to a variety of charges in three different cases. Ferguson had been charged with assault for allegedly stabbing a man. The charge was amended to felony wanton endangerment and he was sentenced to five years on that charge. He also pleaded guilty to stealing a pistol and cartridges from a vehicle. For that charge, he received a one-year sentence. In other cases where vehicles were broken into in Marion last summer, Ferguson pleaded guilty on three felony burglary charges and a single count of receiving stolen property. He also pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of receiving stolen property and criminal mischief. The judge sentenced him to one year on each of the felonies and lesser time for the misdemeanors. The

one-year sentences are to run consecutive to one another, but concurrent to time in the other cases. That means Ferguson is facing a total of five years in prison.

- Jason Enoch, 21, of Marion pleaded guilty in a Rocket Docket drug case. Rocket Docket cases are expedited, moving more rapidly through the court system when suspects agree to admit guilt in order to begin serving their sentence more quickly. Enoch was given a three-year sentence for possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and lesser sentences for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and disorderly conduct. The sentences will run concurrent and he was given pre-trial diversion five a period of five years.

- David B. Smock, 43, of Harrisburg, Ill., pleaded guilty to a variety of drug and traffic charges. He will face a recommended five years in prison when he returns for formal sentencing in May before Judge Williams. Smock was behind the wheel of a vehicle last summer that almost hit a state trooper head on. The trooper turned around and pulled him over. The trooper said he watched Smock dispose of a hypodermic needle. After further investigation, Smock was charged with felony first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, felony tampering with physical evidence and lesser charges of reckless driving, defective steering gear, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, improper windshield, possession of drug paraphernalia, operating on a suspended license, failure to maintain

insurance and no state registration. He pleaded guilty to everything except the tampering, licensing and registration charges. Smock produced evidence that his license and registration were valid at the time of his arrest.

- Allen Dewayne Allsberry, 29, of Marion pleaded guilty to an amended charge of theft (under \$500), a misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 180 days in jail, minus credit for time served. He and an accomplice broke into Heritage Country Club on Aug. 27, 2019 where candy and cookies were taken from the club's pro shop. He originally was charged with felony burglary.

- Jeremy Gary Owen Boyd, 26, of Marion had his probation revoked from a 2018 drug conviction. He admitted to leaving a court-ordered drug treatment program last summer before it was completed. The judge ordered him to complete his original three-year sentence for possession of methamphetamine.

- Daniel Joseph Bomia, 58, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and tampering with physical evidence. He was given five years on the tampering charge and three years for possession. Bomia also pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 12 months on a misdemeanor paraphernalia charge and 90 days for public intoxication. All time will run concurrently for a five-year sentence, and the commonwealth will not oppose shock probation with conditions.

2019 unemployment starts off with uptick

The county jobless rates for the first month of 2019 increased in Crittenden County from the previous month and from the same period in 2018. In fact, the county was one of 72 in Kentucky that saw a rise in the unemployment rate from January 2018.

For January 2019, the jobless rate in Crittenden County was 5.6 percent, up 0.3 points from a year early and up from 4.6 percent in December 2018. Livingston, Caldwell and Lyon counties also saw an uptick from the same two previous measures. Unemployment in Union and Webster counties fell between January 2018 and January 2019.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in Kentucky at 3.1 percent. Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate at 14.2 percent.

Below are the jobless rates for select counties from the state's low in January to the highest, with rates for Crittenden and surrounding counties included between. Because of a low sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted like monthly state and national rates.

AREA	JAN. 2019	DEC. 2018	JAN. 2018
U.S.	4.4%	3.7%	
Kentucky.....	4.5%	3.8%	4.8%
Pennyrile Region.....	5.1%	4.2%	5.1%
COUNTIES			
Woodford (1)	3.1%	2.6%	2.9%
Webster.....	3.9%	3.4%	4.5%
Caldwell	5.0%	4.0%	4.6%
Crittenden	5.6%	4.3%	5.3%
Union	4.7%	4.3%	4.9%
Lyon.....	6.1%	4.7%	5.3%
Livingston	7.7%	5.8%	7.6%
Magoffin (120).....	14.2%	11.3%	15.3%

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 work within the past four weeks.

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marijuana is perhaps on the uptick now, too, partly because it's tougher to get prescription painkillers but also because laws have been watered down for possession of pot.

Meth-making was once common among illicit drug charges, but that has almost disappeared due to stricter laws on ingredients and an illegal drug network that's making it easy to get.

"Meth is just more prevalent now," said Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell, who prosecutes felony drug cases in Crittenden, Union and Webster counties. "Most of it coming here is factory-made down in Mexico. It's crystal meth."

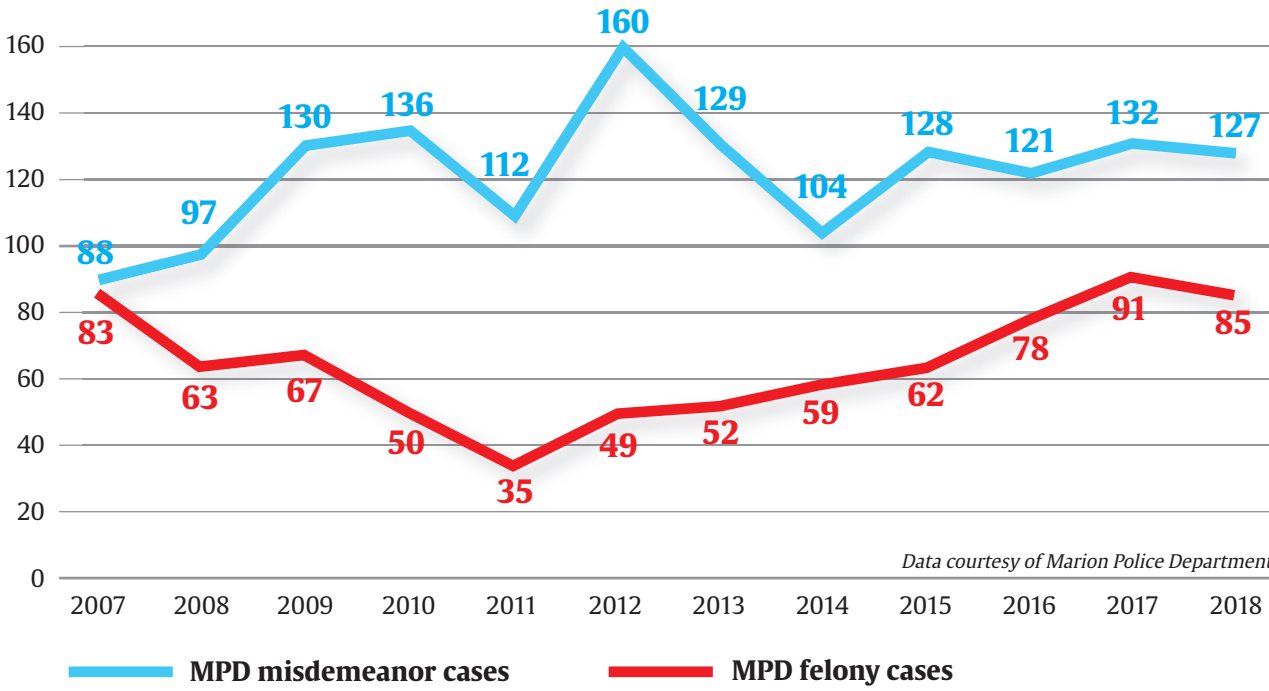
According to Marion Police Department figures, there were 22 meth arrests in 2018 and already seven during the first seven or eight weeks of 2019. For a variety of

reasons, some of the cases never made it to circuit court as felony charges. In 2018 there were 17 individuals indicted on felony methamphetamine charges, either possession or trafficking. That was up about double from the previous year. In 2017, there were nine meth-related felony indictments in Crittenden County. Prior to 2017, there were fewer meth-related cases in circuit court, less than half in an average year as compared to 2018.

Greenwell said that while criminal felony cases involving methamphetamine are up in Crittenden County, the numbers are much lower than his caseload in Union and Webster counties, each which have greater populations.

While the number of cases is going up here, so are volumes. Police in the city have taken as evidence almost 21 grams of meth since Jan. 1. All of last year, officers in the

Marion Police Department case trends



city confiscated 35.77 grams.

"It's worth noting that the numbers are not exact," said Martin. "I say

that because some quantities are so small that I simply cannot get a weight on them."

Only a residual

amount of a controlled substance will get you arrested. First-degree possession of a controlled substance (methampheta-

mine) is a Class D felony, punishable by 1-5 years in prison. Trafficking in meth can carry stiffer penalties.

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purchased to place on members of the audience as they entered were used, with scores more fans paying the \$5 entry after that point.

Gate was split evenly between Crittenden County Food Bank and Project Graduation. As a food bank volunteer, Sherer was elated with the \$1,600-plus raised for the charity, which indicates more than 600 people paid to get in. Project Graduation also received proceeds from concessions and the high school's technology club reaped rewards from selling more than 100 DVDs of the show at \$10 each.

"There was something special about it," Cruce gushed. "It was kinda magical. For that four-hour period, it was like you were in a totally different place and time."

As a local history junkie and musician, Cruce likened the feel of Saturday's show to what it must have been like at the original Old Kentucky Hay Rides held at Fohs Hall in the 1950s. Until Saturday, those hometown performances were relegated to a few distant memories and recollec-



THE CRITTENDEN PRESS
Belinda Nall of Princeton accepts recognition Saturday evening for her late father, Bernal "Little Jack" Little's induction into the newly-formed Crittenden County Music Hall of Fame. Little, who played fiddle with Porter Wagoner's band, was recognized along with Bill Marvel, a renowned local guitar player.

tions unearthed by people like county historian Brenda Underdown.

The show also rekindled a fire under local musicians like Franklin Hamilton, who for decades has performed his Johnny Cash tribute with a voice and swagger that mimics the legendary

artist to a T. It also paid tribute to local legends like the late Bernal "Little Jack" Little and guitar picker Bill Marvel, who became the first inductees into the newly formed Crittenden County Music Hall of Fame.

