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## Work closing Ky. 1917, Ky. 1901 this week

Two roads in Crittenden County will be closed for the day this week while a highway crew replaces a cross drain.

Wolf Creek Road/Ky. 1917 will be closed today (Thursday) between Roberts and Old Providence roads at the 0.6-mile mark. There will be no marked detour.

On Friday, a Kentucky Transportation Cabinet team will move to Seminary Loop/Ky. 1901 for similar work at mile-point 1.6 between U.S. 60 East and Ky. 654 near the Mattoon community. There will be no marked detour.

Work at both locations will see the respective sites closed from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the day of cross drain replacement. This work is scheduled on a weather permitting basis.

## Ferry re-opens last week after 21 days

The Cave In Rock Ferry re-opened last Wednesday after a 21-day closure due to a swollen Ohio River.

## Local Distinguished Alumni being sought

Local education leaders are looking for nominees for the 2018 class of Crittenden County Schools Distinguished Alumni Awards, which will be presented this fall. Both living and posthumous awards will be considered.

Nominations may be made through April 6, and winners will be determined by educational, professional and community service accomplishments. The selection panel will announce the winners this fall.

Anyone may make a nomination, but recipients of the award must have graduated high school in Crittenden County. Applications are available online at <https://goo.gl/VvSD2K>.

Any nominee not inducted will be considered by the committee for three years after the initial nomination is submitted. They will not need to be renominated until after that three years is up.

## Public meetings

- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will meet at 8:30 a.m. next Thursday at the courthouse office.

- **Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees** will meet at 5 p.m. next Thursday at the library.

- **Crittenden Health Systems Board of Directors** will be holding its annual meeting at 1 p.m. next Wednesday in the Education Building at CHS.



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# Shopko building to house new business

STAFF REPORT

Tires, batteries and oil are coming to the former Shopko store on Sturgis Road.

Local businessman Kent Martin has finalized purchase of the building from Kent Withrow and Allied Contracting Group of Madisonville. Withrow's firm had procured the vacant department store late last summer during an online auction.

Martin, who has devel-

oped other area businesses centered on tire recycling, said Tuesday that his plans for the former Shopko facility include retail businesses, including a new tire store, quick-lube shop for servicing automobiles and a Dekka battery store that will handle everything from watch batteries to those for bulldozers.

The facility will also serve as a center for online merchandising, distribution and

warehousing.

There is no specific timeline for getting open, Martin said, although work has begun on installation of racks, lifts, compressors and additional bay doors.

"Slowly but surely we will get it going," he said.

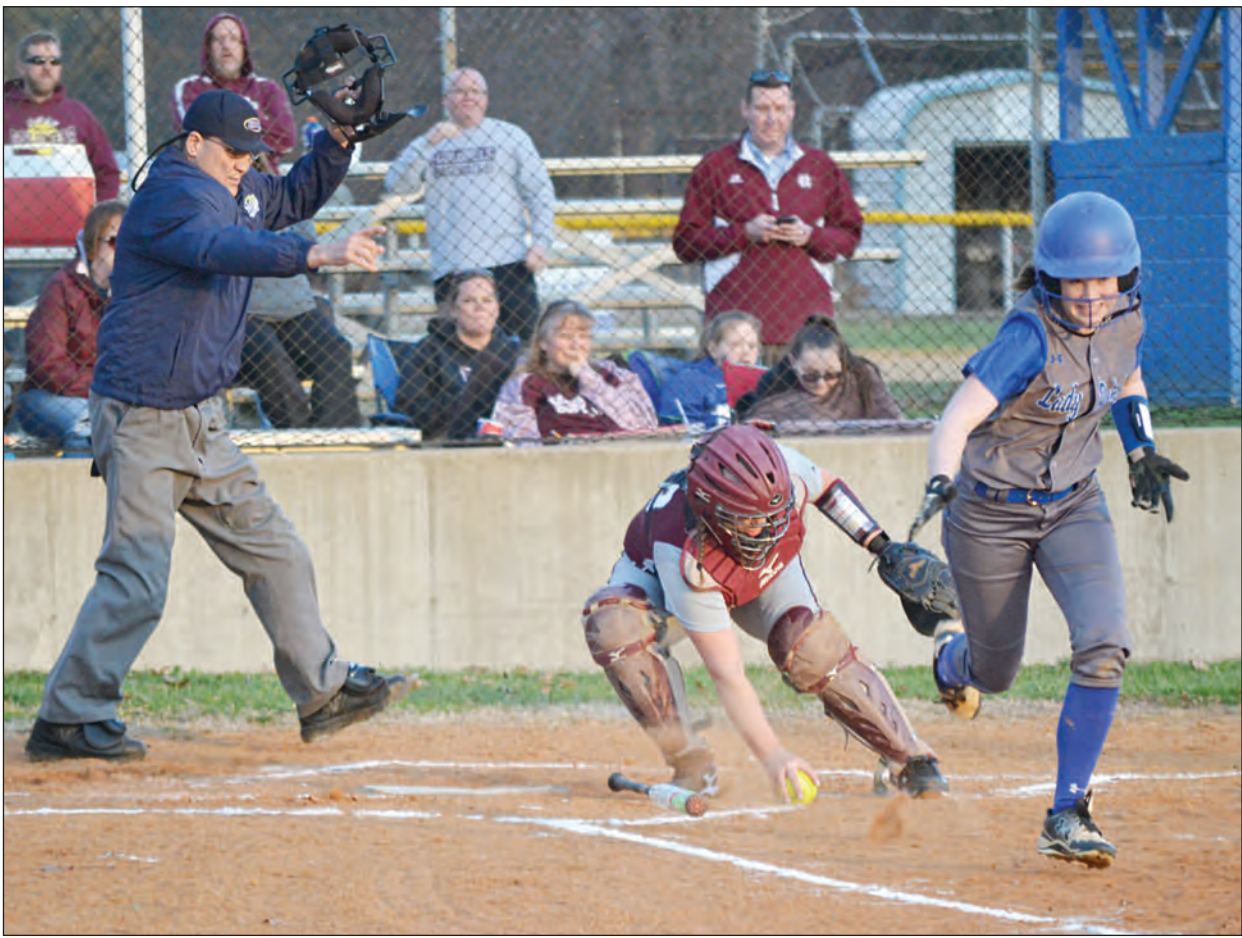
Martin said business is booming at Liberty Tire locations in Marion and Sturgis. He started that company years ago as Martin Tire then joined forces with the

larger Liberty group, which now recycles about one-third of the tires in the United States.

The 17-year-old former retail store on Sturgis Road sold Aug. 9 of last year through an internet-based absolute auction. The 36,047-square-foot building sold for a high bid of \$274,000. With a 10-percent buyer's premium required by the selling agent, the buyer paid \$301,400 for

the structure and 3.7 acres. Terms of the recent real estate deal have not been disclosed.

Martin's tire recycling company is also currently in negotiations with the Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. to purchase a small tract of land in the Industrial Park North where tractor-trailers will be parked to alleviate overcrowding at the recycling yards.



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# Spring has sprung

Spring made its official arrival Tuesday ... with rain changing to light icy precipitation most of the day, though there was no accumulation. March rains were enough to delay the opening early this week of both high school baseball and softball seasons. Both clubs, though, were able to get in exhibition play last week. Above, Lady Rockets hitter Jada Hayes digs for first base last Thursday as Henderson County's catcher makes a play on Hayes' grounder in front of the plate at the softball field at Marion-Crittenden County Park. The weather for the remainder of the week should allow the teams to take the field to begin regular season play. See Sports on Page 11 for more.

# Christmas in Marion cancelled after 30 years

STAFF REPORT

A signature Marion event appears to have ended.

Christmas in Marion – the annual arts and crafts event, not the holiday – has been cancelled this year by its sponsor. It's not the Grinch who is taking away the show that attracted people from multiple states, but a combination of factors.

"It is with a heavy heart

that the Community Arts Foundation has made the decision to not host Christmas in Marion in 2018," read an arts foundation, or CAF, email to vendors notifying them of the intentions to discontinue the handcrafted-only arts and crafts fair. "The 30-year-old show has become a fall staple in our community and gave many local and out-of-state vendors a

quality show to attend. We have prided ourselves for decades on being a show vendors wanted to be a part of and customers continued to support."

This would have been the 31st year for the Christmas in Marion Arts & Crafts Show. Founded in 1988 by a local craft group, it was disbanded and reformed by local Homemakers and

called Christmas at Fohs Hall for its second year. In the third year, it officially became Christmas in Marion and continued to be a Homemakers' event until five years ago when CAF took over sponsorship. The show has drawn as many as almost 1,000 people to the community.

In reaction to CAF's decision, Crittenden County Ex-

tension Homemakers have chosen to not hold The Shoppe Next Door, a show that featured home-based retail goods and was held in conjunction with Christmas in Marion since 2012.

Both shows have been a shot in the arm to the local economy each fall.

Several factors led CAF to

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# Waste tires accepted free starting today; cleanup days April 27-28

STAFF REPORT

This week offers residents an opportunity to dispose of scrap tires at no cost, and next month comes free dumping at the convenience center.

Waste tire amnesty days in Crittenden County will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Tires should be taken to Crittenden County Road Department at 1901 U.S. 60 East in Marion between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Assistance will be offered to offload tires.

The program is

offered by Crittenden Fiscal Court in partnership with the Kentucky Division of Waste Management, and is open to any private citizen in the county. However, retailers, recyclers and scrap yards cannot participate.

Common tires accepted – either on or off the rim – are truck, passenger vehicle, farm implement, bicycle, motorcycle, tractor, ATV and go cart. Not accepted will be large over-the-road tires; tires filled with calcium, foam or any other material; tires with a bead greater than 1 3/4 inch; sheet rubber; and solid rubber.

For questions, contact Crittenden County Solid Waste Coordinator Sue Padgett at (270) 965-5251.

Twice a year, the county

opens its convenience center for a couple of days to allow no-cost disposal of many items dragged from the dark corners of garages and deep recesses of attics. The first opportunity this year comes next month, when the convenience center off U.S. 60 East offers free dumping 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 27 and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 28.

Only Crittenden County residents will be allowed to empty their trucks and trailers on either day of the program. But free dump days does not mean everything ready for the scrap heap will qualify for the semi-annual courtesy.

Neither household trash nor chemicals will be part of

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# Newsprint delivery issues forcing Press to narrow pages

STAFF REPORT

Starting in April, The Crittenden Press will be narrowing its news coverage.

No, that doesn't mean the local news you've come to expect will be any different, but the format in which you receive it will be changing. Beginning with our April 5 issue, the newspaper you hold in your hands will be 2 inches skinnier.

Difficulty in acquiring the current width newsprint on which you are reading this – 24 inches – has forced our printer, Quality Web Printing in Elkton, to convert all 46 of the publications it prints to 22-inch newsprint. The mill that produces the 24-inch paper is several weeks behind in fulfilling orders, and few print

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# Victory Gardens this year’s public debate

It’s great to see passion from the general population about issues in the community. Being not only informed but engaged is key to healthy democracy, from City Hall to Capitol Hill.

It seems to rarely happen these days outside of social media, but when it does occur, it can be stirring and invigorating. Perhaps it’s not so much apathy that keeps us sitting on our hands most days as it is the true belief that nothing we say matters to the decision-makers and politicians.

That certainly seems to be the case in Washington, and to a degree, in Frankfort. But locally, within the reach of a phone call, text or arm’s length in the grocery aisle, it’s different. Officials seem to listen. But just because they don’t make the decision you like doesn’t mean they’re not listening.

From time to time, there rises an issue that stirs people to their feet around here. It happens about once a year. In 2016, it was the city alcohol vote. Last year, it was the school tax. And this year, well, it’s clearly the future of the Victory Gardens that has everyone in such a fuss.

Anyone at Monday’s Marion City Council meeting heard Roger Hosick say that in the last 20-30 years, he’s not witnessed as many people in a dither over any issue.

“I’ve not heard any fuss over anything more than these Victory Gardens,” he



**Daryl K. TABOR**  
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*My 2¢ Worth*

He’s right!  
For a quick background, the city is considering selling the acreage on which the Gardens are located. The Victory Gardens are operated by their non-profit namesake and tended by the county jail. Handing out fresh summer produce to the community and giving inmates rehabilitation has been wildly popular. No one, really, wants to see them disappear, but the city no longer needs the property. It has found a different home for a new sewer plant.

While the public engagement over this is fabulous to see, the downside is that most of it took place from the comfort of one’s keyboard and there’ve been a lot of inflammatory remarks, even name-calling. It’s been a lot of he-said-she-said.

Seeing people excited is good, no doubt, but there are a lot of pressing problems in the community that don’t seem to get people stirring.

The Gardens are an all-around worthy endeavor. It’s easy to argue for keeping the public property to harbor them, but there is an argument to be made for selling land the city no longer needs.

But whatever becomes of the property, the Gardens and those fresh tomatoes we enjoy, when an official decision is made, can we as a community move on to some other pressing matters?

# Pension bill likely stalled

Unless there is a sudden turn of events in the last few days of the session, it is unlikely that a pension reform bill will move through the 2018 General Assembly regular session. There are two pieces of pension reform that must be balanced – keeping the contractual promise made to our public employees and putting the Commonwealth’s financial house in order.

As this update was being written Monday, Senate Bill 1, pension reform legislation, is in the State & Local Government Committee of the Senate. It has been sitting there for a week, and I don’t believe there is enough time for the bill to be considered by both chambers. I intend to have a separate article addressing just the pension issue after the session is over.

According to the Mayo Clinic, dyslexia as a learning disorder characterized by difficulty reading due to problems identifying speech sounds and learning how they relate to letters and words. Despite having normal intelligence, it is a common learning disability in children and is believed to affect as many as 60,000 Kentucky students.

Clark Davis, 2015 Miss Kentucky, suffers from dyslexia, as did Albert Ein-



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stein and Leonardo da Vinci. Davis is scheduled to graduate from the University of Kentucky this spring at age 20, but was in tears last month when she testified before the House Education Committee that she can’t explain why she was unable read the first two words on a recent college exam. “And the worst thing about dyslexia is that you can’t describe it – you can’t describe it to people who don’t have it,” she said.

Partly as a result of her testimony, two bills addressing dyslexia – House Bill 187 and HB 367 – were passed out of committee and sent the full House for debate and subsequent action.

HB 187 would help identify students with dyslexia early in their school careers by requiring the state to provide school districts with a “dyslexia toolkit” to help identify and assist students with dyslexic traits without requiring districts to screen every student. The toolkit is to be ready by next January with districts required to have policies in place by June 2019 to help identify students with dyslexic traits in kindergarten through third grade. There would be three school districts selected to serve as “laboratories of learning,” with one coming from an urban area, one from a sub-

urban area, and one from a rural area with the study lasting three full school years.

The companion bill, HB 367, would establish the ‘Kentucky Dyslexia Ready to Read Trust’ to fund school districts in support of HB 187. The trust would generate funding and support dyslexia programs in Kentucky schools by providing grants and donations through a public private partnership. Additionally, the trust would generate funding for dyslexia support programs by creating a dyslexia-focused “Ready to Read” license plate.

Both HB 187 and HB 367 were approved by the full House.

I have been a staunch opponent of mandates in general and unfunded mandates in particular for our schools, but HB 187 primarily impacts the Kentucky Department of Education and local school boards, not our teachers. Funding for HB 367 does not come from local school districts, so I voted yes on both bills. The bills now go to the Senate for consideration.

HB 373 would specify when footage from body cameras worn by law enforcement may be accessed and used by the public. The use of body cameras is growing, and HB 373 tackles how the need for footage from those cameras should be addressed by Kentucky Open Records laws which provide legal access to public records.

HB 373 would allow public agencies like police departments to restrict access to the footage in several ways, including access to footage from the inside of private homes, medical facilities and jails or of a de-

ceased person’s body, sexual assault or a child. Restrictions would be lifted in specific cases, including when a recording shows use of force by law enforcement or shows someone being arrested. HB 373 passed the House, and I voted yes. The bill now resides in the Senate.

HB 348 would create new judgeships in parts of the state where caseloads are the largest. HB 348 would also direct a review of the state’s judicial circuits and districts every eight years to determine if there is a need for more change. It would also alter the make-up of courts in areas where caseloads are light. HB 348 would not require any changes in the makeup of the courts in House District 4. HB 348 passed, I voted yes, and it was sent to the Senate for action.

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

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# Governor’s remarks not helpful in pension crisis

The battle continues! A sea of red t-shirts could be seen in front of the Capitol on March 12 as thousands of advocates lined the steps, rallying in solidarity to show their dismay over Senate Bill 1. Taxpayers, school employees, public employees and retirees continued to demonstrate their resilience this week after SB 1 – the pension reform bill – was recommended March 9 to the Senate State and Local Government Committee. There it will languish as we wait.

Unnecessary fuel was added to the fire – in regard to the pension bill – when the Governor decided to take to the airwaves and proclaim his unfavorable positions on the status of the bill. In a fiery radio interview, the Governor made some remarkably mind-boggling statements about Ken-



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tucky’s public education, school-teachers and public employees. If you have not heard the interview, I suggest you listen to it for yourself.

During the interview, the Governor went so far as to call teachers “uninformed,” “selfish,” “short sighted” and “ignorant,” on pension issues. Folks, this type of language is unproductive and unacceptable. These individuals are well informed and have sacrificed plenty for the betterment of our children, families, communities and state.

I commend the efforts of this administration for bringing the pension issue to the forefront and for committing to fully fund the actuarially required amount. However, this demeaning rhetoric is anything but helpful in solving the challenging task before us, and it must stop.

Recently, the Senate president said he doubts SB 1 has any serious hope of passing. Still, we must not back down. As the 2018 General Assembly comes to a close, we must remain committed to finding a solution to resolve the pension issue, sooner than later. A solution that is fair, upholds the inviolable contract, and one that works for all Kentucky taxpayers.

What is undoubtedly our most important and daunting task and our constitutionally mandated duty, a two-year budget still needs approval. The Senate has the House version in its possession and the Senate Republicans are hashing out their own proposal. The Senate will begin hearings on the budget, but it should happen fairly soon. Even though time is short, I feel certain we will approve a budget in time to have override power for any vetoes by the Governor.

An important part of the budget is the state’s road plan. I have been working with officials from our district to prioritize projects to be included in the transportation proposals.

Action on the Senate floor last week included approval of:

- SB 210 increases the penalties imposed on a convicted felon for possession of a firearm during the commission of certain crimes.
- SB 152 allows local officials to raise the salaries of teachers in struggling public schools in order to make the positions more attractive to job applicants. SB 152 would only apply to schools that the state education department considers to be in “targeted” or “comprehensive support and improvement” status. Local school districts would be in charge of developing the incentive packages. The incentives would apply to all teachers within a designated school but would not apply districtwide.
- House Bill 191 regulates online businesses offering prescription eyeglasses and contacts to individuals who take vision tests on their computers or smartphones. One provision would require the person taking the online test for a prescription to be 18 or older and have received an in-person exam within the last 24 months. The online services would also be required to have doctors licensed in Kentucky signing off on the prescriptions or findings of the virtual exams. Other provisions of HB 191 would hold online exams to the same standards as in-person exams,

require the online companies to register with the state attorney general and require them to carry liability insurance.

- SB 137 allows out-of-court statements from a sexually abused child – considered to be hearsay – to be admissible in court, under certain circumstances. I opposed this measure, in part, because the Kentucky Supreme Court and the state bar association are better equipped to address the issue. We certainly want to help prosecute individuals who have committed these heinous acts against children. I am just not sure it is appropriate to do it through the mechanism we are using to change the rules of evidence. I am afraid SB 137 will be abused, particularly in child custody cases.
- HB 33 clarifies how motorists interact with bicyclists. The legislation would require drivers to keep vehicles at least 3 feet away from bicyclists during an attempt to pass. If that much space is not available, HB 33 states that the drivers must use “reasonable caution” when passing cyclists. Another provision allows a driver to cross a yellow line to pass as long as the coast is clear. An amendment would prohibit

cyclists from riding more than two abreast in a highway lane unless the roadway is marked for bicycle use.

- SB 6 requires a pharmacist to offer to sell or distribute a drug disposal product with every prescription filled for a drug containing an opiate, benzodiazepine, barbiturate, codeine or amphetamine. SB 6 would also require the pharmacist to consult with a patient about the importance of the proper disposal of unused, expired or unwanted prescription drugs.

With only a few more working days remaining, the session is quickly winding down. There is still time, though, for important measures to become law. I encourage you to take this opportunity to have your voice heard in this legislative session. Citizens can offer feedback to lawmakers by calling the General Assembly’s toll-free Message Line at (800) 372-7181. Or you can email me directly at Dorsey.Ridley@lrc.ky.gov.

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THANK YOU

The Donald Lynn family would like to thank friends and family for the gracious expressions of sympathy during the loss of our husband, father and “Pa.” Thank you to the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home for their help in making a difficult time easier to bear. We also would like to extend a special thank you to Bros. Tim Burdon and Matt Grimes for their kind words at the memorial service. Thank you all for the many prayers, visits, cards, food and phone calls. May God bless each of you. Please continue to remember our family in your prayers.

Ann Lynn  
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We want to express how thankful we were for each visit, prayer, card and food prepared for us during the passing of Charles. We give special thanks to Bro. Mike Jones for the comforting words spoken at the service. Special thanks to Bro. John and Kathy Dunn, and our Freedom Church family for all the love that was shown during this difficult time. Thank you to the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home for all their comfort and help as it made those last decisions less stressful and painful. We want to thank our Lord for giving us the strength during the last few months. May God bless each and everyone that made our loss less painful.

Pam, Jason, Jordan  
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# PSC cuts KU bills 6 percent to reflect tax changes

The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) has reduced the total annual revenue of the Kentucky Utilities Co. (KU), which will lead to a 6 percent reduction in monthly utility bills. And Atmos Energy customers could also soon see a bill reduction for similar reasons.

Tuesday's PSC order for KU and its sister utility, Louisville Gas & Electric Co. (LG&E), will cut profits by \$203.8 million to reflect the reduction in federal corporate income taxes that took effect at the first of the year. As a result of the revenue reduction, KU and LG&E residential electric customers will see their average monthly bills decrease by a little more than \$7 to about \$112 based on average monthly usage of 1,179 kWh.

The reduction begins next month and will extend at least through the end of April 2019.

In the decision, the PSC modified a settlement reached between the two utilities and the Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers Inc. (KIUC), which had filed a case seeking a tax reduction, and the Kentucky Office of Attorney General, which also was a party to the case. The settlement called for a total revenue decrease of \$176.9 million.

The reduction ordered by the PSC is \$26.9 million larger because of modifications it made to the manner in which the impact of the tax reduction was calculated.

The federal tax law enacted in December reduced the corporate income tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent beginning this year, substantially reducing the tax burden on for-profit, investor-owned utilities. The reduced tax burden in turn reduces the amount of revenue that utilities need in order to offer their investors an opportunity to earn a reasonable rate of return.

KIUC filed cases against LG&E and KU, as well as Duke Energy Kentucky and Kentucky Power Co., seeking reductions in rates that would reflect the lower taxes. The PSC opened similar cases to examine the effect of the tax changes on other investor-owned utilities.

Most of the tax bill's impacts fall into two areas: savings from the immediate reduction in the corporate tax rate and the effect on deferred tax liabilities that utilities carry on their books and that may need to be refunded to ratepayers. The KU and LG&E case addresses both.

The revenue reduction will be reflected in a credit, the Tax Cut and Jobs Act (TCJA) Surcredit, that will appear on KU and LG&E customer bills. The TJCA Surcredit will take effect April 1, 2018, and will extend through April 30, 2019. It will reflect both ongoing tax savings and an additional credit for the first three months of this year.

The credit expires on April 30, 2019, because KU and LG&E have indicated that they intend to file for rate adjustments that will, among other things, reflect the changes in the federal corporate income tax. The timing of the filing will be such that the new rates would take effect May 1, 2019.

If KU and LG&E rates do not change at that time, the TJCA Surcredit would remain in place, but would be recalculated.

The tax changes also will result in slight reductions in surcharges that include a capital cost component. They include environmental surcharges and demand-side management surcharges for KU and LG&E electric customers, and a gas-line-replacement surcharge assessed to LG&E natural gas customers.

KU and LG&E are the first utilities in Kentucky whose rates have been readjusted to fully reflect the effect of the federal corporate income tax reduction.

The PSC in January issued a final order adjusting the rates of Kentucky Power Co. But it reflected only the impact of current tax pay-

ment and did not address the question of deferred taxes, which are being dealt with in a separate proceeding.

Tuesday's order and other records in the case are available on the PSC website, PSC.ky.gov. The case number is 2018-00034. The other utilities with pending cases examining tax law impacts include Atmos Energy Corp. An order has been issued in the Atmos Energy tax case, with additional tax issues to be addressed in the utility's pending base rate case.

The PSC is an independent agency attached for administrative purposes to the Energy and Environment Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,500 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in Kentucky.

# PSC strengthens mandatory training for water district boards

STAFF REPORT

Newly-appointed water district commissioners like those for Crittenden-Livingston Water District will now be required to receive training in key areas only through courses offered directly by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC).

In an order issued last Thursday, the PSC cited a need for more consistent and rigorous training for new commissioners, noting that a number of water districts recently have been found by the PSC to be in violation of basic statutory requirements governing issues such as financing and operations. The local water district, though, is not among those found to be skirting regulations, according to a PSC spokesperson.

Those problems have raised "urgent concerns about the level and consistency of training received by water district commissioners," the PSC said in the order.

Just last week, the PSC granted an emergency rate increase of almost 30 percent to the financially troubled Martin County Water District. The far eastern Kentucky utility, which serves approximately the same number of customers as Crittenden-Livingston Water District, was on the verge of becoming insolvent and leaving its 3,200 customers without potable water. The PSC found the water district's woes to be a result of "bad business practices, and ineffective management and leadership."

According to Kentucky Department for Local Government financial disclosures for the last two fiscal years reported, the Martin County utility showed more than \$1 million in operating deficit. A sign of more responsible management, the two most recent reports for the dual county Crittenden-Livingston Water District reflected \$837,000 in combined operating income.

Under Kentucky law, newly appointed water district commissioners are to receive 12 hours of training within a year of taking office. Once water district commissioners have completed their first year in office, Kentucky law allows them to attend six hours of training per year in order to receive higher annual compensation.

The PSC has the authority to determine the content of water district commissioner training and by whom it may be offered. The core curriculum includes topics such as complying with PSC regulatory requirements, setting rates, infrastructure planning and maintenance, emergency planning and preparedness, water district finances and operations, customer service, ethics and compliance with state open meetings and open records acts.

Crittenden-Livingston Water District commissioners earn only \$100 per month. Three commissioners from each of the counties served are appointed by their respective fiscal courts. Those commissioners, including the year they began serving are:

- Crittenden County: Stephen Hill, Alan Hunt and Joe Kaiser.
- Livingston County: Randall O'Bryan, Bill Barrett and T.L. Maddux.