Holding back emotions, Hamilton led the in-

duction ceremony that exposed the crowd to the face of 92-year-old Marvel and exploits of Little, who played fiddle for country legend Porter Wagoner's band. Little's daughter, Belinda Nall of Princeton, tearfully accepted her father's induction plaque.

Despite being in on the planning from the beginning, Cruce tips his hat to Shelley Singleton for the success of Saturday's revival of the local music show. Singleton knows the scene well as the mother of local child musical prodigies Cutter and Cash Singleton, who are the backbone of the bluegrass group Classy & Grassy.

"If it wasn't for Shelley, it wouldn't have happened," Cruce credits. "She put it together."

Cruce attributes the event's success to its every-man (and every-woman) appeal. It drew an audience from around the region – all ages and all walks of life. And the ticket price didn't hurt.

"Where else can you go for less than \$10 and come out completely satisfied?" he posed.

Cruce wouldn't tip his hand as to whether there will be another Old Kentucky Hay Ride, offering only that planning meetings have been scheduled.

Different kind of show to hit Fohs stage April 27

STAFF REPORT

A musical performance next month at Fohs Hall will offer a complete 180 from Saturday's Old Kentucky Hay Ride. The Tapestry, a musical ensemble that includes Crittenden County's Corey Crider, features a blend of rock and opera. Tickets are on sale now.

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

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

The April 27 show in Marion will be a brand new, never-before-seen performance of this group of world renowned musicians, including baritone Crider.

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

And if there is another, he said organizers have learned from the debut of the revival – chiefly, that the show ran a little too long. He would like to see it cut down to between two and three hours in length.

Regardless of if or when, there is little doubt as to where a follow-up would take place.

"Fohs Hall is part of the key," he said. "It's just got that feel to it."

Cruce and Singleton have heard the talk around town and seen the

reviews all over Facebook, but want to hear from more people about their take on Saturday's show. For Cruce, it serves to fuel a fire for injecting more life into a community that brings its residents together too rarely outside of sports and church.

"That is what Julius Fohs intended that building to be used for," Cruce said of venue's namesake and benefactor who built and donated the majestic structure as a community center in 1926. "I think we fulfilled his vision."

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state monies allocated through the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky, or SEEK, funding program. In the 2017-18 academic year, there were 10,969.5 student days missed, costing Crittenden County Schools and, essentially, taxpayers just \$500 short of a quarter-million dollars.

While numbers like 1 in 5 Crittenden County High School students for the year being chronically absent are troubling, it's not just the accumulation of unexcused absences that is costing public education in Crittenden County. Last year, \$188,825 lost through SEEK funding

was tied to excused absences accompanied by a parent or doctor note.

Truancy – three unexcused absences or tardies – can be handled in the court system. But chronic absence often fall within the allowable number of excused days – up five parent and 10 doctor notes with additional days granted with a special RX10 medical excuse form.

Seventeen days missed in a typical 170-day school year is considered chronic absenteeism.

Lusby said chronic absence among students in grades 8-10 puts those teens 7.4 times less likely to complete their compulsory education.

"Sure enough, they

are failing classes," she told board members. "Their chance of graduating is not very good."

The problem is not confined to Crittenden County; in fact, it is less of an issue here than in some neighboring school systems. Recent rates of chronic absenteeism among other districts, as shared by Lusby, include: Webster County, 17.47 percent; Union County, 15.47; Lyon County, 15.34; Caldwell County, 14.84; Hopkins County, 14.09; Paducah Independent, 13.55; and Graves County, 10.13.

Too help tackle the problem locally, Lusby is seeking a few tweaks to policy to make parents, as well as students, more

accountable for their child's attendance and future. If approved by the board, it would include disqualification for participation in non-essential school activities such as sports or dances, forfeiture of driving privileges, more thorough RX10 excuse forms and more stringent rules for their use and written notification from the school district to parents of of-

fending students.

"We're not trying to be punitive," Superintendent Vince Clark told board members of proposed policy changes. "We're just trying to be fair. We need to tighten down on these 13 percent who are chronically absent for whatever reason."

Lusby also proposes positive recognition for once-chronically absent

students who improve their attendance.

Board members tasked with both the financial and educational direction of the school district seemed to favor policy changes.

"Obviously, what we've been doing in the past is not working," said Chris Cook, board chairman. "I think this is pointing us in the right direction."



Clark

JOB FAIR

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begin addressing business and industry needs.

The job fair will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. next Wednesday at the Tourism Center in Princeton located at 206 E. Market St.

"One of our goals is to address the needs of our existing businesses. We know that filling job openings is a great way to support our employers," said Amanda Davenport, executive director for the Partnership. "We wanted to focus our first job fair on supporting industry, so we are focusing on job openings with our advanced manufacturers, material handlers and truck drivers."

This event is free for attendees and open to the public. Job-seekers will have the opportunity to talk and network with BGB Trucking, DHL Supply Chain, Henry & Henry Monuments, Hydro Gear, Par 4 Plastics, TreeHouse Foods and WCA Waste. Hopkinsville Community College will be on hand

with information about their CDL training program.

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For more information on next week's job fair, contact Davenport at LakeBarkleyPartnership@gmail.com.

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Thirty-one Crittenden County High School chemistry students last week visited the Westlake Monomer plant in Calvert City. On the field trip, students were introduced to some of the various processes at the chemical plant along with the job opportunities in our area. They learned about chemical reactions and separation methods and the importance of education and hard work. The students attended a presentation on techniques of interviewing and qualities employers find desirable. They were then allowed to take a guided tour through the chemical plant and into the chemistry laboratory to observe techniques and instrumentation used for quality control measures and the processes involved.

Chamber, LHHS team up for next Leadership Breakfast

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce says it has planned another interesting Leadership Breakfast program for April.

The event will be held starting with breakfast being served at 7 a.m., on

Friday, April 26.

The program will begin shortly thereafter, and will last for just over one hour.

The Chamber is coming off one of its most successful Leadership events in January, which was about social media.

Now, the Chamber's quarterly early-morning program will feature Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services as program coordinator and breakfast host. The hospital in Salem is planning to bring in a speaker with a broad understanding of

the opioid epidemic that's affecting most of Kentucky.

DEA agent Martin Redd, the Diversion Program Manager from Louisville, will talk about the affects of the opioid crisis on our community and society as a whole.

The program will also include a broader look at drug addiction and examine ways to prevent accidental drug overdoses.

The Chamber of Commerce is headquartered inside the Marion Welcome Center next to City Hall. The organization is currently having a membership drive with no first-year dues.



Woodmen Donation

Woodmen of the World (WOW) is helping Marion-Crittenden County Park make some needed upgrades to its ball field fences. Woodmen donated \$500 to the effort last week. Pictured are park board director Tanner Tabor, WOW representative Brodi Sutton, WOW Chapter 92 treasurer Holly Dillingham and WOW representative Grant Rogers.



Crittenden County High School students in Denis Hodge's military history class took a field trip to Ft. Donalson in western Tennessee last week. The group toured the Civil War battlefield, which is located at a state park in Dover, Tenn., on the shore of the Cumberland River. Hodge's class studies extensively Gen. U.S. Grant's military activities of the late winter and early spring of 1862 as Union soldiers, partly mustered during Grant's occupation of Cairo, Ill., captured strategic riverside forts in western Tennessee as Naval and Army troops came down the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers. In his class, Hodge also references the book Jack Hinson: One Man War, which was written by Crittenden Countian Tom McKenney. The book is a detailed examination of the battle at Ft. Donalson and one Southern man's personal conflict with the Northern occupation of western Tennessee. Hodge said the local nature of this particular part of the Civil War creates added interest for students, and close proximity of Fort Donalson makes it easy to access. The fort is just over an hour away by bus.

Recreation among plans to be heard by commission

STAFF REPORT

Marion Tourism Commission will meet at 5 p.m., Thursday at the Welcome Center.

The commission will continue to discuss a request made by a group of citizens who wants to tear down blighted homes in town and turn the lots into wildflower gardens for bluebirds, butterflies and bees.

An update expected on the new disc golf course being built at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

City of Marion Tourism Commission has approved \$4,000 for the building of tee boxes on public property owned by the park and the city and work is already underway on that phase of the project. Plans are for the

18-hole professionally-designed course to be ready for play by early summer, perhaps as early as May.

Another proposal to increase recreational opportunities in the community will be presented to the tourism commission. The National Guard has offered to turn over use of the armory, which it recently vacated, to the county. A group of leaders from various government and civic groups met recently and has proposed to turn the armory into a community center. The tourism commission is being asked to help fund the project. A variety of groups would be able to use the facility, including parks and recreation.