"All my commissioners are up to date on their training," said water district Superintendent Ronnie Slayden.

Crittenden-Livingston Water District intakes water from the Cumberland River and treats it at the Pinckneyville water plant. The district includes more than 700 miles of water lines and four large water towers.

# Senate OKs state budget with no new taxes

**By TOM LATEK**  
KENTUCKY TODAY

The Kentucky Senate approved its version of the state budget for the executive, legislative and Judicial branches of government Tuesday evening, clearing the way for a conference committee to be named to iron out the differences between the two chambers.

Most of the discussion centered on House Bill 200, the executive branch budget - easily the largest - and its accompanying revenue measure, HB 366.

The Senate rejected the House's plan to create new taxes on tobacco products and prescription opiates to boost school spending that was expected to create \$500 million in tax increases. The chamber had little appetite for a piecemeal tax plan, according to Senate Budget Committee Chairman Christian McDaniel, R-Taylor Mill.

Another provision mandates schools control entrances electronically instead of having a greeter, which has been an option until now. The Senate also encouraged the hiring of more school resource officers by offering incentives to schools to bring on retired officers and active KSP troopers. They would exempt schools from having to make contributions to the retirement system for them.

The bill cuts funding from the House version to operate the Access to Justice program, which aids the poor, veterans and the elderly.

It adds language requiring retired teachers' single cover-

age health insurance be calculated the same way as the current year, with any shortfalls made up by the trust fund, which stands at nearly \$1 billion.

"This ensures that retired teacher health benefits will not be affected by this budget," said McDaniel, whose statement drew applause from teachers in the committee room.

The Senate also funded transportation expenses at local school districts which was uncovered in Gov. Matt Bevin's plan.

McDaniel said much of state government would have the 6.25 percent spending cut that Bevin recommended and he said that includes the state's universities.

HB 200 passed 26-11, largely along party lines, while HB 366 drew more Republican defectors, winning approval, 23-15. Sen. Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson, voted against both measures.

The legislative branch budget, HB 204, saw the Senate remove any legislative pension funding, moving it to the Kentucky Employee Retirement System, which has the largest unfunded liability. It drew little comment and cleared the chamber, 35-3. Ridley voted to support the measure.

Changes to the judicial branch budget included the removal of money to renovate the Supreme Court chambers and capital projects, such as new courthouses.

Since required contributions to the County Employee Retirement System are less than anticipated - \$8.6 million over the next two years - that will go toward salary increases for judges and circuit clerks. The committee also left in House language allowing the Supreme Court to raise fees to fund pay increases for non-elected court personnel.

"What we are doing is trying to focus on investing in the obligations that we currently have and address things like the pay issues inside the court and others, rather than focus on renovations and new construction," McDaniel said.

But Supreme Court Justice Daniel J. Venters expressed concerns about the changes made to the House version. "The Senate has increased to \$12 million, a fund transfer from the judicial branch," he said, noting it is twice the amount proposed in the House version.

"The loss of that money over and above what the House set it at, will seriously hamper the ability of our court system to give raises to our most needy employees, deputy clerks throughout the Commonwealth, many of whom are earning insufficient wages," Venters said.

"Even though we can raise court filing fees to help compensate that, our ability to fund pay raises is going to be severely hampered, according to our accounting people."

The judicial branch bill won 26-12 approval.

Senate President Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, said they are preparing for negotiations with the House in a conference committee.

"It will take a little time to get a compare and contrast document, so individuals can look at it," he told reporters after the Senate adjourned on Tuesday. "That'll probably take a day or two. Hopefully we'll be able to go into conference on Friday."

Friday and Monday are recess days built into the legislative calendar so lawmakers can work without using one of the 60-legislative days established by the Constitution.

"This allows us to form a conference committee to start working on the budget," Stivers said. "Individuals would be able to go through the bills, have communications between the House, the Senate and the Governor, to see what things are out there that we really need to pass in the last few days."

The last scheduled day for the 2018 session is Friday, April 13, but lawmakers still have one day they can use, due to a snow day taken back in January. The last day they could meet under the Kentucky Constitution is Saturday, April 14.

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# Students visit Westlake

Eighteen Crittenden County High School chemistry students traveled to Westlake Chemical Corporation in Calvert City for a field trip. Students were introduced to some of the various processes at the chemical plant along with the job opportunities in the area. They learned about the chemical reactions and separation methods and the importance of education and hard work. 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 see the instrumentation used for quality control measures and the processes involved. Those in attendance were (pictured above) Dylan Peek, Charity Wolosonowich, Zac Claybrooke, Chloe Maxfield, Caitlyn Lynch, Sabreyn Pleasant, Julia Davidson, Shea Martin, Paige Gilbert, Shelby Summers, Briley Brown, Kenlee Perryman, Devin Porter, Devin Ford, Hunter Holeman, Brannen Lamey, Cassandra Newcom and Kayley Cook.

# Jobless rate down from January 2018

Unemployment rates fell in all but one county (Carter) between January 2017 and January 2018, according to the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics. The January 2018 unemployment rate in Crittenden County was 5.3 percent, down a full point from January 2017 but up 1.3 points from December 2017. Woodford County recorded the lowest October jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 2.9 percent. Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate at 15.2 percent. Below are the jobless rates for select counties from the state's lowest in June to the highest, with rates for Crittenden and surrounding counties included between. Because of their relatively low sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted like monthly state and national rates.

AREA	JAN. 2018	DEC. 2017	JAN. 2017
U.S.....	4.5		
Kentucky .....	4.3	3.8	5.9
Pennyrile Region.....	5.0	4.4	6.8
COUNTIES			
Woodford (1) .....	2.9	2.6	3.6
Webster .....	4.5	4.1	6.5
Caldwell.....	4.6	3.7	6.2
Union.....	4.9	4.6	7.1
Crittenden.....	5.3	4.0	6.3
Lyon .....	5.3	4.3	8.4
Livingston.....	7.5	6.6	9.7
Magoffin (120).....	15.2	12.4	21.2

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



ALEXA BLACK/THE PRESS  
Crittenden County Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark (right) last Thursday honored Anthony Harris, the district's first Pathway Academy graduate in two years.

# PAVE graduates 1st student

STAFF REPORT  
Crittenden County Schools last Thursday honored its first Pathway Academy graduate in two years – Anthony Harris. He is the first graduate of the newly-structured Pathway Academy of Virtual Education, or PAVE. PAVE is one of many alternative programs available for students. With PAVE and other programs, Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark said the district is doing all it can with its resources to help and assist students get their diploma. PAVE is offered to support students who would like to earn their high school diploma while working online, either at home or on the

high school campus. The program offers alternative learning environments for students who have been unsuccessful in the traditional classroom environment. It is also believed to potentially enhance the overall learning experience for those students. Spaces are limited and students must qualify for this free program. Students who enroll in PAVE must have reliable internet and computer access and commit to several hours a day of work. There is also a 28-day probationary period, and students may be withdrawn if specified requirements are not completed. Students who enroll in PAVE are offered many of the same classes they would take in the school. Sean Thompson, program facilitator, works to set up a schedule similar to the school day and helps students pace themselves accordingly. Thompson checks in with enrolled students on a weekly basis. He describes the program as challenging and says that students must be self-directed and dedicated to earning their diploma. "All we ask for is open communication and hard work," said Thompson. "This program allows opportuni-

ties for kids, regardless of their circumstances." Materials for the program are provided by Edgenuity, an online curriculum. If students are struggling with particular content, students are eligible to get help from Crittenden County High School teachers at Crosswalk Learning Center, an after-school program for high school students. Thompson stresses parent involvement and regularly communicates with parents through email. To learn more about the PAVE program, contact Supervisor of Instruction Diana Lusby at (270) 965-3525 or by email at Diana.Lusby@crittenden.kyschools.us.

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Due to a shortage of available 24-inch newsprint, The Crittenden Press beginning next month will move to narrower page widths. The newspaper will move to the same size newsprint on which The Early Bird Shoppers' Guide and News is currently printed. Across the industry, the width of newspapers has shrunk over the decades. The above illustration shows last week's issue of The Early Bird in comparison with an issue of The Crittenden Press from 1968.

## NEWSPAPER

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ers use the wider newsprint. "I've been in the process of asking everyone to consider switching to a 22-inch web, but suddenly, it's a necessity," said Mike Finch, owner of Quality Web Printing. "We can almost always borrow 22-inch paper because it's the standard size. We can

never borrow 24-inch paper because no one uses it except us." The new width is typical for most newspapers today. The Early Bird is already printed on the narrower newsprint. Other newspapers in the area, including The Paducah Sun and most weeklies from surrounding communities, also currently print on the slimmer paper. Fifty years ago, The Crit-

tenden Press was printed on 28-inch newsprint, with a printable area of 13.5 inches per page. Today, the printable area is just more than 11 inches. Starting next month, it will be 10 inches. The reduction in width will alter the appearance of the paper slightly, but should not affect the amount of news inside each issue. You will notice that the columns of text will be slightly narrower, as will ads. "We chose to stay with the wider newsprint as long as possible because that's what our readers were accustomed to, and frankly, we like it better, too," said Press Editor Daryl K. Tabor. "But circumstances in the industry have forced us to make the conversion. After a few weeks, we will all be comfortable with the change."

## DISPOSAL

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the program. While daily garbage can be dumped, regular charges will apply. Paint and oil will be accepted, but both must be dried with an agent like cat litter or oil ab-

sorbents. Other common items disposed of may be lumber, plastics and recyclables. Meantime, for those cleaning up the yard, plant materials are taken at no charge at the community brush dump off Bridwell Loop 24/7.

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# Crittenden had its share of white lightening

In the early and mid 1920s many of the headlines in the local paper were about the illegal making of moonshine or the selling of "white mule."

The hills and hollows of Crittenden County must have had their share of hidden stills and selling of white lightening made in the dark of night.

Moonshining has deep roots in American history. It was a way of life to support families; it was their drink, medicine and currency.

Did you ever think where it got the name moonshine; it was because the men did most of the work at night by the light of the moon. The white lightening was well liked for its high alcohol content and tax-free prices.

As early as 1894 Congress had increased the whiskey tax to \$1.10 per gallon, a stiff tax. While the increase was intended to up the government's revenue, it ended up creating a boom in untaxed liquor.

Whether or not this had any affect on Crittenden County's moonshine business, or it was just made for the pure excitement of making the white lightening, it is still interesting to read about this time in our history.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press we can read of this illegal activity that took place in our area, it's a colorful part of our past history that many of us might not really know about, and there are probably some that might remember the time when this activity was just a part of life.

In 1921 Kentucky Gov. Edwin P. Morrow addressed the Association of Circuit Judges and Commonwealth Attorneys, stating that moonshining and bootlegging were rampant in Kentucky, and the violations of the liquor laws were such as to challenge all the forces of law and order.

Illicit manufacture and sale of liquor has grown to an appalling extent, he said, and the use of liquor is increasing alarmingly.

There is today a challenge being thrown out to the forces of law and order in Kentucky. I ask the Circuit

Judges of Kentucky to meet this challenge and I will help in as much as I can. He asked the judges and commonwealth attorneys, "Which shall be supreme in this state – the law or the blind tiger?" So Crittenden was hard pressed to fight the many blind tigers in the county.

Here are some of the interesting articles that were in The Crittenden Press about stills found in all areas of our county.

In early 1921, The Press reports that Crittenden County has acquired the distinction of having a "real" moonshine still.

Dame Rumor these days is not stingy with the information that there is plenty of the poison commonly known as "white mule" in certain section of this county. Seemingly it is not very difficult to obtain in Marion.

Some of the boys of Tolu were hunting a few days ago and found a fully equipped still in the woods on the farm of Mr. John L. Franklin. Someone had taken, without Mr. Franklin's knowledge or consent, a tank belonging to him and used it in building the still, which has a 16-gallon capacity.

Mr. Franklin immediately notified the United States revenue authorities of his find, and in order to preserve the still moved it into his cellar where it will be safely kept until an investigation has been made.

The tank was about one-half full of meal, which evidenced the fact that it had been tested and used.

In November of 1922 on suspicion derived from previous information, Sheriff J. T. Wright, Deputy P. R. Taylor and former County Attorney John A. Moore went Saturday to a home located two miles from Piney Fork Church with a warrant to search the premises.

Upon arriving there, the man of the house readily gave his permission to have

his premises searched. In a barn near the house, the officers discovered a still covered with sorghum fodder, which they took possession of and brought to the courthouse in Marion.

The owner of the farm denied all knowledge of the still being on his premises. He said it was evidently brought there by someone unknown to him on the night before while he was away from home fox hunting.

The still is of about 15-gallon capacity, is in good condition and seems to have been recently used. It is of copper throughout. The still is now at the courthouse and many visitors have called to see it.

Another still was found by J. U. G. Claghorn while he was out squirrel hunting Monday. He stopped at a supposedly unoccupied cabin on the John Nation farm near Fords Ferry. Looking through a window, he discovered a family in the cabin and a man working around a still.

Returning to town he reported what he saw to the authorities, and with a warrant Deputy Sheriff P. R. Taylor went to the cabin, took charge of the still and arrested the man under a warrant charging him with having in his possession an illicit still.

The man gave his name and stated that he came from Illinois. He will be placed in jail to await the action of the grand jury at the next term of Circuit Court. The captured still is of copper and of about 10-gallon capacity.

In November 1923 officials captured a moonshine still near Mexico. A big haul was made Friday morning when Deputy Sheriff P. E. Taylor, Jailer J. C. Spees and County Judge E. Jeffrey Travis, with a search warrant, went to a home a few miles southeast of Mexico, this county, and after searching the premises, located a moonshine still in a



SUBMITTED PHOTO  
This photo shows a typical still used to make "white lightening" during Prohibition. Crittenden County had more than its fair share of these hidden in the hills and hollows.

back room of the residence.

Besides the still, which was of about 40-gallon capacity and the best equipped yet found in this county, the officials also found in the room seven barrels of mash and eight gallons of white mule whiskey, all of which they confiscated except a small amount of the whiskey which, together with the still, they brought here and turned it over to the authorities.

Out in the Bells Mines area Constable Bob Adams captured a large moonshine still, together with two gallons of "white mule" which was brought to Marion and delivered to the county authorities.

The parties who were operating the still were unknown and escaped after a running fight in which several shots were exchanged, one of which passed through the constable's hat.

The still was located in what is known as Heath's Hollow near Bells Mines, and Constable Adamson was assisted in its capture by his deputy, Charlie Bob Sanders.

The constable and deputy went near where the still was located before daylight in order that they might find out who was operating it and at the break of day a sentinel on the opposite hill saw them and fired two shots, it

other gallon container was broken and the contents lost. The still is said to have been well equipped for the business.

W. H. Hardesty, justice of the peace in the Tolu district, raided and found on a farm near Tolu a still that had been in recent operation. The still was of 40 gallon capacity and with it was found 350 gallons of mash.

In the Cookseyville area, Sheriff Taylor raided the King farm and discovered one gallon of whiskey and 100 gallons of mash. The discovery was made in the woods on the back of the farm, and the mash and whiskey was covered with a quantity of cedar brush. No arrests were made because it wasn't known who had made the still at the time.

Most of the time, stills were established on someone else's property. It was easier that way to not be associated with the crime when the stills were located. You could always put the blame on someone else.

(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.)

## Fohs Hall scholarship available to seniors

The Fohs Hall, Inc. Scholarship Fund expects to award up to \$2,000 in scholarships for the academic year 2018-2019. Deadline for applications is May 31, 2018. Each year the Fohs Hall, Inc. Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to students with a demonstrated history of community service. The scholarships require a good grade point average, but they are not primarily

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Students from high schools that have been featured in the past five years — Logan County, Daviess County, Lexington STEAM Academy, Somerset Christian and J. Graham Brown — are not eligible to enter this year's contest.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses.

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## To truly love is to know God's 'agape'

Moses told the children of Israel to love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength.

Jesus put it this way, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great Commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self." Matt. 22:37-39.

The question we all must answer is, do we love God with all we are and have?

The word love is used for many different emotions.

The love we are to have for God and our fellowman is the Greek word Agape, in English the word for love or charity.

This is not the love for spouse, family members, friends, etc.

This word signifies sacrificial acts, as in the command

to love God with all we have, and in 1st Cor. 13.

This chapter uses the English word charity as a translation for Greek word "agape" love.

Let's look at it to measure our true heart toward God and our fellowman.

"Charity suffers long and is kind; charity envies not, vaunts not itself, is not puffed up, does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not its own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil, rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth, bears all things, believes all things, endures all things. Charity 'Agape' never



**Lucy TEDRICK**  
Guest Columnist  
Religious and Political Views

fails." 1st Cor. 13:4-8.

What a wonderful truth, true love never fails.

Regardless of what we face, love will always win, because God is love.

God requires us to love Him, and each other with "agape" love.

Do we truly love God or just use Him?

Do we love Him for what we can get out of Him, to miss hell and gain Heaven? If so, that is not the love he is looking for.

Everyone resents being used under the pretense of love.

If we love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, others see it in us.

We work at trying to help, not hurt God or man.

When we claim to be a Christian, and do not love God and our fellowman as we

are commanded to do, people see it and we bring reproach on God.

Christ loves as we are commanded, and if we have Christ in us, we love that way, too.

Paul said, "God made known the mystery which is Christ in us, the hope of glory." Col. 1:27.

Paul also said, "If we have not the Spirit of Christ, we are none of His." Rom. 8:9.

Jesus's love for God and His fellowman was manifest in his beating and hanging for the very worst of us.

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

## House Bill would create Day of Prayer for all students in Kentucky

An annual day of prayer for Kentucky's students would become part of state law under a bill passed last week in the House.

House Bill 40 sponsor Rep. Regina Huff, R-Williamsburg, said the annual prayer event has been proclaimed by Kentucky's governor the past two years. HB 40 would designate the last Wednesday of September each year as "A Day of Prayer for Kentucky's Students" by law, and require the governor to issue an annual proclamation for the event.

Huff said that HB 40 is respectful of all faiths by asking that Kentuckians spend the day praying, meditating or reflecting "in accordance with their own faith and consciences." Students would be allowed to participate in the event at school before the start of the instructional day.

"Their event at school will

be student-initiated and conducted, and always before the start of the school day," Huff said.

The Kentucky event would be part of a global prayer initiative that Huff said would be held the same day.

The idea for HB 40 was raised by students in Huff's district and others who she said "want to know that we are all united in this effort and that, on that particular day each year, we will be united with them."

"Given all that our students are facing ... Our students need to know that we are standing with them," she said. "We all need to embrace this and be united in an effort of support in each individual's manner of prayer for our schools, students and administrators."

HB 40 passed on a vote of 83-5 and now goes to the Senate for its consideration.

## Local Faith-Based Events & Church Outreach

### Sunrise service planned at Frances

Easter Sunrise service will begin at 6 a.m. April 1 at Frances Community Church. Bro. Harold "Hank" Casey will be the guest speaker. A breakfast and Easter egg hunt will follow.

### Easter egg hunting at Salem Baptist

Salem Baptist Church will host an Easter egg hunt at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 24 at the Salem Baptist Christian Life Center in Salem.

### Clothes closet open in Fredonia

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

### Pantry is available at First Baptist

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

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Thursday-Bro. David Perryman.....7 p.m.  
Friday-Bro. Brian Kirkwood .....7 p.m.

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# Rogers picked for judicial council

STAFF REPORT

Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers was pointed to a national judicial leadership council and two Kentuckians received national awards for outstanding work on behalf of abused and neglected children last week at the National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association 2018 Awards of Excellence event held in Boston.

Rogers, 5th Judicial Circuit Family Court Judge for Crittenden, Webster and Union counties, was named to a new Judicial Leadership

Council. Rogers and the 12 other appointees will help engage judicial officers in addressing child welfare and court systems' challenges and also provide guidance on strategies to strengthen judicial support at a national, state and local level. This will provide input and recommendations to National CASA on ways to engage the judiciary, bring the judicial officers' voice to National CASA's work and assist in the design and development of a new Judicial Involvement Initiative.

"We are very appreciative



Rogers

and excited to have this level of judicial commitment and expertise serving on this leadership council," said National CASA CEO Tara Perry. Rogers, who practiced law and served as the attorney for Crittenden County Board of Education prior to being elected to the bench, is a resident of Marion.

Also in Boston, Melynda Jamison, executive director of CASA of Lexington, was named the 2018 Kappa Alpha Theta Program Director of the Year. Andrea Bruns, state director for the Kentucky CASA Network, is the first-ever recipient of the National CASA Association State Director of the Year

Award.

The Kentucky CASA Network is the state Court-Appointed Special Advocate Association with a mission to support and strengthen local CASA programs that support trained community volunteers appointed by judges to represent the best interests of dependent, abused and neglected children in Kentucky.

Crittenden County is served by the CASA Program of Hopkins, Webster and Crittenden Counties. Four volunteers have been appointed advocates in Crittenden County - Phyllis O'Neal, Alanna Welch, Elliot West and Lavanda Holloman.



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## Cowsert honored

Crittenden County Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark (right) at last Thursday's board of education meeting presented the Rocket Way Employee of the Month to middle school social studies teacher Ryan Cowsert. Clark said Cowsert has been a great addition to the school staff, and described him as an exceptional planner that engages and empowers his students through minds-on lessons.

# County 9th in Trust for Life contributions

STAFF REPORT

For February, Crittenden County again ranked in the top 10 in the state in donations to Trust for Life, Kentucky's organ donor registry. Statewide, 56 percent of people are registered as organ donors.

Last month, 120 of 176 people issued a driver's license by Crittenden Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill's office donated \$1 to the Trust for Life, which celebrated its 25th anniversary earlier this year. The 68.2 percent was good enough for ninth among the state's 120 circuit clerk's offices. Only Ballard County ranked higher than Guill's office in western Kentucky.

Eight names from Crittenden County were also added to the state's organ donation registry, putting the county at 49th in the state for total number registered. But only 52.5 percent of county residents with an ID or driver's license have joined the registry.

Guill's office consistently

receives donations from at least three of every five licensee.

Donation percentage and statewide rank for the previous 12 months are as follows:

- January 2018: 64.1 percent, 11th.
- December 2017: 66.2 percent, 11th.
- November 2017: 67.3 percent, seventh.
- October 2017: 62.3 percent, 12th.
- September 2017: 64.5 percent, eighth.
- August 2017: 63.9 percent, 14th.
- July 2017: 69.8 percent, sixth.
- June 2017: 62 percent, 17th.
- May 2017: 66 percent, 11th.
- April 2017: 67.6 percent, 11th.
- March 2017: 71 percent, fifth.
- February 2017: 70 percent, fifth.

Through Trust for Life, Kentucky has 1.8 million registered organ donors.

## OBITUARIES

### Moodie

Boyce Moodie III, 83, of Smithland died Wednesday, March 14, 2018, at Baptist Health Paducah.

Moodie was well known for his involvement in the western Kentucky and southern Illinois fluorspar industry, in which he was a fourth generation operator. He worked extensively in mineral exploration in the United States, North Korea, China and Russia. He was a graduate of McCallie Military Academy. He was also a sportsman who enjoyed duck hunting, traveling and was a University of Kentucky basketball fan.

Surviving are his wife of 22 years, Kathleen Vick Moodie of Smithland; sons, Brian Thompson Moodie (Vickie Y.) of Grand Rivers and Frank Boyce "Bo" Moodie, IV (Terri) of Bayou; a daughter, Natalie Gayle Bash (Dan) of Marshall County; a step-daughter, Shannon Rushing (Mike) of Burna; a brother, Harry Moodie (Anne) of Nashville, Tenn.; grandchildren, Brian McDonald of Sharpe, Erin Marie Moodie of Franklin, Tenn., Teris Swanson (Caleb) of Ledbetter, Magdalyn Sanders (Amon) of Overland Park, Kan.; step-grandchildren, Eric Bash of Paris, Tenn., Andrew Bash of Mayfield, Jessie Smith (Justin) of Burna, and Emma Rushing of Burna; great grandchildren, Gabriella Sanders, Reagan Sanders and Jase Smith; and nieces, Julie Cunningham and Kate Sullivan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Boyce Moodie Jr. and Marie Watts Moodie.

Services were Sunday, March 18 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Ed Clement officiating. Burial was at Smithland Cemetery.

### Ellingham

Jacqueline Ellingham, 70, of Marion died Monday, March 5, 2018 at Livingston Hospital.

Survivors include her son, Joey Cooke of Mount Hope, Ontario; a daughter, Toby Staven of St. Petersburg, Fla.; sisters, Susan Cates of Marion and Penny Jankovic of Crown Point, Ind.; brothers, Danny (Joy) Cooke of Florida and Theodore (Patty) Cooke of Washington State; niece, Jennifer (D'Wayne) Day of Smithland; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Kathleen Cooke and a brother, Joseph Cooke.

Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

### Morrow

Ralph H. Morrow, 93, of Marion died Sunday, March 18, 2018, at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Survivors include his cousin, Carolyn Crass of Murray.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Annis Lorene Morrow.

Services were at 1 p.m. March 21 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Rosebud Cemetery.

### Lowe

Andy "Billy" Lowe, 60, of Princeton died Thursday, March 15, 2018, at his home.

He was an auto body technician and a member of Creswell Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Diane Lowe of Princeton; son, Marc

Lowe of Marion; daughter, Stacy Cooper of Murray; four granddaughters; a brother, Wayne Coleman of Frances; and a sister, Cathy Fugate of Mortons Gap.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clifford Lowe; and his mother, Mary Coleman.

Services were Monday, March 19 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with burial at Frances Cemetery.

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# Crop reports affect grain prices

STAFF REPORT

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released the annual Price Reactions following USDA Crop Reports study March 9, showing commodity price reactions following the Crop Production and Grain Stocks reports.

Since the mid-1980's NASS has tracked market price movement for corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton, calculating commodity prices one day after and one week after reports, including the number of times prices increased, remained unchanged, and decreased. For each of those fluctuations, we've noted the value of how much it changed. The recent report shows mixed reactions across time.

"Many different sources of information move commodity markets, such as weather, domestic supply and world supply," said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. "NASS reports are two sources of domestic supply data, and it's important to see what happens following the reports.

From 1985 to 2017, corn prices fell 78 times following production reports, increased 68 times and re-

main unchanged 18 times.

Over the same period, the price change trend for soy-

beans following the reports was similar – value fell 81 times, increased 79 and

stayed the same four times.

Wheat trends saw the price drop 84 times from 1987 to 2017 and increase 74 times. It was unaffected 10 times.

Are you surprised to read that prices don't always drop?

"It's not uncommon to hear farmers say the crop reports negatively impact prices, when in fact, it's just about even across the board with the number of times prices have gone up or down," Knopf said.