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Tax Year	Range	Account Name	2018 To 2018 Unpaid Tax
2018	11	ADAMSON KENNETH & MELISSA	\$61.87
2018	47	BAKER JACK & VICKEY	\$14.24
2018	66	BARNES JEFF	\$128.84
2018	153	BRADFORD CHARLES	\$17.74
2018	173	BRYANT CAROLINE & HAROLD	\$107.52
2018	197	CARDER RIC	\$55.79
2018	198	CARDINAL HEALTH 200 LLC	\$7.41
2018	209	CAUDILL ROY D & JANE E J	\$137.96
2018	263	CONNER MELBURN & MELISSA	\$92.31
2018	265	CONYER DAVID S & CATHERINE	\$145.27
2018	307	CRIDER KENNETH O	\$244.49
2018	320	CRITTENDEN COLLISION & REPAIR LLC	\$111.55
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2018	353	CRUCE HERBERT EST	\$4.66
2018	364	CURNEL RICKY EST	\$159.27
2018	379	DAVENPORT SARAH	\$244.49
2018	380	DAVIDSON BARRY	\$27.95
2018	393	DAY BRUCE	\$46.65
2018	442	DUNCAN TIMOTHY & DANIELLE	\$31.44
2018	443	DUNCAN TIMOTHY & DANIELLE	\$229.27
2018	537	FETTEROLF THADDEUS THOMAS JOSEPH	\$77.09
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2018	671	HACKNEY JOHNNY D & KARLA	\$90.79
2018	687	HARDESTY KENNETH JR	\$39.36
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2018	736	HECK FREDERICK JOSEPH & JANETTE	\$235.36
2018	815	HUGHES DOUG & MILLER KELSEY	\$31.44
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2018	929	JONES ROBERT & CAROLYN	\$39.05
2018	1452	WOOD KAZEE KELLY	\$207.96
2018	995	LARUE JAMES D & SHARON	\$252.10
2018	1003	LEE CURTIS WAYNE	\$55.79
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2018	1121	MCCLURE TROY EST	\$13.17
2018	1123	MCDANIEL BELINDA & DOVARD	\$37.52
2018	1124	MCDANIEL BELINDA D	\$77.09
2018	1138	MCDOWELL SHANE ET AL	\$92.31
2018	1191	MOSS DENNIS ET AL	\$134.71
2018	1196	MURRAY WHITNEY LYNN & JORDAN	\$77.09
2018	1214	NEW HAVEN ASSISTED LIVING	\$13.17
2018	1215	NEW HAVEN ASSISTED LIVING	\$77.91
2018	1216	NEW HAVEN ASSISTED LIVING	\$3.06
2018	1369	PROW BRANDY W 1/2 &	\$31.44
2018	1370	PRYOR KENNETH R JR	\$55.79
2018	1382	QUALLS CHARLES HENRY & PATSY JEAN TABOR	\$46.65
2018	1402	RILEY CHARLES TERRY &	\$640.16
2018	1415	ROBERTS DARLENE	\$19.27
2018	1422	ROBINSON BETTY J	\$4.05
2018	1423	ROBISON AUSTIN	\$296.23
2018	1481	SHIELDS HAZEL OR	\$6.47
2018	1489	SHUECRAFT JANET	\$7.09
2018	1499	SIMPKINS JOSEPH H & JENNIFER	\$52.74
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2018	1513	SISCO WILBER & PATRICIA	\$61.87
2018	1518	SMITH DEVIN	\$7.09
2018	1520	SMITH JAMES RAY & DEVIN	\$55.79
2018	1530	SMOCK MARVIN & REBA	\$109.06
2018	1531	SMOCK MARVIN DAVID	\$61.87
2018	1561	STONE BETTY L	\$151.66
2018	1649	TAX EASE LIEN INVESTMENTS 1 LLC	\$11.66
2018	1650	TAX EASE LIEN SERVICING LLC	\$77.09
2018	1656	THARP DARREN A	\$16.22
2018	1674	THURMOND GUY JR & GAYLENE MCCAIN	\$58.83
2018	1675	TIMEPAYMENT CORP	\$17.77
2018	1719	TUCKER DAVID D	\$113.61
2018	1723	TURNER JOE D	\$77.09
2018	1725	TYRIE SHELLY S	\$104.18
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Former student recalls Midway School

This article was written by Jim Kemper of Fremont, Calif., in 1987 for a Midway School reunion. As a child, he attended the little rural county school located near Weldon Road. It is a good history of the rural schools of long ago. Thanks to Charles Grimes of Sheridan, Ark., for sharing it with us. Let's take a trip back in time and visit this school of yesteryear through Mr. Kemper's memories.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

As one starts wandering the back roads of memories that extend in time for 63 years, it can be a most rewarding stroll. The difficulties start when it is necessary to decide just what sequence should be used to relate the story so that, perhaps, some others may share your pleasure in recalling the good times of an elementary school experience that differs so much from that which is experienced by young children today.

When the school is, or was, located in a rural area with very few roads that were then dignified with names, it is perhaps well to provide a map that shows, in current terms, the location of that school. The map is considered necessary, because when any mention is made of Midway School, most people who now live in Crittenden County assume that it was in, or near, the village of Midway that is located on U.S. 60 West about midway between Marion and Salem.

This Midway School was located between Weldon and Piney Roads. The pupils were residents of farms located within about a two-mile radius of the school. Nearby school districts were Crayne, Lone Star, Piney Fork, Pleasant Hill and Marion. There were generally about 30 pupils enrolled during the period attended by this writer.

The school building consisted of a large rectangular classroom area

with desks down each side, and additional rows at the rear portion of the room behind the pot-bellied stove in the center of the room. There was a side room located at the western front end of the main classroom. That side room was the place where lunch buckets, water bucket and some supplies were kept. There were four doors in the building. Two of those doors were located in the front of the classroom; one was located at the front of the side room, and the fourth door was in the center of the back of the classroom.

The entrance steps were large flat sandstones. I noted during a 1986 visit to the site that those stones had been replaced by concrete. In fact, those steps, and some of the brick columns that supported the school, were the only remaining parts of the structure. The entire former school property is completely overgrown with a dense growth of brushes, briars and some small trees.

Another relic that was left was the remains of the pot-bellied coal stove that heated the classroom. Those remains were almost buried under the briars and bushes. That old coal stove represented the first money I ever earned. As was done in so many of the rural schools of that era, the teacher would often pay an older pupil to start the fire and sweep out the classroom. My pay for this was 10 cents a day. In today's terms, that seemed to be very little; however, as I was gently reminded by a former Midway teacher, that 10 cents represented ten percent of the teacher's salary of \$30 per month.

The bell that was mounted in a small cupola atop the front of the school was used to inform the pupils, and the community nearby, that school was in session. It was rung by the teacher who used a rope that extended down into the classroom near the

teacher's station. I was informed several years ago that Ralph Paris is the owner of that bell. One other reminder of the school building is to be found in two houses in Marion. The houses at 809 and 811 East Depot Street were built with some of the lumber from the school that was salvaged by Hughey James.

The two remaining buildings of the school complex were the coal house that was adjacent to the rear end of the main building, and the girls' outhouse that was located about 50 yards from the southwest corner of the building. The boys of the school did not rate a privacy area. The trees and undergrowth of the northeast quadrant of the school served as a privacy screen.

The school property was located atop a small hill between two small branches of Butler Creek. The hill is 630 feet above sea level. The property is about three acres in size. A small, unimproved play area was at the front of the school building. This area served as a ball field, racetrack, or whatever other use the pupils' imagination could provide.

There were three large trees near the play area. The oak trees provided an excellent area around their bases for eating lunch during good weather. These lunches were carried in a small bucket that formerly contained lard. No matter how these lard buckets were washed and cleaned, they still always smelled of the lard they once contained.

Drinking water for the school was carried from a spring located at the east side of the school, just across the small branch that flowed at the bottom of the hill. The water was cool, clear and good tasting. The privilege of 'fetching' the water was prized among the older boys. A trip to the spring provided both the opportunity to escape from the classroom and, for those who smoked, the chance to get out the Bull Durham sack and roll a cigarette.

Each school day would normally start with each student recit-

ing a verse of scripture. Almost invariably, the first person chosen would quote John 11:35, "Jesus Wept."

The academic portion of the day frequently started with group singing of one or more songs from the Hall & McCreary "Golden Book of Favorite Songs." At other times, the pupils might read selections from the same book.

Friday afternoon was often spent in what might well be called "Scholastic Competition." All the students took part in the spelling bee contest and the mathematics contest. For the spelling bee, the pupils in the upper grades would line up on opposite sides of the room and the teacher would start down the lines as he/she pronounced the words to be spelled. If you missed a word you sat down. The last person left standing was the winner. For the mathematics contest, the teacher would state a problem to the students standing at the blackboards. The first pupil to correctly solve the problem was the winner.

Community social gatherings were not a frequent event at Midway. At times, during the early autumn, a box or pie supper would be held for the purpose of raising funds to be used for something extra for the school. Competition for the box supper brought by a popular young lady could raise the bidding to the astronomical price of \$1 or even more. When this happened, it must have been because, by some means, more than one bidder must have known exactly who had prepared that delicacy.

The community event most appreciated by the students was the annual Christmas tree. Some parent would furnish a cedar tree from their farm. The tree was decorated with strings of popcorn, chain rings, tinsel icicles and ornaments made by the students. There were no lights on the tree, simply because there was no electricity at the school.

The program would consist of some of the fine old Christmas carols, sung acappella because there was not a piano.



This group of students attended Midway School, a short distance off the Weldon and Coleman roads. Pictured are 1. James Kemper, Carlos Wilson, 3. Lorene Rice, 4. Mable Hodge, 5. Evah Lee Brantley, 6. Wendell Matthews, 7. Guthrie Hughes, 8. George Rice, 9. Reed Kemper, 10. Robert Hill, 11. Gwendolyn Guess, 12. Mable Hunt, 13. Esther Hill, 14. Hayden Hunt, 15. Harley Hunt, 16. Loyd Matthews, 17. Ray Wilson, 18. John B. Paris, Teacher, 19. Mildred Guess, 20. Marie Hodge, 21. Mildred Matthews, 22. Velda Hodge, 23. Nine Mae Paris, 24. Houston Paris, 25. Gladys Guess, 26. Rowena Holliman, 27. Ted Hunt, 28. Unknown, 29. Rugenia Hill, 30. Ena Hodge, 31. Bill Agee, 32. Clemmie Elkins and 33. Mildred Hill.

The pupils would present a program of recitations, a short Christmas play, or perhaps a solo rendition of an appropriate song. At the end of the program, gifts were exchanged and the school would be dismissed for the eagerly awaited mid-winter holiday break.

Despite the lack of what is now considered essential to provide the proper environment and materials for learning, the one-room country school was, at least for me, a good experience. The values of cooperation, behavior, respect for others and, in most cases, learning that was emphasized by our teachers and re-enforced in our homes resulted in good, solid citizens. As I reflect on the 50 or so

schoolmates that I can recall from the period of 1924 through 1932, I am unable to recall one who did not develop into an adult who is, or was, a credit to Midway School, Crittenden County and our county.