It can be useful to understand the relative changes over time, and farmers can decide to sell crops or livestock or keep until after reports come out.

"NASS reports, of course, are not solely responsible for changes to prices," Knopf said. "Price reactions might be a reaction to what people thought was going to be in the report. Another example of price reactions not necessarily responding to reports: With the forecasts for grains in August, if there's a weather event in the preceding day or two, it's possible the market reacts to that event, rather than the actual numbers coming out in the crop report."

To view the report, visit <https://goo.gl/3hKD8p>.

Market movements

The USDA Crop Reports study released March 9, shows commodity price reactions following the Crop Production and Grain Stocks reports. It indicates prices fell more often than not for corn, soybeans and wheat, but not significantly more. Below, the green figures indicates a price increase, red signifies the number of times the price fell and blue represents no change.

Wheat 1987-2017	Corn 1985-2017	Soybeans 1985-2017
74	68	79
+7.9¢/bushel	+7.8¢/bushel	+15.4¢/bushel
84	78	81
-7.5¢/bushel	-7.3¢/bushel	-16¢/bushel
10	18	4

What is Ag Week?

It's a week to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture. Every year, producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America join together to recognize the contributions of agriculture.

When is Ag Week?

National Ag Week is celebrated this week, March 18-24, 2018 – and was highlighted by National Ag Day on Tuesday.

What is Ag Week all about?

Ag Week is about recognizing – and celebrating – the contribution of agriculture in our everyday lives. The National Ag Day program encourages every American to:

- Understand how food and fiber products are produced.
- Value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy.
- Appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.

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Crittenden County

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Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg Size of Farm	Avg Value of Land & Bldgs per Acre	Land Use						
					Cropland			Other Pasture <sup>2</sup>	Other Land	Woodland	
					Harvested	Not Harvested	Pasture <sup>2</sup>			Pasture	Other
	No.	Acres	Acres	Dollars	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1909	2,170	216,088	100	14	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1919	2,041	210,711	103	29	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1924	1,818	193,736	107	20	53,870	17,125	70,641	1,250	19,577	5,351	25,922
1929	1,665	196,473	118	19	53,154	23,869	53,067	12,139	19,650	9,599	24,995
1934	1,777	205,460	116	13	54,000	20,648	61,424	6,222	23,779	8,724	30,663
1939	1,641	197,024	120	16	49,029	16,932	74,130	NA	NA	NA	NA
1944	1,624	204,508	126	20	50,828	17,580	59,956	20,896	11,530	10,148	33,570
1949	1,444	195,227	135	35	52,651	19,317	49,552	12,125	18,009	16,310	27,263
1954	1,157	173,156	150	39	44,604	15,480	54,253	7,197	13,959	15,041	22,622
1959	826	142,216	172	64	32,722	20,681	41,422	4,758	9,736	7,647	25,250
1964	755	150,410	199	71	28,492	24,204	42,172	8,703	8,173	9,726	28,946
1969	764	163,524	214	115	29,793	18,451	48,607	NA	<sup>3</sup> 25,977	NA	<sup>4</sup> 40,696
1974	573	142,437	249	252	36,038	6,145	42,620	NA	<sup>3</sup> 24,352	NA	<sup>4</sup> 33,282
1978	597	138,644	232	572	53,331	5,629	33,100	5,590	7,440	9,837	23,717
1982	569	135,974	239	622	56,799	5,775	29,574	7,162	6,340	7,276	23,048
1987	502	127,845	255	469	32,473	16,919	28,462	10,503	5,126	10,286	24,076
1992	509	125,133	246	500	35,793	14,884	28,808	10,125	5,073	8,361	22,089
1997 <sup>5</sup>	698	154,735	222	781	43,731	20,259	29,211	17,472	4,886	9,148	30,028
2002 <sup>5</sup>	698	156,656	224	1,043	39,372	23,986	26,079	19,639	6,774	7,138	33,668
2007 <sup>5</sup>	740	160,116	216	1,890	43,970	23,540	16,897	27,164	9,289	6,752	32,504
2012 <sup>5</sup>	592	148,795	251	2,153	62,339	18,449	2,216	22,482	7,550	6,248	29,511

<sup>1</sup> Due to changes in the definition of a farm, Farm Numbers and Land in Farms are not always comparable from Census to Census.

<sup>2</sup> Due to changes in definition and wording of question, figures for Cropland Pasture and Other Pasture are not always comparable from Census to Census. <sup>3</sup> Includes Other Pasture. <sup>4</sup> Includes Woodland Pasture. <sup>5</sup> Beginning in 1997, data adjusted for coverage.

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# Ground broken on grain, forage center

THE TIMES LEADER

Shovels dug into the earth Thursday afternoon outside the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton, at a formal ground-breaking kicking off the center's conversion to the UK Grain and Forage Center of Excellence.

But those on hand, from the University of Kentucky, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and other state and local organizations, were quick to note that soil –not dirt –was being moved.

Soil – one of the key factors in the grain crop production process that UK specialists will continue to research and improve in their new, state-of-the-art facility when the \$30 million project is complete.

"It's a joyous day for the University of Kentucky, and I think a joyous day for Kentucky agriculture as well," said Dr. Chad Lee, the center's director.

Germinating through conversations between western Kentucky farmers and UK specialists, including local soils professor emeritus Lloyd Murdock, the idea for the project took root over the past few years, gaining support with a \$15 million funding commitment from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board in 2016.

The project was the largest ever approved by the board, noted Warren Beeler, executive director of the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy.

"In 20 years, we're going to look back and be so proud we were sitting here when this happened," he said.

UK has five years to raise an additional \$15 million to match the state commitment.

Nearly half that money has been raised so far, said Nancy Cox, dean of the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

The effort got a direct boost Thursday with an announcement by Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles that \$100,000 would be donated to the project through donations to the department's "Ag Tag" license plate program.

Quarles also noted the historic importance of agriculture to Kentucky and Caldwell County, where the research center was established in 1925, at the front end of a period of national economic hardship.

"It was agriculture that got Kentucky out and continues to lead us forward," he said.

The local center's research into crop farming, particularly no-till production, has had ramifications around the world in the decades since.

That fact makes the prospect of the new, modernized center, with expanded laboratory and classroom space and room

for additional researchers and support staff, a testament to the mission of the University and its outreach, both locally and beyond.

"This strengthens our capacity and our commitment to be not just the University 'of' Kentucky, but the University 'for' Kentucky," said UK President Dr. Eli Capitulo.

The center's conversion to the Grain and Forage Center of Excellence is expected to be complete by the summer of 2019.

Site work and building renovations have already begun, as have several research projects involving the local facility and UK's main campus in Lexington.

# 2017 Ag census still counting despite deadline having passed

NEWS RELEASE

Farmers and ranchers still have time to be counted in the 2017 Census of Agriculture, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Although the first deadline has passed, NASS will continue to accept Census information through the spring to get a complete and accurate picture of American agriculture that represents all farmers and ranchers.

"We thank everyone who has completed their Census to date. We currently have a return rate of just over 40 percent of the 3 million Census questionnaires mailed last fall," said NASS Administrator Hubert Hamer. "A lot is at stake if producers are not represented in this data. Census data have and will continue to influence important decisions for American agriculture. The data will affect every operation and every farming community at some point, whether it be through farm policy, disaster relief, insurance or loan programs, infrastructure improvements, or agribusiness setup. There is accuracy and strength in numbers, which is why NASS is committed to giving producers every opportunity to respond."

Federal law mandates that everyone who received the 2017 Census of Agriculture questionnaire complete it and return it even if not currently farming. NASS will continue to follow-up with producers through the spring with mailings, phone calls, and personal visits. To avoid these additional contacts, farmers and ranchers are encouraged to complete their Census either online at AgCounts.usda.gov or by mail as soon as possible. Re-

sponding online saves time by skipping sections that do not apply and automatically calculating totals. The online questionnaire is accessible on desktops, laptops, and mobile devices.

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Birth

Highfil

Dominique and Jesse Highfil of Lexington announce the birth of a daughter, Thisbe Martine, Feb. 27 at Baptist Health Lexington.

Thisbe weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Debra and Allan LaPlante of Marion. Paternal grandparents are Shelia and Hugh Highfil of the Mexico community.

Maternal great-grandparents are Edith Whitney Hall of Long Lake, NY and the late Richard Sherman Hall and the late George Cecil LaPlant and Else Jackson LaPlant of East Prairie, Mo.

Paternal great-grandparents are the late Cecil Wilson Highfil and Virginia Lou "Pert" Highfil of the Mexico community and the late Jesse Lee Adams and Ida Lee Adams of Farmington.

Museum opens season April 4

Crittenden County Historical Museum will open for the season Wednesday, April 4. The museum will be open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Admission, as always, is free.

Inter-agency council seeks new members

Crittenden County Inter-Agency Council is seeking more members. The Council is comprised of local individuals from various agencies who share program information and community ideas.

"This is a great networking group. We provide a platform for agencies and organizations to share information and ideas on ways to improve our community," said Council President Cheryl Burks. "The people who sit around this table are people who care about Crittenden County."

The council has representation from the school system, a local church, the health department and other community organizations.

"There has been a decline in members over the years, and we would love to see those numbers increase, thereby allowing more information to get into the hands of those who are making things happen and helping others," Burks explained.

There are leadership opportunities open at this time.

"Please consider being a part of this group," Burks urges.

The council is the sponsor of the annual Community Angel Tree Program offered during Community Christmas, which served 265 residents in 2017.

The council meets quarterly, and the next meeting will take place at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 19 at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.

If you represent an organization or company and would like to join the Council, contact Burks at Crittenden County High School at (270) 965-2248 or by email at Cheryl.Burks@crittenden.kyschools.us.

Calendar

— **Trivia Night Pop Culture Edition** will be held at 7 p.m., Friday at the Crittenden County Public Library. Form your team and get ready to compete for the coveted best trivia team trophy. The pop culture theme includes popular movies, television and music.

— **A Brown Bag Book Club** discussion of Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards will be held at 11:30 a.m., March 28 at the Crittenden County Public Library.

Classes begin for Community Christmas

STAFF REPORT

If you plan to sign up for assistance through the Crittenden County Community Christmas Program, you are required to complete three educational/enrichment classes by September 2018. This requirement will allow your children's wish list to be put on the community's Christmas Angel Tree.

Below are credit classes that will be offered through May. Pre-registration is required to attend by calling Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.

- Eating Better on a Budget: In this class, you will learn to stretch food resources, couponing and

more. The presenter Sue Parrent. The class will be at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Extension office at 1534 U.S. 60 East, Marion.

- Meal Planning: Parrent will present this class at 2 p.m. April 12 at the Extension office.
- Gardening with Limited Mobility: Do you enjoy gar-

dening but have difficulty because of arthritis or other mobility issues? Join the class to learn tips and tricks to make gardening easier on you and your body. The presenter will be Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources Dee Heimgartner. This class will be at 5:30 p.m. April 12 at

the Extension annex at 1588 U.S. 60 East, Marion.

- Sun Safety: The presenter for this 1:30 p.m. April 19 class will be Joan Lang with the Kentucky Cancer Program. The class takes place at the Extension office. There will be other classes offered through September.



**The Woman's Club of Marion elected officers for 2018-2020 at its annual meeting March 10. They are (from left) treasurer Carolyn Belt, corresponding secretary Roberta Shewmaker, recording secretary Brandie Ledford, vice-president Melanie Walker and president Nancy Hunt. Officers were installed by Paula Robinson, GFWC Kentucky First District Governor.**

Honors, plans top annual meeting

Members of the Woman's Club of Marion were welcomed with piano music by Regina Merrick at the annual meeting brunch March 10 at the club building.

Brandie Ledford presented the inspirational. The finance hostess committee for the event was Sandra Belt, Gladys Brown, Melanie Walker, Margaret June Johnson, Rebecca Johnson, Nancy Lapp, Susan Alexander and Rachel Holley.

Greetings were given by First District Governor Paula Robinson, a member of the Benton Woman's Club. She encouraged the club to promote membership. She explained the Juniorettes Woman's Club in Benton, which is made up of high school girls. It takes only four girls to organize a Juniorette club and they utilize technology for their meetings.

Kathy Bechler was awarded the 2017 Club Woman of the Year Award.

Bechler served as a First District Chair, club vice-president, co-chair of the Gala fundraiser and assisted with all of the other club fundraisers.

Thank you gifts were given to the outgoing officers: Kathy Bechler, vice-president; Carolyn Belt, recording secretary; Gladys Brown, corresponding secretary; Melanie Walker, treasurer. Sandra Belt was recognized for her service as the club parliamentarian for the past two years. President Hunt reappointed Belt for the upcoming term.

On April 20 the club will sponsor its annual quilt show during the local Backroads Festival. Members are encouraged to display quilts and help with the show. Quilts can be displayed by anyone. They do not have to be made by the exhibitor. Spectators will vote on the show favorite.

The club passed a revision of its constitution,

changing criteria for membership and adding non-resident membership for those living 50 or more miles from Marion. Membership applications are available and need to be returned by April 9. Contact Nancy Hunt at (270) 704-0057 or nancy.hunt@uky.edu for an application.

Applications for the Woman's Club Senior Girl Scholarship can be picked up from the guidance counselor or by contacting Hunt.

The next club meeting is 5 p.m., April 12. Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers will present the program. Hostess committee is Carolyn Belt, chair; Ginger Belt, Gladys Brown, Rachel Holley, Rebecca Johnson, Margaret June Johnson, Linda Schumann and Judy Winn.

The club door prize referred to as "The Make It, Bake it or Buy it" was won by Linda Schumann.