Our days attending these little one- or two-room schools all over rural Crittenden County left lasting and happy memories of another day and time in our childhood when life was slower and simpler.

(Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com).

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Quickley’s aunt aims to support, spoil

When Kentucky opens NCAA Tournament play in Jacksonville against Abilene Christian today (Thursday), it is a given that Immanuel Quickley’s aunt, Demetria Caldwell, will be there supporting the Wildcats. Actually, no matter where the Cats would have been playing, she was going to come.

“I did not miss any UK home games, including Big Blue Madness and the Blue/White game,” said Caldwell. “I am going to be there no matter where UK plays here on out. I will just figure it out as I go. Even in high school there was never a question if I was going somewhere to watch him play. The only question was who was going with me and I could always find somebody.”

Caldwell was at the SEC Tournament in Nashville along with her mother, Quickley’s 10-year-old sister, Shiloh, and other family members. Nitrease Quickley, the UK freshman’s mother, is an educator in Baltimore where they live and didn’t make the SEC so she could hopefully attend NCAA Tournament games.

“She is very passionate about her job,” Caldwell said. “I am a business analyst, so I can work from anywhere. But his little sister has said she is not missing anything from here on out. She loves BBN and watching her brother play.” Immanuel Quickley was glad to have his sister in Nashville watching him play.

“I hadn’t seen my sister in a couple of weeks, so it was great to see her. She is playing basketball, too, and doing really well. I am proud of her and love when she gets to see me play,” Immanuel Quickley said.

The Quickley family travels well. When he played in the McDonald’s All-American Game in Atlanta last year, about 40 family members came on a bus from Baltimore to the game. When he played for Team USA in Egypt on

a team coached by John Calipari, the freshman’s mother and grandmother were there. When he played for Team USA in Spain, his mother, grandmother and Caldwell all were there. His grandmother had to miss some games this year because she slipped on ice in Maryland and fractured her ankle.

“I have loved watching him play since he was 4 years old, and he was not supposed to be playing on a team then,” Caldwell laughed and said.

Turns out she was coaching a rec league team for players ages 5-6 but was a player short at a game.

“Immanuel was always with me, so I said, ‘Here we go. Just play. Don’t tell your mom,’” Caldwell said. “He made every shot. I got to keep him (on the team) and he’s been playing ever since.”

“When I played for her, I just shot every single play every time I could. That was the best part about playing for her,” the Kentucky freshman said.

Caldwell has liked what she has seen from her nephew this year. He started seven games early in the season but has settled smoothly into his role coming off the bench and playing either guard position. He’s averaging 5.5 points, 1.8 rebounds, 1.3 assists and 18.6 minutes per game. He’s one of the team’s top foul shooters at 82.8 percent.

“He has been kind of what I thought he would be this year,” Caldwell said. “He has been gradually excelling more and more. He loves being in the gym. He’s a gym rat and goes from his dorm room to the gym. Instead of a 30-minute trip like it was at home to get to the gym, he has a 30-step walk now. He’s a team player. He’s very content to determine what the team needs to win and then do that.”

Caldwell interacts with all Kentucky fans that she can. She says her experience with the fans has been “amazing” all season, including the SEC Tournament.

You can normally spot her in the crowd because she wears a pink UK baseball hat.

“I was in Kentucky and I needed a hat. We went to the store at the mall and I saw this pink hat,” Caldwell said. “My mom puts No. 5 on all my hats, but I wear that pink one every game to just throw something in there with that sea of blue. Plus, Immanuel also has a good idea where I am at then because he knows I am there.”

The UK freshman says he can “definitely hear her” and sometimes can make eye contact with her.

“She loves me a lot. We have had a bond pretty much since I was born. She has been like a mother to me along with my mom. Great people, love them to death. She is not exactly my age but she gets the younger generation. We are kind of close and she kind of spoils me while my mom is more of the disciplinarian type, so it balances out,” Quickley

said. Caldwell won’t deny spoiling him — but in the right way.

“It’s not like spoiled milk because that is bad. It’s more like Christmas morning because you are overflowing with emotion and the expectations of doing well. As long as he remains a good kid and a humble kid, I’ll keep spoiling him, too.”

Ashton Hagans

Former Mississippi coach Andy Kennedy is now a SEC Network analyst and has watched Kentucky play often this season. He believes freshman point guard Ashton Hagans can be a significant factor in NCAA Tournament play when UK faces teams it has not played before this season.

“He is very disruptive on defense,” Kennedy said after watching UK again last week at the SEC Tournament. “I also think his offense has come a million miles. He knows now he can play in this league and he has some unique abilities. He’s a little loose sometimes with the ball but when he is creating chaos on defense and even on offense with his speed, you can live with that.”

Kennedy said before the season started he talked to the Kentucky coaching staff about Hagans and they were all “raving” about him and the ways he could change a game.

“I would compare him to (former UK player) Eric Bledsoe, who is maybe the best on-ball defender that Cal (John Calipari) has had at Kentucky,” Kennedy said. “Offensively, he’s really improved, too, he I think when teams have not seen him he will get into the

lane even more in postseason play.”

Kennedy says he never coached a player who can do the things Hagans can.

“I never had a player like him who had the ability to sit down (on defense) and stay in front of the ball any time he wants,” Kennedy said. “He may get a little exposed at times because he takes some chances, but he also can really disrupt the other team’s offense a lot and that’s tough to prepare for.”

Florida assistant coach Darris Nichols says Hagans has learned to just make the needed plays on offense.

“On defense, he just defends. Nothing complicated. He just guards you,” Nichols said. “On offense, he runs the team and doesn’t take bad shots. He knows which shots are good shots for him and the team. He doesn’t try to do anything he can’t do and that might sound simple, but not every freshman can do that.”

Hagans says his goal in NCAA play will be to just “play my game” no matter what.

“I try to see how the other team is going to play me and then take advantage of that,” Hagans said. “I just want to attack. This whole year has been a great experience. This is my dream school. I came here to get to the NCAA, now I got to go fight every night because nobody wants to lose again.

Rematch with Tar Heels

Kentucky beat North Carolina in December in Chicago and could meet the Tar Heels again in the NCAA Tournament if both teams advance to the Mid-

west Region final in Kansas City, North Carolina is the No. 1 seed in the region and UK the second seed.

Both teams have to win three games for that to happen and Calipari insisted he had not seen the Tar Heels play since December when the Cats beat them.

“I watch ‘The Last Frontier, Life Below Zero.’ Anybody watch those? The whole time I’m telling my wife I can do that. She’s like, ‘Pssh you can’t do that.’ Building Off The Grid. Anybody watch that? I’m giving you stuff to help your culture.

“No, I didn’t watch the Top Chef, even that episode (he was in when the show was filmed in Lexington) I haven’t. I don’t have time for that. So, I’m not watching other teams. I get to watch my own team and I get to watch the opponents we’re playing.”

Obviously, Calipari was not wanting to talk about the Tar Heels knowing a rematch is a long way off with the upsets that occur in March Madness.

“I’d like to have a life so I may turn on a game for five minutes and I watch it. I think I watched the Duke versus North Carolina game for about three minutes in the first half,” he said. “North Carolina, I think I was like wow and then they told me what the score was, and I said how in the world did that happen.

“North Carolina’s playing good. The point guard’s playing good. They’re good. I’m not worried about them, we have to get through Abilene Christian (on Thursday). That’s all I’m worried about right now.”

March Madness pairings for Kentucky teams



MIDWEST REGION
¹⁵**Abilene Chr.** (27-6)
²**Kentucky** (27-6)
6:10 p.m. today (Thursday)
Jacksonville, Fla. / CBS
Win advances UK to Saturday vs. Wofford/Seton Hall



WEST REGION
¹²**Murray State** (26-5)
⁵**Marquette** (24-10)
3:30 p.m. today (Thursday)
Hartford, Conn. / TBS
Win advances MSU to Saturday vs. Florida State/Vermont



EAST REGION
¹²**Minnesota** (21-13)
⁷**Louisville** (20-13)
11:15 a.m. today (Thursday)
Des Moines, Iowa / CBS
Win advances UofL to Saturday vs. Michigan State/Bradley



WEST REGION
¹⁴**N. Kentucky** (26-5)
³**Texas Tech** (24-10)
12:30 p.m. Friday
Tulsa, Okla. / TNT
Win advances NKU to Sunday vs. Buffalo/Ariz. State/St. John’s

Lady Rockets win big, Rockets fall in diamond openers

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County out-hit Caldwell County in Monday’s high school baseball opener at Princeton, but a porous defense led to a 12-5 loss.

The Tigers, No. 5 in the Second Region pre-season poll, scored in every inning except two and plated four in the third as starter Breyer Riley got the win for Caldwell.

The Rockets hit well. Crittenden had three singles in the first inning and scored a run to take its only lead of the contest.

Senior Payton Riley got the start for the Rockets.

He worked into the third inning before being relieved. Sophomore Trace Adams and senior Pate Robinson finished off the game on the hill for Crittenden.

Riley, Adams and Maddox Carlson had two hits apiece for Crittenden, and sophomore Tyler Boone drove in three runs on one hit. Junior Jayden Carlson and freshman Ben Evans also had hits for the Rockets. Adams scored three of the team’s five runs.

Boone is scheduled for surgery in a couple of weeks to clear up a nag-

ging knee injury and could miss several weeks of the season. The Rockets are also without starting shortstop Gabe Mott, who has a broken foot suffered in basketball season. (See complete season preview on Page 12 of this issue).

Lady Rockets

Crittenden County’s softball season started off on a positive note Monday at Hopkins Central. The girls peppered the Storm with 14 hits en route to a 13-8 win.

Central hit a couple of home runs, but Crittenden was just as good at

Preseason media polls

BASEBALL

1. Christian County
2. Union County
3. Henderson County
4. Madisonville
5. Caldwell County
6. Hopkinsville
7. University Heights
8. Lyon County
9. Webster County
10. Trigg County

SOFTBALL

1. Christian County
2. Madisonville
3. Caldwell County
4. Webster County
5. Trigg County
6. Henderson County
7. Lyon County
8. Crittenden County
9. Union County
10. Hopkinsville

the plate with three extra-base hits. Jenna Potter led the charge with three singles and an RBI. Ashlyn Hicks, Kalli Champion,

Hannah Cooksey and Emmie Smith had a couple of hits apiece. Cooksey and Smith each had a double. Jessie Potter had

a triple in the game and Brandy Book had one hit and three RBIs. Smith also drove in three. Her sister, Ellie Smith had a single and scored a run.

Jenna Potter went the distance on the mound, scattering 10 hits over seven innings. She struck out three and walked three. Hopkins Central committed eight errors in the game and Crittenden had two.

The Lady Rockets are ranked No. 8 in the region this season after finishing among the final four in last year’s regional tournament.

New waterfowl hunting and fishing regulations proposed

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission proposed several new hunting and fishing regulations affecting waterfowl, bear and various fish species at its quarterly meeting earlier this month.

The commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly. Legislators must approve all recommendations before they become law.

In fisheries-related business, the commission recommended a number of changes, including:

- Amend special catfish regulations at several wildlife management area lakes and ponds.
- Allow the sale of Asian carp taken by sport fishing methods.
- Set a restricted fishing zone around the lock

KET hosts annual turkey call-in show Saturday

STAFF REPORT

Spring turkey hunting season is around the corner. To prepare, viewers can tune in to this year’s annual “Kentucky Afield Turkey Call-In.” The program airs live 7:30 p.m. Saturday on KET. It will encore 3 p.m. Sunday on KET and 3:30 p.m. next Thursday on KET2.

“Kentucky Afield” host Chad Miles is joined by a panel of experts from the

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources who address viewers’ questions about turkey hunting regulations, best places to hunt, successful calling strategies, safety precautions and more.

“Kentucky Afield Turkey Hunting Call-In” is a co-production of KET and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Carl Babcock is producer and director.

chamber at Lake Barkley.

- Remove weekend commercial fishing restriction for the Asian carp harvest program.

If approved by legislators, fisheries regulations not considered an emer-

gency would take effect March 1, 2020.

In wildlife-related business, commission members recommended:

- Opening wildlife management areas being used for quota pheasant hunts

Commission members also proposed the following early migratory bird and waterfowl season dates for the 2019-2020 seasons:

- Doves: - Sept. 1-Oct. 26, 2019; Nov. 28-Dec. 8, 2019; Dec. 21, 2019-Jan. 12, 2020.
- Rails and Gallinules: Sept. 1-Nov. 9, 2019.
- Wilson’s Snipe: Sept. 18-Oct. 27, 2019; Nov. 28, 2019-Feb. 2, 2020.
- Sandhill Cranes: Dec. 2, 2019-Jan. 26, 2020.
- Wood duck and teal: Sept. 21-25, 2019.
- Teal only: Sept. 26-29, 2019.
- Early Canada Goose: Sept. 16-30, 2019.
- Duck, Coots and Mergansers: Nov. 28-Dec. 1, 2019; Dec. 7, 2019-Jan. 31, 2020.
- Canada Goose, White-fronted Goose, Snow

Goose and Brant: Nov. 28, 2019-Feb. 15, 2020.

- Snow Goose Conservation Order Season: Feb. 16.-March 31, 2020.

Youth Waterfowl Seasons: Eastern Zone: Nov. 2-3, 2019; Western Zone: Feb. 1-2, 2020.

- Falconry: Nov. 28, 2019-Feb. 15, 2020.

In final business, the commission tabled a proposal to change hunter education requirements to make optional the range day requirement.

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission next meets in June. The department posts finalized meeting agendas online at FW.ky.gov. Video replays of past meetings of committees and the full commission are posted online via the “Commission and Committee Meeting Archive” link on the department’s homepage.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

February Rocket Role Models

February Rocket Role Models exhibiting the character trait committment at Crittenden County Elementary School are (front from left) Addie McMackin, Braylen Brown, Griffin Wright, Shayde Piper, Addison Borden, Sophia Smith, (second row) Reid Poindexter, Brooke Dahl, Brinley Tramble, Katrina Scott, Jazzy Travis, Kate Epley, (third row) Miley Hayes, Madison Teas, Luke Binkley, Addie Morries, Emery Pollard, April Dismore, Taryn McCann, Marlee Sosh, (back) Ashlee Sosh, Logan Shaffer, Gunner Topp, Dalton Murray, Alivia Caudill, Aiden Curnel, Lilah Sherer and Andrea Federico. Not pictured are Aubrey Walker, Barrett Brown and Ethan Todd.

School district to get \$7,000 KSBIT refund

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Schools and scores of other districts across the state will be receiving part of a \$5 million refund from payments to the failing Kentucky School Boards Insurance Trust (KSBIT) Fund.

On Monday, the Kentucky Department of Insurance (DOI) and Kentucky Employers' Mutual Insurance (KEMI) received authorization from Franklin Circuit Court to disburse the money to 194 members of the KSBIT Fund, including numerous county boards of education, colleges and cooperatives throughout the Commonwealth.

According to Superintendent Vince Clark, Crittenden County School

District will be receiving \$7,010 in pro-rated funds. The money will go back into the school system's general fund to support students and programs. Clark said the money could possibly be used to purchase more Chromebooks to be assigned to students.

"Because of diligent administration of workers' compensation claims by the Kentucky Department of Insurance and KEMI over the past several years, K-12 and post-secondary school boards and cooperatives across the Commonwealth will soon have additional funds to utilize," said Gov. Matt Bevin.

DOI petitioned and was appointed rehabilitator over the failing KSBIT

Workers' Compensation Self Insurance Fund (KSBIT-WC) and the KSBIT Property Liability Fund (KSBIT-PL) in November 2013. At the time, KSBIT-WC had a reported deficit of over \$35 million, for which members were liable. To shore up the failing insurer, KEMI agreed to assume all unpaid workers' compensation claims in the multi-million dollar liability amount. Beginning in November 2014, KEMI began administering all the workers' compensation claims and to return excess money if claims were lower expected.

"In some unfortunate cases, the Department must act to protect covered members," said DOI Commissioner Nancy G. Atkins. "I am so pleased that we have already returned nearly \$2.8 million to KSBIT members in this case. This additional \$5 million disbursement is a testament to KEMI's ability to oversee complex and otherwise costly claims. Its successful efforts will increase the coffers of our

local school boards, colleges, and universities."

A recent actuarial study confirmed that KEMI's claims administration substantially reduced liabilities, resulting in approximately \$5 million in savings to the assessed KSBIT members. Franklin Circuit Judge Thomas Wingate agreed and approved the commissioner's plan to distribute \$5 million to member education institutions.

KSBIT will disburse the funds through a pro rata distribution, beginning today (Thursday).

OBITUARIES

Springs

Erma Jean Springs, 72, of Salem died Sunday, March 17, 2019, at Livingston Hospital & Healthcare Services in Salem.

She enjoyed working at painting and hanging curtains and wallpaper and going to yard sales. She attended Lola Pentecostal Church.

Springs is survived by her husband of 54 years, Norman Springs of Salem; a son, James Timothy Springs of Salem; two sisters, Faye Baker of Salem and Evelyn Orenduff of Tucson, Ariz.; three brothers, Tom Harris of Salem and Billy and Robert Harris of Brook, Ind.; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Norman Anthony Springs; sisters, Viola Miller, Emma Lou Belt, Leona Belt, Carolyn Mendez and Shirley Hackney; brothers, Buddy Harris, Tom Agent, Claude Agent, Jerry Agent and Denny Harris; her stepmother, Estelle Harris; and her parents, Ules and Valada Shuecraft Harris.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today (Thursday) in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem, with Bros. Tim Fouts and Billy Baker officiating. Burial will follow in Lola Pentecostal Church Cemetery.

Visitation with the family was from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Sexton

David Franklin Sexton, 85, of Joy died Friday, March 15, 2019, at Crittenden Health Systems.

He was a retired coal miner, attended Lola Pentecostal Church and was a 50-year-plus member of Carrsville Lodge F&AM No. 812.

Sexton is survived by his sons, Keeven (Jan) Sexton of Paducah, Greg Sexton of Marion, Wesley (Shannon) Sexton of Joy; a daughter, Deborah (Eddie) Wright of Marion; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Pratt and Ruby Sexton; an infant son, David Ronald Sexton; and his wife, Willa Jean Workman Sexton.

Funeral services were Tuesday at Myers Funeral Home in Marion, with burial on Sexton's farm in Joy.

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Wedding schedules can make ‘big day’ smoother

METRO SERVICES

Wedding days can be hectic. In fact, many couples note after tying the knot that their wedding days were so busy that the ceremonies and receptions were over before they knew it.

Creating a wedding day schedule can seem like a daunting task. Couples tend to have lots of things to do before saying “I do,” and organizing everything so ceremonies begin on time can seem as puzzling as a brain teaser. But certain scheduling strategies can help couples ensure they look their best and make it to the altar on time.

- Start with the ceremony. Couples can establish a framework for their wedding day schedule by working back from the ceremony. Once the ceremony time is set, couples who plan to take photos before their ceremonies can then work with their photographers to determine how much time they will need for photos and where they want to take the photos. Bridal

parties may need transportation to the photo session, so determining when and where to take photos before the ceremony gives couples an idea of when to arrange for pickup.

- Confirm when the wedding venue is open to the wedding party. Before booking hair and makeup appointments, couples should confirm when they will be able to access their wedding venue. Brides may want to get their hair and makeup done at the ceremony sight, but that may only be possible if the venue opens early for the wedding party. If it does not, then brides must account for transportation time to the ceremony sight when making their wedding day schedules.