**Cultural arts day**

Pennyriple Area Cultural Arts Day was held March 9 at the Christian County Extension Office. Local winners include Rose Eldridge, first place hand-quilted quilt and first place hand-appliqued quilt; Sarah Ford, first place heritage layout scrapbooking and third place color photography; Kristi Harris, color photography and black and white photography participation ribbon. Above, Darl Henley is pictured with a winning quilt at the event. She and Crittenden County volunteer Sarah Ford assisted at the event.

Freshman Orientation planned for eighth graders

STAFF REPORT

To aid students with pre-scheduling, Crittenden County High School will host a freshman orientation from 5-7 p.m., March 27.

Freshman Orientation is an informational event for incoming ninth graders. It will begin 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, assistant principal at 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 to follow throughout their high school career. Options include family and consumer science, business, aerospace and agriculture. Students will be given more information about these pathways prior to the 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, including Rocket sports season pass gift sets. Students who cannot attend Freshman O are asked to complete scheduling online

no later than March 30. Students will be given information on this process.

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We the family of Dorothy Gilland Crawford express our heartfelt appreciation for the innumerable acts of kindness shown us during the illness and the passing and home going of our beloved mother and grandmother. Our hearts are humbled by the kind deeds extended to us during our sorrow. The pain of loss was softened by the expressions of love that came through the prayers, visits, calls, texts, cards, flowers, gifts, and memorial donations to the building fund of New Union General Baptist Church ("Ditney"). We especially appreciate the care and compassion shown by Dr. Ghassan Yagizi, Dr. William Barnes, Terry Boone, and the nurses and staff of Livingston Hospital and Healthcare. To Boyd Funeral Directors thank you for your care, your patience, and your kindness. The words and message of the Rev. Kenneth Watson brought comfort, peace, and deepened understanding to this time. Thank you to New Union General Baptist Church for your prayers and the meal following the service and to Bro. David Davis for his encouraging words and sharing of Scriptures.

Humbled by your love and kindness,  
Tom & Doris (Crawford) Cothron  
Bob & Charlotte (Crawford) Holloman  
Tee & Corye (Holloman) Vinson and Luke Vinson

SPRING SPORTS

Upcoming Events

BASEBALL

**Thursday**  
Rockets at South Hopkins

**Friday**  
Rockets at Livingston Central

**Monday**  
Rockets host Webster County

**Tuesday**  
Rockets at Lyon County

SOFTBALL

**Thursday**  
Lady Rockets host Livingston Central

**Friday**  
Lady Rockets at McLean County

**Monday**  
Lady Rockets at Hopkins Central

**Tuesday**  
Lady Rockets at Hopkinsville

TRACK & FIELD

**Tuesday**  
CCHS at Murray All Corners

Umpires wanted

Crittenden County Dugout Club is seeking umpires for the upcoming softball and baseball seasons in the summer recreational league at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Umpiring is a paid position. Anyone interested should contact Misty Champion at (270) 704-3311.

Track & Field results

**Girls Results**  
March 13 at Marion

**Team Totals:** Crittenden 86, Trigg 45

**100 hurdles:** 1. Jessie Potter (20.95), 2 Ryleigh Tabor (26:90)

**300 hurdles:** 1. Jessie Potter (1:04), 2. Ryleigh Tabor (1:13)

**100 meters:** 1. Grace Driskill (14.40), 3. Addyson Faughn (15.08)

**200 meters:** 3. Addyson Faughn (32.56)

**400 meters:** 1. Cortne Curnel (1:19), 2. Trinity Hayes (1:26), 3. Emma Herrin (2:06)

**800 meters:** 1. Kate Keller (3:00)

**1600 meters:** 1. Kate Keller (5:55), 3. Jaelyn Duncan (8:12)

**3200 meters:** 1. Kate Keller (14:43)

**400 relay:** 2. Crittenden (Cortne Curnel, Grace Driskill, Jessie Potter, Addyson Faughn) 1:00

**800 relay:** 1. Crittenden (Cortne Curnel, Ryleigh Tabor, Addyson Faughn, Kenlee Perryman) 2:13; 2. Crittenden (Hailey Mathieu, Natalie Hutchings, Emma Herrin, Courtney Fulkerson) 2:22

**1600 relay:** 2. Crittenden (Jessie Potter, Cortne Curnel, Grace Driskill, Kenlee Perryman) 12:28

**3200 relay:** 2. Crittenden (Kenlee Perryman, Trinity Hayes, Jaelyn Duncan, Kate Keller) 12:28

**Long Jump:** 1. Trinity Hayes 12-0, 3. Ryleigh Tabor 10-9 ½

**High Jump:** 1. Natalie Hutchings 4-14, 2. Grace Driskill 4-2, 3. Jaelyn Duncan 3-10

**Triple Jump:** 1. Kenlee Perryman 28-9, 2. Trinity Hayes 23-9

**Shot Put:** 2. Lauren Gilchrist 19-10 ½, 3. Abby Kirk 16-7

**Discus:** 1. Lauren Gilchrist 58-5, 2. Abby Kirk 52-7

**Boys Results**  
March 13 at Marion

**Team totals:** Crittenden 100, Trigg 36

**110 hurdles:** 2. Devin Ford (19.40)

**300 hurdles:** 1. Devin Ford (50.80), 2. Zack Weathers (57.29)

**100 meters:** 2. Eli Moss (12.03), 3. Devon Nesbitt (12.17)

**200 meters:** 2. Devon Nesbitt (25.24), 3. Branen Lamey (25:95)

**400 meters:** 1. Eli Moss (1:01), 2. Noah Perkins (1:07)

**800 meters:** 1. Aaron Lucas (2:29), 2. Sawyer Towery (2:31)

**1600 meters:** 1. Aaron Lucas (5:11), 2. Preston Morgeson (5:45)

**3200 meters:** 1. Aaron Lucas (11:25)

**400 relay:** 2. Crittenden (Eli Moss, Parker Johnson, Branen Lamey, Devin Nesbitt) 50.59

**800 relay:** 1. Crittenden (Chris Perez, Parker Johnson, Kaleb Nesbitt) 1:49

**1600 relay:** 1. Crittenden (Branen Lamey, Eli Moss, Sawyer Towery, Devon Nesbitt) 4:15

**3200 relay:** 1. Crittenden (Sawyer Towery, Chris Perez, Preston Morgeson, Aaron Lucas) 9:24

**High Jump:** 1. Chris Perez 5-2, 2. Sawyer Towery 5-2

**Triple Jump:** 1. Branen Lamey 34-8, 3. Tyson Steele 32-0 ¾

**Shot Put:** 1. Brock Langston 27-11 ¼ , 2. Adam Beavers 27-6

**Discus:** 1. Adam Beavers 100-6 ¾ , 2. Ross Crider 96-5 ½

**Girls Results**  
March 15 at Marion

**100 hurdles:** 1. Jessie Potter (19.65)

**300 hurdles:** 1. Jessie Potter (1:00.99), 2. Ryleigh Tabor (1:10.57)

**100 meters:** 1. Addyson Faughn (14.18), 2. Grace Driskill (14.38), Ally Newman (16.11)

**200 meters:** 1. Addyson Faughn

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Rocket baseball team members are (front from left) assistant coach Chris Evans, Ian Ellington, Ben Evans, Kyle Castiller, Cody Belt, Hunter Jones, Pate Robinson, Maddox Carlson, Gabe Mott, Trace Adams, Hunter Holeman, Seth Peek, assistant coach Courtney Omer, (back) assistant coach Devin Belt, Mason Hunt, Caden McCalister, Erik O’Leary, Briley Brown, Payton Riley, Logan Belt, Jayden Carlson, Ethan Dossett, Tyler Boone, Braxton Winders, assistant coach Jamie Brown and head coach Denis Hodge.

Hodge pleased with findings on CCHS diamond

STAFF REPORT

There is plenty of reason for excitement in the Rocket baseball camp this spring – and the feeling may last a few years. A group of experienced veterans will get a strong boost from some solid underclassmen as Crittenden County builds toward what observers think could be a very bright future.

Part of the excitement centers on the return of Denis Hodge as the baseball skipper. He’s one of the two most successful baseball coaches in Crittenden County’s history, having guided the Rockets to numerous post-season appearances in previous stints as head coach.

Three of the team’s four seniors return as regulars in the lineup. Cody Belt is back behind the plate for a second straight season, Logan Belt is back at shortstop and Kyle Castiller will be a key figure on the mound. Castiller’s versatility also makes him valuable on the infield, in the outfield and even behind the plate.

Pitching is unquestionably the most important part of a baseball club and Crittenden County has a stable full of arms capable of carrying the team through a long season. The Rockets may not have a lock-down starter or a guy

COMPLETE SCHEDULE

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SEASON TICKETS

Adult season tickets (\$30) and student season tickets (\$10) are on sale now. Ask the coach about tickets.

in the back of the pen that guarantees a seventh-inning save, but the new skipper is optimistic about what’s available.

About 15 players have been working regular bullpens during the preseason with junior Payton Riley emerging as the team’s No. 1 starter.

In the offseason, Riley has been honing his skills with former pro baseball player and Paducah-area pitching coach Kent Wallace. He’s picked up a great deal of velocity and his breaking ball has the kind of snap that could garner a lot of swings and misses. Riley has been clocked at over 80 mph and clearly has the strongest chance of all Rocket hurlers to throw a ball by batters.

Castiller and junior Ethan Dossett will be in the starting rotation as will sophomore Hunter Jones and perhaps freshman Ian Ellington. Junior Pate Robinson and sophomore Erik O’Leary could be used as starters or in relief.

From there, Crittenden has a mixed bag of players who will undoubtedly get some work on the mound. Junior Briley Brown, sophomore Jayden Carlson and freshmen Tyler Boone, Trace Adams, Gabe Mott and Braxton Winders are all available for time

Rockets Baseball Roster

5	Trace Adams	Fr	P, Inf
4	Logan Belt	Sr	P, Inf
37	Cody Belt	Sr	C
12	Tyler Boone	Fr	P, 1B
20	Briley Brown	Jr	P, 1B
23	Jayden Carlson	So	P, OF
14	Maddox Carlson	8th	P, OF
15	Kyle Castiller	Sr	P, OF
10	Ethan Dossett	Jr	P, Inf
6	Ian Ellington	Fr	P, OF
30	Ben Evans	8th	3B, C
1	Hunter Holeman	Jr	OF
7	Mason Hunt	Sr	OF
18	Hunter Jones	So	P, OF
0	Caden McCalister	Fr	C, OF
24	Gabe Mott	Fr	Inf
2	Erik O’Leary	So	P, OF
8	Seth Peek	So	OF
11	Payton Riley	Jr	P, Inf
26	Pate Robinson	Jr	P, Inf, OF
3	Braxton Winders	Fr	Inf, OF

on the hill.

Cody Belt may even leave the catcher’s box and pitch at times this season. Belt is a highly-skilled player with a great deal of versatility. His talents could also be put to use elsewhere once freshman catcher Caden McCalister is ready for varsity action. McCalister can pitch, too.

Dossett and Logan Belt are top candidates to handle infield chores on the left side. Both were starters last year at third and shortstop, respectively. Two newcomers are hoping to get the nod on the right side. Freshman Boone is a wizard with the glove at first base and classmate Trace Adams has impressed the coaching staff with his fielding and bat.

Track&Field Roster

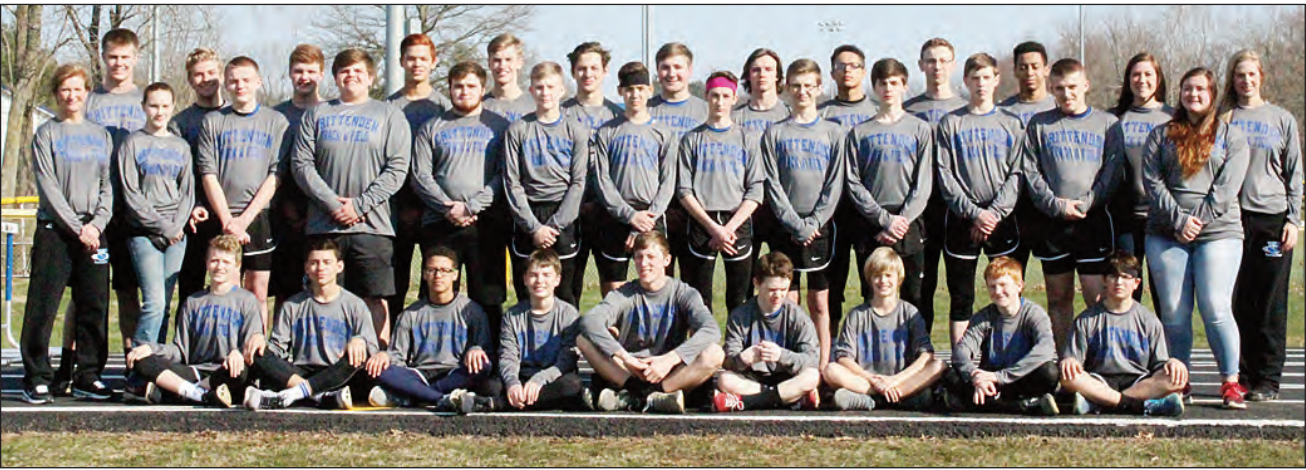
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- 11 Ford, Devin
- 10 Gobin, Riley
- 7 Hardesty, Jordan
- 11 Johnson, Parker
- 7 Kayse, Parker
- 11 Lamey, Branen
- 11 Langston, Brock
- 8 Long, Jordan
- 12 Lucas, Aaron
- 9 McDonald, Caleb
- 7 Morgeson, Preston
- 9 Moss, Eli
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- 11 Peek, Dylan
- 10 Peppler, Trevor
- 10 Perez, Chris
- 9 Perkins, Noah
- 7 Perkins, Rowan
- 12 Steele, Tyson
- 9 Templeton, Quinn
- 11 Towery, Sawyer
- 10 Weathers, Zack
- 10 West, Dillan
- 8 Bozeman, Alyssa
- 10 Curnel, Cortne
- 8 Driskill, Grace
- 9 Duncan, Jaelyn
- 8 Faughn, Addyson
- 8 Frederick, Jacey
- 8 Fulkerson, Courtney
- 10 Gilchrist, Lauren
- 10 Gobin, Anzie
- 10 Hayes, Trinity
- 10 Herrin, Emma
- 8 Herrington, Hannah
- 10 Hutchings, Natalie
- 8 Jenkins, Skilyn
- 9 Keller, Kate
- 9 Kirk, Abigail
- 9 Mathieu, Hailey
- 9 Newman, Ally
- 9 Pate, Southern
- 11 Perryman, Kenlee
- 9 Potter, Jessie
- 7 Russelburg, Emilee
- 8 Tabor, Ryleigh