- Determine how much time is needed for hair and makeup. Weddings that feature large bridal parties will require more time for hair and makeup than ceremonies with small bridal parties. Grooms and groomsmen often take care of their own hair, though some grooms might want to

schedule hot shaves for themselves and their groomsmen.

Grooms should ask groomsmen if they want a hot shave and then work with their barbers to determine how much time it will take to tend to all participants. Brides with large bridal parties may need to book more than two hair and makeup artists so everyone can get done on time. Wedding hair and makeup sessions can last several hours for large bridal parties, so brides should schedule their sessions early if their parties are big.

- Make lunch arrangements. Some couples choose to tie the knot and host their receptions at the same venue. In such instances, if brides are getting their hair and makeup done at the venue, ask the venue representative if lunch can be provided to the bridal party. Some venues may include small lunch buffets in their reception costs, while others might charge extra. Confirm the availability and costs, and if it's unavailable

or too expensive, then arrange for lunch to be delivered. Either way, couples should not skip lunch, as it may be their only chance to eat until after the ceremony.

- Distribute your schedule to one another and the bridal party. Once the wedding day schedule has been devised, couples should share it with each other and their wedding parties. Grooms' wedding day to-do lists might not be as extensive as brides', but grooms should still be kept in the loop regarding the schedule so they can help if anyone has questions or if something goes awry. Sharing the schedule with the wedding party decreases the chances of someone being late or missing an appointment.

Couples can solve the riddle of scheduling their wedding days by working backwards and asking their vendors to cooperate in laying out the day's events.

Five reasons engagement photos work

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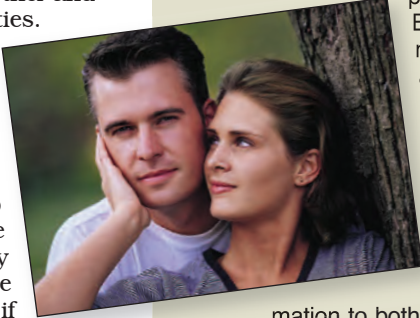
During their engagements, couples will make many decisions in regard to their weddings. Wedding planning can sometimes seem like a runaway train of appointments, schedules and deadlines. As a result, some couples do not take the time to enjoy being engaged, which is a special and unique time in their lives.

Engagement photo shoots can be a unique way for couples to commemorate and enjoy the months

preceding their weddings. Engagement photos memorialize the engagement and provide many additional benefits as well.

1 Engagement photo shoots give couples a chance to connect with their photographers. Booking an engagement photo shoot provides helpful information to both the couple and the photographer.

The photographer gets to see how the couple interacts in front of the lens and can determine any insecurities or strengths and weaknesses couples may have. These lessons can be filed away and help make wedding day photos look better. Similarly, spending time with the photographer gives the couple an opportunity to develop a rapport with their photographer. If couples and their photographer don't click, scheduling an engagement shoot



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Wedding registries are invaluable resources that provide engaged couples' loved ones with gift suggestions. In spite of that value, couples may find it daunting to build their wedding registries.

Building wedding registry needs planning for best possible result

METRO SERVICES

Building a wedding registry is a task unlike any other couples may encounter during their lifetimes. Wedding registries are invaluable resources that provide engaged couples' loved ones with gift suggestions. In spite of that value, couples may find it daunting and even a little uncomfortable to build their wedding registries.

Building a wedding registry can feel like walking a tightrope. Couples likely won't want to ask for too much or for gifts that are too expensive, but a poorly built registry can be a major inconvenience for guests. The following tips can help couples build adequate registries that benefit them without asking too much of their guests.

- Register with more than one store. It's impor-

tant to register with more than one store. Doing so makes things as convenient as possible for guests and increases the chances they will be able to shop at stores they're familiar with. Unless your guest list is predominantly local, try to register with at least one national chain so guests who live in different regions can shop for gifts in-person if they prefer to do so.

- Make a large list. Some couples are hesitant to make large wedding registries, feeling that doing so gives the impression that they're asking for too much. But large registries simply give guests more options to choose from. Many industry insiders advise registering for two to three gifts per guest. That might seem like a lot, but guests will appreciate having all of

those options.

- Don't hesitate to include expensive items on your registry. Couples also may be hesitant to include especially expensive items on their wedding registries. However, the couples' parents and other close relatives may be honored to purchase more expensive items, so couples should not feel embarrassed to include them on their lists. It's also important to note that many retailers, after couples' wedding days have come and gone, discount registry items that weren't purchased. So even if no one purchases the more expensive items, including them on a registry may significantly reduce their cost for couples who want to buy such items themselves after tying the knot.
- Vary the prices of items on the list. In addi-

tion to including more expensive items on the registry, make sure to include moderately priced and inexpensive items. This gives guests more options and ensures guests who might be spending a lot to travel to and from the wedding can still purchase gifts without digging too much deeper into their pockets.

- Periodically update the registries. Periodically update your registries to remove items you have already received and to add items if many of the less expensive ones have already been purchased. This also makes things more convenient for guests.

Building a wedding registry is a unique task that couples can embrace as their wedding day draws near.

Wedding website don'ts to watch for

METRO SERVICES

Technology continues to infiltrate all areas of life. So it should come as no surprise that apps and digital organization play a prominent role in many couples' weddings. Couples may now feel it is necessary to design a wedding website to keep their guests up-to-date.

Though they're useful when planning a wedding, websites are not a must-have, according to bridal etiquette experts. However, those who choose to delve into the world of wedding websites can keep these pointers

in mind when navigating.

- DO use the wedding website as a central hub for putting pertinent information about the wedding that may not be covered on invitations or save-the-date cards.
- DON'T ignore the potential for identity theft and privacy. Wedding websites can put quite a deal of personal information out for public consumption. Not only will the website advertise when the wedding takes place (when your home and the homes of all your guests will be empty), but also it could include

birthdays, maiden names, and other information that would normally be more difficult to track down.

- DO use a wedding website provider that gives you the option to password protect your website. Urge guests not to share this protected information with others.
- DON'T caption engagement photos, bachelorette party photos and more with dates and names on the wedding website and on other social media.
- DO skip the wedding website if you are strongly opposed to it. When prop-

erly composed, a wedding invitation will convey all the pertinent details. A group email or phone calls can alert guests to any changes after the fact.

- DON'T forget to link to gift registries.
- DO use the wedding website to collect responses and then make a table seating arrangement online. This will help you stay more organized and streamlined.

Wedding websites are yet another tool couples can use to stay organized as they plan their weddings.

Take care with wedding dress fittings

METRO SERVICES

Because fashion preferences were once ornate and dependent on precise fits, ready-to-wear clothing really did not become widely available until the early 20th century. Such attire is now available in just about any retail store.

Because ready-to-wear clothing is so readily available, the average person may be unfamiliar with custom-made or tailored items. In fact, a couples' wedding may be the only time in their lives when they require the services of a seamstress or tailor.

Fittings are a part of wedding planning, and here's how brides-to-be can navigate the process of finding and being fitted for

a dress.

- Try on sample gowns. The first step is to make your rounds to various gown shops and try on the samples they have available. Most sample sizes will not be the size you wear every day, so expect them to be ill-fitting. Do not be discouraged. Once a gown is chosen, the dress shop will take your measurements and order the gown according to the manufacturer's sizing guide. Again, this can be shocking, since the size will likely be larger than what you wear in street clothes. Some shops will also order a little larger to allow for adequate tailoring.
- Schedule the first fitting. The first fitting should

be anywhere from eight to 12 weeks before the wedding date, according to experts at WeddingWire, an online wedding information provider. This is the time it takes to complete most standard alterations. Complex customizations can take even longer. Brides should also budget a minimum of \$500 for alterations, which may or may not be included in the price of the dress.

- Bring shoes and undergarments. Remember to bring along the exact shoes and undergarments you will wear with your gown. A change in shoes or bra/corset can result in the alterations fitting poorly the next time. Bring these items along to all subsequent fittings.
- Speak up. Martha Stewart Weddings suggests speaking up at fittings if anything is uncomfortable or needs tweaking. Seamstresses are masters at their crafts, but only if they understand the desires of the bride.
- Check the details. The second fitting is designed to

check that all issues from the first fitting have been addressed, the gown is comfortable and you can move freely. At the last fitting, ask the maid of honor to come along so that she understands how to bustle or help you handle complicated straps or closures.

Open communication with a seamstress and bridal shop can ensure brides-to-be get a dress that fits like a glove.

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well in advance of the wedding gives couples a chance to find someone else to take their photos.

2. An engagement photo shoot gives couples time to spend together. An engagement photo shoot is an ideal time to spend an afternoon in a special location focusing on each other without wedding planning taking up your time.
3. Photo shoots provide a chance to get comfortable in front of the camera. Professional photographs taken before the wedding enables couples to view how they will appear in pictures. Seeing these photos might help couples grow more comfortable in front of the camera. This practice can help couples temper their anxieties prior to the wedding. An engagement shoot also can be a great time for couples to speak with their photographers about angles or styles they prefer or dislike.
4. The bride and groom have save-the-date or social media photos. Engagement photographs can be used for save-the-date cards or social media postings (check with the photographer for licensing agreements). This can be a great way to spread excitement about the upcoming nuptials.
5. Photo shoots provide a chance to experiment with vivid backdrops. Engagement photography

gives couples plenty of opportunities to experiment with different locales, which may not be possible come the wedding day.

Engagement photography can be a worthwhile inclusion in pre-wedding celebrations.

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Cost of average U.S. wedding climbs to just under \$34,000

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The Knot 2018 Real Weddings Study has officially arrived! We surveyed over 14,000 couples married in 2018 to uncover the latest trends and overall wedding spend in America, including the new national average cost of a wedding: \$33,931 (excluding honeymoon expenses). Five years ago, that price was \$28,427.

Before you start hyperventilating, remember—this is an average dollar amount calculated by combining the total cost of thousands of real couples' weddings, then dividing that sum by the number of couples surveyed.

Keep in mind too, these couples come from all over the US and have entirely different wedding budgets, locations, head counts and styles. What they end up spending naturally varies—a lot. Throwing a wedding in a densely populated, expensive destination (a big city like New York or Chicago) costs more than it does in a smaller, more rural or less populated locale (Idaho, West Virginia or Wyoming).

So, what's all that money going toward? Couples are investing in super-personalized events infused with meaningful details, and 29 percent hire a professional planner to help them pull it off. Many wholeheartedly embrace or blend their cultural customs, while others intentionally turn tradition on its head—by paying homage to pop culture (Harry Potter stilettoes, anyone?), nixing old-school activities (like the garter toss)



or reinventing big moments to suit their individual style (tequila shot unity ceremonies are never a bad idea!). At the end of the day, they want their wedding to be a true expression of their love story, and for guests to leave saying, "That was so them."

Speaking of guests, cou-

ples go to great lengths to make sure their loved ones have an absolute blast: The average couple hosts 136 guests, and the average spend per guest is \$258. Besides the expected food, drink and music, 38 percent of couples hire above-and-beyond reception entertainment. We're

talking live tattoo artists, cigar-rolling stations and craft margarita bars, to name a few.

And, of course, no wedding can happen without an entire team of incredible vendors. To-be-weds continue to lean on best-in-class local pros to make their day unforgettable,

Be flexible to handle wedding day weather

METRO SERVICES

Brides and grooms fear the prospects of rainy wedding days. But even couples who have contended with everything from a few drops to an all-out deluge on their wedding days look back fondly on the ceremonies and receptions. In fact, how couples handle any precipitation can affect how happy the festivities may be.

- Have a rainy day game plan. Rain affects outdoor weddings more than any other type of ceremony or reception. If the goal is to exchange vows outdoors, work with the venue to make this possible with a tent or gazebo. However, if the weather is especially foul and windy, move it indoors.

- Invest in golf umbrellas. Couples who live in notoriously damp climates can purchase golf umbrellas, which tend to be larger than the average umbrella, and keep them stationed in decorated stands to ease transitions between wedding sites and keep everyone as dry as possible.

- Wear waterproof cosmetics. Women in the bridal party, including the bride, can ask their makeup artists to use durable, waterproof products. This can help salvage beautifully composed looks should some drops

begin to fall.

- Know vendors' rain policies. Some live musicians will not play in damp weather. Florists may need to make accommodations for arrangements blowing in the wind. Couples need to understand what they're responsible for and what may be covered if a weather event occurs. Wedding insurance may help cover the costs of nonrefundable cancellations.

- Move past it quickly. It is okay to get upset if the weather turns for the worse. But don't dwell on it. Guests will sense negative energy, and couples should set the tone of sticking it through despite a little adversity — which can be a good lesson for the marriage as well.

- Embrace the rain. While a couple probably won't wish for rain, there are some benefits to overcast skies, say the wedding professionals at Brides magazine. Flowers are less likely to wilt in rainy conditions. In the absence of bright sunlight, outdoor photographs can really pop. Rain is romantic and may compel couples and their guests to cuddle close.

Don't let rain on a wedding day become a drag. With preparation and perspective, couples can handle rainy wedding days.

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Burna legion funds literacy program

Burna Legion Auxiliary Unit 217 is raising money March 31 for a youth literacy program in the Livingston County Schools. A chili and soup luncheon will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the legion hall next to Livingston County Middle School. All donations will be support reading events within the schools, including purchasing books with the hope of building a love for reading. Legion Auxiliary members plan to connect with students and parents by mentoring and reading. Hot dogs, pimientto cheese sandwiches and desserts will also be available at the luncheon.

Extension

– A **Beginner Bee-keeping class** will be held at 6 p p.m., on Thursday (today) at the Extension Annex. Call the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236 to register.

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

– Quilt Club will meet at 9:30 a.m., Monday at the Extension Office.

– Homemakers **International Day** program “Japan – The Land of the Rising Sun” will begin at 2 p.m., Tuesday at the Ed-Tech Center. Janeen Tramble, FCS Agent, will be speaking about her time in Japan. Former members of the Crooked Creed and Morning Glories clubs are invited to attend.

Senior Center

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

Menu and activities include:

Thursday - Menu is baked spaghetti, broccoli salad, Mandarin oranges and garlic breadstick.

Friday - Menu is pork roast, baked sweet potato, blackeyed peas, carrot raisin salad and cornbread. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

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

Tuesday – Menu is sloppy Joe on bun, hash-brown casserole, baked pork ‘n beans, baked apples and raisins.

March 27 – Menu is broccoli soup, baked Italian chicken, stewed potatoes, pears, crackers and rolls. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

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

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

Submit calendar items

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

Essential oils have health benefits

By now, you’ve likely heard about essential oils, but may not be familiar with their benefits and risks. Essential oils are highly concentrated oils derived from plants. While used for centuries, their popularity has soared, especially among individuals looking for natural healing options.

A term you may be more familiar with is aromatherapy, which is one way people use essential oils. While research is limited about the effectiveness of aromatherapy, some studies have shown the practice may have health benefits such as relieving anxiety or depression or improving health and wellness, particularly for those who suffer from chronic illness. Many oils are safe when used as directed, but none are regulated by the U. S. Food and Drug Administration. Because they are not regulated by the FDA, companies do not have to test for quality and purity, but some voluntary do.

The oil you choose to use depends on the ailment you hope to address. No medically endorsed list exists that specifies which oil is best

for treating particular a health condition. The chemistry of oils will vary among different locations, climates, seasons, time of day when harvested, packaging methods, storage method and even among plants. This is in vast contrast to pharmaceuticals that are synthetically reproduced to be the same each time.

You can apply oils in a variety of ways but you would most commonly dilute them with a carrier oil and apply directly on the skin or inhale them. The application method depends on the part of the body you’re trying to support and the type of oil you are using. For example, you would most likely dilute and apply an essential oil topically if you were using it on a wound. It’s most common to inhale oils you are using to enhance your mood for quick results. Some oils can cause skin irritation and you should not apply them directly to the skin. Many oils need to be diluted with a carrier oil such as olive oil or coconut oil before you apply them to your skin. Others may produce an allergic reaction in some

individuals or cause sun sensitivity. If you have questions about an application method, you should consult an aromatherapist.

You should not ingest oils or apply them to mucous membranes such as the inside of your nose or the inside of your mouth. Essential oils should not be used on children under 2 years or who weigh less than 44 pounds. Pregnant women should not use essential oils, and some oils are discouraged among breastfeeding women. If you have asthma or other breathing issues, you should avoid inhaling oils.

UK HealthCare has approved four essential oils for use in aromatherapy when administered by trained professionals within their clinical setting. These oils are ginger, lavender, peppermint and sweet orange.

Before starting any treatment, research the oil and consult qualified health care professionals. Information on other health-related topics are available at the Crittenden County office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service located at 1534 U.S. 60 East in Marion.

Source: Natalie Jones, UK family health extension specialist and UK HealthCare.



Janeen TRAMBLE
FCS Agent
Home Notes



FFA students advancing to state competition are (from left) Cortne Curnel, Kenlee McDaniel, John Claude Duvall, Maggie Blazina and Ellie McGowan.

FFA members earn state trip

Members of the Crittenden County FFA chapter traveled to Murray State University, March 8 to compete in the Pennyrile Public Speaking Career Development Events. Students began the region-wide-tournament in 11 different events which focus on creating situations for members to demonstrate their abilities in public speaking, decision making, communication and their knowledge of agriculture and the FFA organization.

Five students advanced to state competition, including Cortne Curnel, Kenlee McDaniel, John Claude Duvall,

Maggie Blazina, and Ellie McGowan. The following members competed in Friday’s meet:

Ellie McGowan, second place public speaking; John Claude Duvall, first place extemporaneous; Kenlee McDaniel, second place fruit impromptu; Morgan Barnes, third place swine impromptu; Cortne Curnel, first place crop impromptu; Logan Young, excellent poultry impromptu; Anzie Gobin; superior greenhouse impromptu; Gavin Hunt, good horse impromptu; Jacob Drawdy, excellent FFA quiz; Maggie Blazina, second place creed.

Freshman Orientation March 28 at CCHS

To aid students with pre-scheduling, Crittenden County High School is pleased to present Freshman O, an informational event for incoming 9th graders, on Thursday, March 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. The program will begin promptly at 5 p.m., with a meal (chili and nacho bar, compliments of Texas Roadhouse), followed by information about CTE (Career and Technical Education) and other high school course options.

Amanda Irvan, principal of Crittenden County High School, said the purpose of the event is to complete initial scheduling and provide students and parents the opportunity to learn more about the CTE classes and meet the teachers, as well as the freshman sponsors.

“We believe that educating our students and their families on choices they have prior to enrolling in high school gives them the knowledge they need to make informed decisions, which

ultimately leads to a more successful and enjoyable high school experience,” said Irvan.

All freshmen will choose a CTE pathway from the following options: family and consumer science, business, and agriculture. Students will be given more information about these pathways prior to the Freshman O event, and administration and staff will be available that evening to answer any questions students or parents may have.

Additionally, all students completing registration forms the night of the event will be eligible for door prizes. Students who cannot attend Freshman O will be given information on the scheduling process and offered assistance to schedule classes. For more information about the event, phone the high school office at (270) 965-2248 or email tiffany.blazina@crittenden.kyschools.us.



At their regional FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) meeting in Trigg County March 14, Crittenden County High School senior Sydney Coomes (right) accepted the Rosemary Pace Scholarship, a \$500 honor, for her extensive involvement in FCCLA. Other FCCLA students accepted their positions as regional officers at the meeting, including (above from left) Alaina Cowsert, Belle Minton, Kirsten DeBoe, Jenna Potter and Jaimie Burt.



FCCLA award

Maness selected conference tech

For the first time since the early 2000s, a Crittenden County High School student is representing our region at the annual spring KySTE (Kentucky Society for Technology in Education) conference in Louisville.