**Head Coach** Angela Starnes  
**Volunteer Coaches** Erin Driver, Lee Ann Keller  
**Managers** Jesika Duncan, Talissa Jenkins  
**Statisticians** Skyler James, Rheavynn Tabor

Rockets & Lady Rockets Track & Field



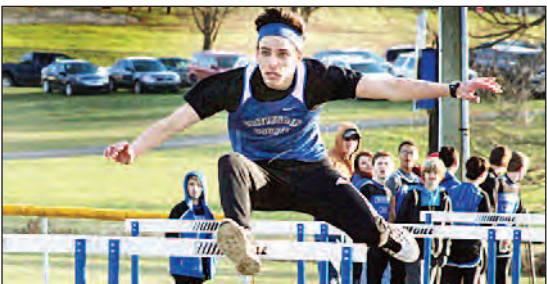
Pictured are this spring’s Crittenden County High School track and field athletes (from left) Jacey Frederick, Addyson Faughn, Hannah Herrington, Emilee Russelburg, Alyssa Bozeman, Ryleigh Tabor, Ally Newman, Anzie Gobin (second row) Coach Erin Driver, Manager Talissa Jenkins, Skilyn Jenkins, Courtney Curnel, Jessie Potter, Southern Pate, Hailey Mathieu, Emma Herrin, Lauren Gilchrist, Manager Jesika Duncan, Coach Angela Starnes (back) Coach Lee Ann Keller, Courtney Fulkerson, Grace Driskill, Kate Keller, Kenlee Perryman, Trinity Hayes, Natalie Hutchings, Jaelyn Duncan and Abby Kirk.



Pictured are this spring’s Crittenden County High School track and field athletes (from left) Luke Crider, Preston Morgeson, Kaleb Nesbitt, Jordan Hardesty, Aaron Lucas, Nathan Bozeman, Gabe Keller, Rowen Perkins, Parker Kayse, (second row) Coach Angela Starnes, Manager Talissa Jenkins, Caleb McDonald, Brock Langston, Ross Crider, Trace Derrington, Jordan Long, Noah Perkins, Trevor Peppler, Doug Conger, Quinn Templeton, Tristan Davidson, (back) Adam Beavers, Parker Johnson, Dillan West, Chris Perez, Sawyer Towery, Branen Lamey, Riley Gobin, Gavin Davidson, Eli Moss, Zack Weathers, Devon Nesbitt, Coach Erin Driver and Coach Lee Ann Keller.



Crittenden County's track and field team has warmed up to the new season quite nicely despite some cool temperatures for competition. Pictured above running ahead of a Trigg County sprinter are Grace Driskill (center) and Addyson Faughn , who were first and second in the 100 meters. At right, Devin Ford competes in the boys' hurdles.



# Johnson wanted to prove he was elite...and did

Kentucky signee Keldon Johnson will be playing in the McDonald's All-American Game March 28 in Atlanta. But that will just be the start of his all-star experience.

The 6-6 guard has also been invited to play in the Jordan Brand Classic and Nike Hoop Summit. Players who get invited to all three games are the best of the best and Johnson's father, Mike, says the family feels blessed by the honors.

"Keldon works really hard and he deserves all of that," his father said. "I am just as proud as I can be of him. I know playing in the McDonald's game was always one of his goals. He always wanted to be known as one of the best players in the nation. He loves to get honors so it will show that hard work pays off and that he is one of the best kids in the 2018 recruiting class."



**Larry Vaughnt**  
UK Sports Columnist  
*Vaught's Views*

Johnson transferred to Oak Hill Academy in Mouth of Wilson, Va., this year after playing at Huntington (W.Va.) Prep. He's ranked among the nation's top 10 players and is averaging 22.1 points, 6.8 rebounds and 4.4 assists this season.

"He stayed with a host family at Huntington that was really good for him," Mike Johnson said. "After last season he said, 'Dad, I am thinking about going to Oak Hill.' I told him there was not really much to do at Oak Hill but he loves basketball and wanted to play a major schedule.

"He always felt he was underrated. He felt if he could play a major schedule he could show his talent and I think the year at Oak Hill has been really good for him.

"It has never been just about scoring for him. He will get down and play defense. If you score on him, he will take it personal."

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When the NCAA Tournament pairings came out, I noted on social media that there was nothing in the South Region that should scare UK — which was coming off a SEC Tournament title.

Immediately I had my sanity questioned because Virginia, Cincinnati, Tennessee and Arizona were the top four seeds in the region. However, I didn't trust Arizona's defense and Virginia's offense — and both went out in the first round. Tennessee is good — but UK beat the Vols in the SEC title game and could have gone 3-0 against Tennessee. The Vols lost in round two. Cincinnati — how could anyone really believe they could be a NCAA factor — blew a 22-point lead with 11 minutes to play to lose to Nevada in round two. It's the first time the top four seeds in any region did not have at least one of the four make the Sweet Sixteen.

It's like the basketball gods helped make up for what Calipari has felt have been extremely difficult brackets in recent NCAA tournaments.

Kentucky did what it should have done last week — beat Davidson and Buffalo. It's also in position now to do what John Calipari said it could after it lost in mid-February to Auburn —





**SOUTH REGION**  
**9 Kansas State (24-11)**  
**5 Kentucky (26-10)**  
8:37 p.m. today (Thursday)  
Atlanta / CBS  
*Win advances UK to Saturday vs. Loyola Chicago or Nevada*

reach the Final Four.

"We love when people doubt us. Just gives us more fire. It's great for us to see everybody hating on us on Twitter and stuff like that," Kentucky freshman P.J. Washington said. "It's great for all of us to be the underdog for once and just play with nothing to lose and play for Big Blue Nation."

Kentucky is doing that and could not ask for a better setting than to be in Atlanta where it will play Kansas State Thursday. Nevada plays Loyola-Chicago, which won at Florida during the regular season before knocking out Miami (Fla.) and Tennessee in NCAA upsets. Kentucky fans love Cat-lanta and the Big Blue Mist should be all over the city.

Freshman guard Shai Gilgeous-Alexander has been sensational in postseason play. He is the first Division I player since assists became an official statistic in 1983-1984 to have at least 19 points, six rebounds and six assists in each of his first two NCAA Tournament games. The 6-5 freshman is averaging 23 points, 6.5 assists, 7 rebounds, and 3.5 steals per game while shooting 60 percent from the field in NCAA play and is averaging 19.4 points, 6.9 assists, 5.3 rebounds and 1.6 steals per game in the last nine games. I'm not sure any player in the country has been better.

Here's another stat for you to savor: Wenyen Gabriel was only the second Kentucky player ever to have a double-double coming off the bench in a NCAA Tournament game when he had 16 points and 12 rebounds against Buffalo. The first one was Heshimu Evans against Duke in that historic comeback win for UK in 1998 — and the Cats won the national title that year.

Calipari has had other teams work some March magic. However, he left no doubt after the second round win over Buffalo what this team has meant to him. He said it had been his "most rewarding season" as a coach. He's dealt with a key injury to Jarred Vanderbilt. Another injury kept Jemarl Baker from playing all season. Quade Green missed games with a back injury.

"Every year we are always talking about peaking at the right time," Kentucky assistant coach Kenny Payne said. "Playing well and cohesive at the right time. You can see there is a spirit about this team that is coming together and fighting together and playing together and enjoying it and having fun."

That's because freshman Kevin Knox says this is why players come to Kentucky.

"You want Cal to help get you ready for the next level (NBA), but you also want to compete for a national championship," Knox said. "He's the best at both. You know that and just have to trust he'll get you where you want because it seems like he always does."

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Getting a verbal commitment from 2019 five-star

player D.J. Jeffries of Mississippi was a big plus for John Calipari. It gives him an early five-start commitment in his 2019 class and Jeffries is also good friends with James Wiseman of Memphis, the top player in the 2019 class and a UK recruiting priority.

"He's a great player. He's got a nice jump shot. He's a good all-around player," Jeffries said.

They both have played on the same AAU team coached by former NBA star Penny Hardaway, which could now present a problem for UK landing Wiseman.

"It's a blessing for me to play with one of the top players in the country but I also think I do my part to push him to get better," Jeffries said. "I would love to play in college with him. I am trying to get him to lean that way, but you never know for sure what he is thinking. But I know no matter what, I'm coming to Kentucky."

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Memphis fired former UK coach Tubby Smith last week after Smith had two winning seasons but did not reach the NCAA Tournament either year. Smith took teams to 18 NCAA Tournaments — and won the 1998 national title at UK.

He's been a head coach since 1991 at Tulsa, Georgia, Kentucky, Minnesota, Texas Tech and Memphis.

Smith is one of the more caring coaches I've ever been around and my buddy. NBC Sports Philadelphia anchor Amy Fadool Kane can vouch for that with this story from years back when she was working at WKYT-TV in Lexington and Smith was coaching at Kentucky.

"Memphis officials didn't value his talent and commitment, and thought the grass must be greener (somewhere else). They'll be wrong, too," Kane said. "Here's a story that is very telling of who Tubby Smith is as a person. I could tell you about him personally honoring his \$1 million pledge to build spaces for Lexington city children to learn computers and programming after he was fired by UK. But this one is something I witnessed."

"It was Thanksgiving Day and I was working my first job ... just out of college ... with a skeleton crew. We did our 6 p.m. news. It was me in sports, Valeria Cummings anchoring news and Chris Bailey for weather. I'm signing off sports at the desk say, 'I guess it's time to eat Thanksgiving dinner' just joking. Valeria laughs and says, 'I hope you brought extra coins for the vending machine.'"

"We all have a good chuckle and wish folks a happy holiday and say we'll see them at 11 (for the news)."

About 45 minutes later there was a knock at the station door. Kane recalled the station looking like a "mansion type house" on Winchester Rd. and remember only about three other people working at the time of the knock. Someone answered the door and in came

## Track & Field results

*Continued from previous page*

(32.08), 2. Natalie Hutchings (32.78)  
**400 meters:** 2. Cortne Curnel (1:15.34), 4. Trinity Hayes (1:20.26), 9. Emma Herrin (1:36.15)  
**800 meters:** 1. Kate Keller (2:52), 3. Jaelyn Duncan (3:07), 4. Southern Pate (3:12), 5. Courtney Fulkerson (3:19), 8. Skilyn Jenkins (3:64)  
**1600 meters:** 1. Kate Keller (5:51), 2. Jaelyn Duncan (7:12), 4. Skilyn Jenkins (8:19), 5. Anzie Gobin (8:20)  
**3200 meters:** 1. Kate Keller (14:12)  
**400 relay:** 2. Crittenden (Cortne Curnel, Addyson Faughn, Grace Driskill, Jessie Potter) 58.68  
**800 relay:** 2. Crittenden (Cortne Curnel, Ryleigh Tabor, Addyson Faughn, Kenlee Perryman) 2:08.23  
**1600 relay:** 1. Crittenden (Cortne Curnel, Kenlee Perryman, Grace Driskill, Jessie Potter) 5:06  
**3200 relay:** 1. Crittenden (Jaelyn Duncan, Trinity Hayes, Kenlee

Perryman, Kate Keller) 12:13  
**Long Jump:** 1. Trinity Hayes 12-7, 3. Ryleigh Tabor 11-6  
**High Jump:** 1. Grace Driskill 4-6, 2. Natalie Hutchings 4-4, 4. Jaelyn Duncan 4-0  
**Triple Jump:** 1. Kenlee Perryman 29-5, 4. Trinity Hayes 21-1½, 5. Southern Pate 21-5  
**Shot Put:** 3. Lauren Gilchrist 20-5¼, 4. Abby Kirk 19-11  
**Discus:** 2. Lauren Gilchrist 64-1, 3. Abby Kirk 56-5 ¾

### Boys Results

March 15 at Marion

**110 hurdles:** 1. Devin Ford (20.00)  
**300 hurdles:** 3. Devin Ford (51.36), 4. Zack Weathers (52.19)  
**100 meters:** 1. Devon Nesbitt (11.57), 2. Eli Moss (11.65)  
**200 meters:** 3. Devon Nesbitt (25.07), 5. Branen Lamey (25:65), 7. Doug Conger (27.74)  
**400 meters:** 1. Eli Moss (58.37), 5. Parker Johnson (1:04.74), 7. Noah Perkins (1:05.74)  
**800 meters:** 1. Aaron Lucas (2:23), 2. Sawyer Towery (2:24), 3. Preston Morgeson (2:25)  
**1600 meters:** 1. Aaron Lucas (4:54), 2. Preston Morgeson

(5:32), 7. Jordan Long (6:19), 9. Trevor Peppier (6:52)  
**3200 meters:** 1. Aaron Lucas (11:24)  
**400 relay:** 1. Crittenden (Eli Moss, G. Davidson, Branen Lamey, Devon Nesbitt) 47.65  
**800 relay:** 1. Crittenden (Zack Weathers, Doug Conger, Chris Perez, Parker Johnson) 1:44.58  
**1600 relay:** 1. Crittenden (Gavin Davidson, Eli Moss, Sawyer Towery, Devon Nesbitt) 5:06  
**3200 relay:** 1. Crittenden (Sawyer Towery, Gavin Davidson, Preston Morgeson, Aaron Lucas) 9:45  
**Long Jump:** 1. Doug Conger 15-11, 2. Noah Perkins 14-1 ½  
**High Jump:** 1. Sawyer Towery 5-6, T4. Devin Ford 5-0, T4. Chris Perez 5-0, 6. Trace Davidson 4-10  
**Triple Jump:** 2. Branen Lamey 34-3  
**Shot Put:** 1. Brock Langston 32-1, 2. Adam Beavers 31-5 ¼, 5. Riley Gobin 30-0, 6. Dillan West 29-0, 8. Ross Crider (28-8)  
**Discus:** 1. Adam Beavers 95-2, 2. Ross Crider 94-0



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Kentucky players hope they can celebrate two wins in Atlanta like they got to in Boise last week because that will put the Wildcats into the Final Four.