David Maness, a senior at CCHS, interviewed in early November to be an STLP (Student Technology Leadership Program) Engineer at the

STLP Regional Showcase at Murray State University. Fifteen students from our region interviewed in front of a panel of judges and were scored with a common rubric. Of the 15, only one, Maness, was chosen to represent our region

and provide tech support and assistance at the KySTE conference.

Maness also will represent Crittenden County in April, when he travels to Lexington to assist with the state STLP showcase.

Christmas credit class reminder

If you plan to sign up for Christmas assistance through the Crittenden County Community Christmas Program, you are required to complete three educational/enrichment classes by November. One class was offered last week, and two more are scheduled this spring at the Extension office.

Call (270) 965-5236 to pre-register for an April 29 or May 21 nutrition class, where the featured recipes will be Pineapple Fried Rice and Chicken and Ranch Mushrooms. Instructor is Family and Consumer Science Agent Janeen Tramble.

THANK YOU

The family of Todd Porter would like to express our sincere thanks to family and friends who sent condolences, flowers, gifts, food, donations and most importantly, prayers during our loss.

We also send our gratitude to Bro. Billy Parrish and members of Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The kindness of this community has been amazing and we truly appreciate your support.

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BASEBALL / SOFTBALL
Deadline Thursday
Anyone interested in playing youth baseball, softball or kick-ball at Marion-Crittenden County Park this summer that missed the recent registration and assessment day can sign up by paying a penalty. Final deadline is Thursday. This is for boys and girls ages 4-12. Registration form is at the Dugout Club Facebook page, or The Press Online. Registration forms will be accepted after players are assigned to teams.

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

FOOTBALL
Statistics updated
The Crittenden County Football Record Book maintained by local sports historian Andy Hunt has been updated online with current statistics. Following last year's record-breaking season many of the all-time leader lists had to be re-written. The book is posted in PDF format and can be printed to a desktop printer. It is available at The Press Online under the Sports tab then Football link.

OUTDOORS
Public carp meeting
Area residents can learn more about efforts to combat Asian carp and the state of fishing in western Kentucky during a Town Hall meeting set for 7-9 p.m., Thursday at the Lyon County Convention Center at Lee Jones Park in Eddyville.

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

OUTDOORS
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Youth Turkey April 6-7
Spring Turkey Apr. 13 - May 5

LBL Turkey Season
Land Between the Lakes will have its non-quota turkey hunt in the Kentucky portion of the recreational area April 15-28.



Crittenden County High School's baseball team opened its season this week. Pictured are (front from left) coach Chris Evans, Maddox Carlson, Tate Roberts, Daley Deboe, Ian Ellington, Trace Adams, Logan Bailey, Tanner Beverly, Ben Evans, Braxton Winders, (back) coach Devin Belt, Gabe Mott, Jayden Carlson, Briley Brown, Payton Riley, Pate Robinson, Jayden Carlson, Caden McCalister, Tyler Boone, head coach Denis Hodge, coach Rodney Travis and coach Ryan James.

Nagging injuries will slow Rockets off launch pad

STAFF REPORT
If there's one thing for certain about Rocket baseball season, it's that nothing is for certain.
A number of lingering injuries to multi-sport athletes will leave the baseball team in a quandary.
Before the first pitch, the Rockets have already lost its returning shortstop, and last year's pitching ace and everyday first baseman.
Sophomore Gabe Mott has a stress fracture in his foot from basketball and is out for 10 to 12 weeks. He played almost every game last year as the starting shortstop. Classmate Tyler Boone is having surgery soon on a knee that hobbled him much of basketball season. He never missed a game at first base a year ago – unless he was on the mound – and was the winning pitcher in the first round of the district playoffs against Livingston Central. Boone could possibly be back by early May if his surgery goes well.
Crittenden County went 10-20 a year ago and earned a berth in the regional tournament where the boys lost to eventual Second Region champion Christian County.
At times last spring the team started four freshmen on the infield. With those guys all returning, this season was setting up pretty well until all of the injuries were factored into the equation. Baseball skipper Denis Hodge knows all too well about the wounds with which Crittenden will start its baseball season. He was the basketball coach, too, and struggled to keep five healthy boys on the court.
"Injuries are part of athletics and we will have to play the hand we're dealt," he said.
In the sporting world there's a popular phrase that goes something like this, "Where there are injuries, there are opportunities."
That's the optimistic approach, and coach Hodge is an eternal optimist.
"I like our team and I like our chances for a winning season," he said.
The Rockets return three seniors, Payton Riley, Briley Brown and Pate Robinson. All three will be key contributors on the mound. All 17 players on the varsity roster have pitched at some point in their baseball careers, which is a plus, the coach said.
The three seniors all saw considerable time on the hill last year as juniors. Riley led the team in innings pitched last year and the trio combined for more than 60 innings a season ago.
While Boone is on the DL for much of the season, the Rockets could look to a number of other players with experience at first base. Brown, junior Erik O'Leary and freshmen Ben Evans and Maddox Carlson have all played there at times in JV, middle school or travel ball.
Second baseman Trace Adams, a key sophomore player, will get a look at short-

Varsity Roster				
No.	Player	Grade	Pos.	
11	Payton Riley	Sr	P, Inf, OF	
26	Pate Robinson	Sr	P, SS, 2B	
20	Briley Brown	Sr	P, 1B	
23	Jayden Carlson	Jr	P, OF	
2	Erik O'Leary	Jr	P, OF	
4	Gabe Mott	So	SS, P	
12	Tyler Boone	So	P, 1B	
7	Trace Adams	So	SS, 2B, P	
3	Braxton Winders	So	OF	
22	Caden McCalister	So	C	
40	Ian Ellington	So	P, Inf	
17	Tate Roberts	So	Inf, OF	
27	Daley Deboe	So	OF	
6	Ben Evans	Fr	3B, C, P	
34	Maddox Carlson	Fr	1B, 2B, P	
1	Logan Bailey	Fr	P, SS, 2B	
13	Tanner Beverly	Fr	OF, P	

stop. He's a solid defender and line drive hitter, who batted in the three hole a good bit last year. If he moves to the left side of the infield there will be a big question mark at second base. Robinson, Riley, Carlson and others will get a look, including sophomore Braxton Winders, who's played there very little over his career, but has the skills to compete for the job, and freshman Logan Bailey.
Riley, Robinson and Adams will be the most likely candidates to fill the shortstop role with Mott on the DL.
As mentioned earlier, the only thing that's clear is that there's no firm blueprint for what the Rocket lineup will look like halfway through the season. Hodge has always been a firm believer that everything prior to spring break is an audition. With weather so unpredictable in February and March, the team gets very little time on the field, so it's tough to evaluate players before games begin.
Third base is another pickle for the Rockets. Sophomore Caden McCalister found a home there late last season after Adams started there several games early on. Neither of them will likely be in the mix for the hot corner this time. McCalister is the starting catcher and he's projected to be one of the best in the region. Adams will probably have to play somewhere in the middle infield. That could leave a committee of others to handle the third sacker chores. Riley, Robinson, Evans and Carlson are among the top challengers for that spot.
Perhaps the only sure thing on this team is that junior Jayden Carlson will be a fixture in the outfield. He's the club's only returning all-district player and batted over .300 last season, mostly in a leadoff role. Carlson was the centerfielder much of the 2017 season and will get a strong look there again. Hodge thinks Boone could also be a fit in center. The corners are up for grabs and everyone on the varsity roster will get a chance to earn

Spring Schedule
March 18 at Caldwell County
March 19 DAWSON SPRINGS
March 21, HOPKINS CENTRAL
March 23, BALLARD / WHITESVILLE TRINITY
March 25 at Lyon County
March 26, at Trigg County
March 28 LIVINGSTON CENTRAL
March 29 ST. MARY
April 5 CALLOWAY COUNTY
April 6 at Dawson Springs, Wooden Bat
April 8 host Lyon Co. All A Classic
April 12 at Ballard Memorial
April 13, DAWSON SPRINGS
April 15, at St. Mary
April 18 at Livingston Central
April 19 UNION COUNTY, DH
April 20 FT. CAMPBELL / CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
April 22 WEBSTER COUNTY
April 23 TRIGG COUNTY
April 25 LYON COUNTY
April 26 at University Heights
April 27 at Mayfield / Bradford, Tenn.
April 29 at Webster County
May 2 at Hopkins Central
May 4 UHA 10 am/ Mayfield 4pm
May 6 at Dawson Springs
May 7 MADISONVILLE
May 10 at Murray High
May 11 at Preston Cope Classic vs Carlisle Co.
May 13 at Madisonville,
May 14 CALDWELL COUNTY
May 17 at Graves County

those spots, perhaps among the most predictable contenders are Winders, O'Leary and sophomore Tate Roberts who had been out of baseball for a couple of years to concentrate on golf.
Sophomore Ian Ellington has overcome a serious knee injury to work himself back into pitching shape and will be among the top candidates for a regular role on the mound. He threw the fourth most innings on the team last year and will have a key role either in the starting rotation, long relief or in a closer role this time.
Freshman Tanner Beverly and sophomore Daley Deboe are newcomers to the varsity squad. Beverly proved himself as a reliable pitcher last year with the freshman/middle school team and Deboe is returning to the baseball field after a couple of years off, but is picking the game back up quickly.
McCalister is the team's starting catcher and best returning hitter. He has a strong arm behind the plate and is quick on the base paths. Evans will be his backup and Winders is working as the team's third catcher right now.

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NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NUMBER 19-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MARION

CODE OF ORDINANCES Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at a regular meeting held on February 18, 2019, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at it's regular called meeting of the City Council held on January 14, 2019, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows: This Ordinance adopts the 2018 S-32 Supplement to the Marion Code of Ordinances as submitted by American Legal Publishing Corporation. The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NUMBER 19-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHPTER 31 MAYOR-COUNCIL PLAN: MEETINGS

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