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2017	142	BRADFORD CHARLES	\$15.84
2017	178	CAMP AARON & STEPHANIE	\$224.70
2017	182	CAMPBELL KENNETH E	\$69.14
2017	225	CLIFFORD BRIAN	\$7.20
2017	280	COOPER PEGGY DEMOSS	\$83.55
2017	310	CRITT COLLISION & REPAIR LLC	\$80.86
2017	311	CRITT COLLISION & REPAIR LLC	\$3.52
2017	349	CRUCE HERBERT EST	\$3.46
2017	361	CURNEL RICKY EST	\$149.80
2017	374	DAVENPORT SARAH	\$230.46
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2017	590	GERHARDT CRAIG	\$11.52
2017	592	GETZ SERRINA & SCOTT	\$25.92
2017	610	GIPSON SHELBY EST	\$100.83
2017	611	GIPSON SHELBY EST	\$2.88
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2017	812	LARUE JAMES D & SHARON	\$102.26
2017	981	LEWIS JERRY & SHERRI	\$237.66
2017	987	LONG SHAUN A	\$42.93
2017	1004	LONG SHAUN A	\$125.31
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2017	1021	M J L PROPERTIES LLC	\$93.63
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# Spring turkey season approaching in Kentucky

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The landscape awakens almost spontaneously from its winter slumber. Winter flocks break up into smaller groups. Innumerable turkey calls and lifelike decoys reappear at sporting goods retailers.

Turkey hunters interpret these occurrences as signs that it will not be long before they are easing into their spots before dawn, filled with anticipation.

In Kentucky, hunters still have ample time to scout and develop a game plan to increase their odds of success in the upcoming spring turkey season. This year, Kentucky's youth-only season is the weekend of April 7-8. The start of the 23-day general statewide season follows on April 14. It ends May 6.

"Start at the computer then get out in the field to find birds," said Zak Danks, wild turkey program coordinator with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Know some different approaches you might take and where you can move based on gobbling you hear once the season starts. Think about some good set-up

## KET answers hunting questions

Hunters will have an opportunity to have their questions about spring turkey season answered during a special "Kentucky Afield" TV call-in show Saturday. The live one-hour show will air at 7 p.m. on KET. Joining host Chad Miles for the show will be Zak Danks and pioneering turkey hunter Harold Knight.

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monitors turkey reproduction on a statewide scale through annual summer brood surveys.

Weather during the nesting period in May and June influences reproductive success. Heavy rains in Kentucky and surrounding states during that timeframe last year affected nesting success, which reflected in a statewide average of 1.2 poults per hen. A figure of 2.0 or higher is optimal. Hunters should expect to encounter fewer of the more easily fooled jakes as a result this season.

Kentucky annually ranks first or second among surrounding states in the number of turkeys taken per square mile.

Hunters took a record number of birds during the 2010 spring season and have averaged more than 31,000 birds over the seven seasons since.

Last spring, hunters reported taking 33,061 birds, which represents a 6 percent increase over the previous year and the third highest total on record. Muhlenberg County led all counties with hunters reporting 681 birds taken there. Looking at it dif-

ferently, Pendleton County led the state with 1.76 birds harvested per square mile.

Last spring, there were 374 turkeys taken in Crittenden County, with only two of those having been female. All but seven were taken by modern firearms. The county ranked 22nd in harvest numbers.

In the fall, 19 birds were taken, and 13 were female. Seven were by archers and another seven by firearms. Five more were harvested with a crossbow.

The majority of counties are showing a stable to increasing harvest trend over the past decade. Some counties are exhibiting lower harvest totals. In response, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife is expanding efforts to monitor the turkey population and reproduction. Feedback from hunters will play an important role.

A new spring hunting log and post-season survey will soon be available on the department's website at FW.ky.gov. On the homepage, type "Spring Turkey Hunting" into the search box. The log serves to collect information about a hunter's daily hunting effort, number of turkeys

seen, heard and harvested, observations about weather and other species observed. The post-season survey will include questions about spring hunting experiences.

"Our harvest totals tell us that we're still in a pretty good situation on a statewide level," Danks said. "We are hearing from people who tell us they're not seeing as many turkeys as they had in the past. Most of that is from counties that have shown a decrease in harvest. What's the reason? It's difficult to determine on a statewide scale when all we've had to go on is harvest. We need information on hunter effort on a county level."

"The information gained from these hunter surveys and logs should help us track trends across the state."

Hunters are allowed a limit of two bearded birds during the spring season, but no more than one bearded bird may be taken in a day.

The 2018 Kentucky Spring Hunting Guide provides information about current regulations, licenses and permits, legal equipment, safety tips and more. Find it online at TW.ky.gov or wherever licenses are sold.

## GARDENS

Continued from Page 1

ing to advocate for the city continuing to host the community garden plots. The gardens offer residents a variety of fresh produce throughout each growing season, and vegetables also supplement the menu at Crittenden County Detention Center, which supplies the labor for tending the gardens under the direction of Kirk, who is also county jailer.

A March 8 story in The Crittenden Press publicized the city's proposal to put the property up for sale this year. Since that time, city officials have taken considerable heat from a backlash of opposition to the idea. Byford and some council members said they were shocked when they read the story that outlined the city's intentions for the 42 acres based on comments

from Kirk and City Administrator Adam Ledford.

"It was a surprise to me," said Byford, referencing the newspaper story and adding that a misunderstanding appears to have complicated the issue.

But prior to the story, as head of the non-profit group Victory Gardens Inc. that oversees operation of the gardens, Kirk had already begun to remove some fencing on the property. And work has yet to begin on preparations for the 2018 growing season. In fact, Kirk said that based on previous discussions with Ledford, the group's board of directors voted to forego spending any more money on the gardens thinking the property would be put up for sale this autumn.

"I have been told by the city administrator that the property will sell in 2018," Kirk said Tuesday. "That's what I'm going on."

Kirk was not at Monday's council meeting.

Neither Ledford nor Byford deny the possibility of the land being put up for sale this year since the city no longer needs the property for a new sewer plant. Last year, it was decided to build the new wastewater treatment facility in Industrial Park North.

"There's no hiding the fact it's a piece of property we don't need," Byford said of the land purchased for just more than \$100,000, of which the city still owes \$35,000.

Several community members, including Kirk's wife Vicki, were at Monday's meeting to speak on behalf of the Gardens.

"I think the majority of the community ... believe the gardens (are) such a great thing," said Whitley Spillman, a member of Life in Christ Church, which has been a key contributor to the non-profit and longtime supporter of the Gardens. "It feeds hundreds of people. It shows inmates they can be productive, that they can change. We want them to change. I think the profit that would be made off the property is minimal compared to the benefit."

The first public discussion of selling the now surplus city property came in July 2017 at a brainstorming session to begin planning the municipality's future. In the months since, the issue has been on the table. Kirk and Ledford have discussed possible options for keeping the land out of private ownership, a legal requirement for inmate labor to continue working the land.

At press time, elected city officials and Kirk had yet to talk to one another on the matter since it was first brought up nine months ago. Kirk has spoken with only the city administrator.

Ledford maintains the city has no intention of putting the property on the market until this fall and then only if



PRESS FILE PHOTO

**In this 2016 file photo, local residents line up for distribution day at the Victory Gardens. The Gardens are in jeopardy with the City of Marion considering the sale of its property on which the plots of produce are planted.**

## Rule prohibits commercial traffic on Country Club Drive

STAFF REPORT

A measure aimed at preserving the life of Country Club Drive was approved 4-2 Monday by Marion City Council.

The ordinance will prohibit most commercial traffic like tractor-trailers from traveling the half-mile street that along with Industrial Drive connects U.S. 60 West and U.S. 641. The new rule allows for exceptions for governmental vehicles and commercial vehicles servicing properties along the street.

Councilmen Dwight Sherer and Mike Byford opposed the measure because they believe it does nothing more than shift traffic problems from Country Club Drive to an already busy and cumbersome U.S. 641/U.S. 60 intersection at the traf-

fic signal.

For months, the council has searched for a way to extend the life of Country Club Drive, which is rapidly deteriorating under heavy traffic like tractor-trailers and loaded dump trucks. Shutting the street to all through traffic was even considered.

Though approved Monday night, City Administrator Adam Ledford said the new ordinance will not be enforced until signage indicating the new restriction is placed on U.S. 641 at the intersection with Industrial Drive and on U.S. 60 West at the Country Club Drive intersection.

Violation will carry a fine of \$15-500 and could include a point reduction on a driver's license.

the council votes to do so.

But with no guarantee the land would be available for the Victory Gardens beyond 2018, Kirk said the non-profit's directors do not intend to throw more money at preparing the land and getting equipment ready for another growing season; nor will they continue care of fruit trees and blackberry vines planted a few years ago. And fencing on the property placed by the group has already begun to be removed so that the treated lumber can be sold.

At press time, Kirk said the Victory Gardens, which have endured seven years on the acreage, will be off city property by May 1.

But Byford hopes to find a resolution that will keep the gardens in place. He and Kirk were scheduled to meet Wednesday. Kirk is looking for

a continuation of Victory Gardens Inc.'s annual lease of \$1 over the next five years. That would give the organization time to potentially raise the money to purchase the acreage.

But any solution faces hurdles. Kirk said the non-profit cannot agree to a \$5,000 annual lease that would cover the city's annual payment for the property. Also, council-

men Darrin Tabor and Dwight Sherer said they do not favor selling the land to anyone so that the city would retain options for any civic development in the future, including any possible expansion of Marion-Crittenden County Park.

Byford has put further discussion of the property's fate on the agenda for the April 16 city council meeting.

## Fords Ferry wreck being investigated by sheriff

STAFF REPORT

One person was flown to an area hospital as a result of a neck injury following a one-vehicle accident on Fords Ferry Road Thursday morning.

Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent received conflicting reports initially as to who was driving the silver passenger car, which left the roadway on the left side of the road, overturned and landed on its nose in a ditch about 4 miles from Marion. He has not determined who was driving the vehicle, which belonged to one of the occupants' grandmother.

The vehicle was traveling northbound when the accident occurred around 7:56 a.m.

Kenneth J. Bean, 18, of Benton was transported via Air Evac Lifeteam. Two other passengers, Martus Holbrook of Benton, 22, and a 16-year-old Crittenden County girl suffered minor injuries.

Agent says speed appears to have contributed to the accident. No one was ejected from the vehicle, but seat belts do not appear to have been in use, the sheriff said.

No charges have been filed in the case.

## CHRISTMAS

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cancel the show, according to board member Kim Vince.

"When we moved to the school gym, we were able to more than double our show size; however, now that the school's fall break does not fall in line with the show, it makes it very difficult to coordinate use of the gym, and some student activities had to be put on hold for our event," she explained.

In 2014, Christmas in Marion and The Shoppe moved their shows to the Crittenden County Middle School gym and multi-purpose room, respectively. Until then, Christmas in Marion was held at historic Fohs Hall in downtown Marion, with The Shoppe located across the street at the senior citizens center. The shows were relocated in order to accommodate more vendors.

Sinking sales were also a factor in the show's demise.

"Although the number of attendees has gone up in recent years, vendors have con-



PRESS FILE PHOTO

**In this 2017 file photo, Penny and Diane Meade of Penny's Crafts in Illinois ply their wares at the Christmas in Marion Arts & Crafts Show. The Community Arts Foundation, the sponsoring organization for the show, has decided to cancel this year's event. In conjunction, Crittenden County Extension Homemakers' The Shoppe Next Door has also been shut down.**

sistently said their booth sales left something to be desired," Vince said.

Lastly, CAF's limited manpower made the large show difficult to pull off each autumn.

"Our board and volunteers

always did a great job, but it was a huge commitment by just a few people," Vince added.

But the 2018 cancellation does not necessarily mean an end to Christmas in Marion. Vince said CAF is willing to

work with any other potential sponsor to revive the event.

"If another group is interested in hosting a handmade arts and craft show, we will consider giving them our documents, including vendor contact information," she said.

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