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Ferry facing changes without more money

Cave In Rock Ferry owner Lonnie Lewis says that without more funding, he may be forced to make changes to the service that carries motorists across the Ohio River between Kentucky and Illinois.

Lewis, an Illinois resident who has operated the ferry since 1994, said his costs have escalated over the years while funding has not. For years, Kentucky and Illinois transportation departments have evenly split \$804,000 allocated to provide free service to an average of 500 motorists daily.

"Insurance is four times what it used to be; fuel is eight times," Lewis said, illustrating that his bottom line is moving quickly toward the being in the red. "There gets to be a point where things don't meet."

On top of inflation, looming mandates for dry dock inspection of tugs and adding a second deckhand have Lewis concerned. He said he does not want to shut down the service, but reducing hours and even holiday operations are possibilities without additional money.

Lewis is working with state and local officials to find a solution.

State, county, Press offices closed Friday

Kentucky is one of 12 states that observe Good Friday with time off for its public employees, and several other offices in Crittenden County will be closed in observance of the Christian holiday. All city, courthouse offices and county operations, including the animal shelter and convenience center, will be closed Friday and Saturday. The senior citizens center will also be closed Friday.

The Crittenden Press is closing its office for Good Friday as well.

Still open will be the public library, Extension service and federal offices, meaning the mail will run as usual Friday.

Leadership breakfast slated for next month

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce and Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. are hosting another community breakfast in just three weeks. The quarterly event will be at the Marion Ed-Tech Center on April 20. Doors open at 7 a.m. with breakfast, and the program begins a half-hour later. The presenter will be Brandie Ledford, director of Crittenden County Public Library.

Call the Chamber at (270) 965-5015 by April 16 for reservations. Tickets are \$7 each.

Edward Jones is the sponsor and breakfast will be prepared by Conrad's Harvest Foods.



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Victory! Gardens spared

STAFF REPORT

An agreement between the City of Marion and Victory Gardens Inc. will apparently keep the community garden plots open through at least the 2019 growing season.

Until a meeting last week between Mayor Jared Byford and Robbie Kirk, county jailer and head of the non-profit group that oversees the Gardens, it looked as if the venture was over. The city

had designs on selling in late 2018 its 42-plus acres that serve as home to the Gardens. With the future beyond 2018 bleak for continuing the gardens on the lands it had already developed, Victory Gardens Inc. voted to spend no more money and to forego the growing season.

But last week's informal meeting led to the discovery of a lease agreement originating in December 2014 that offered use of the city's land

to Victory Gardens Inc. through Dec. 16, 2019. The lease is for \$1 annually, and "may be extended if deemed so desirable by the City of Marion."

Byford said the city has every intention of honoring the lease now that it has



Byford



Kirk

been discovered. Until last week's meeting, there had been no mention of the document.

The lease preceded Byford's appointment as mayor, Kirk's term as jailer and Adam Ledford's hire as Marion City Administrator.

The city may ultimately choose to sell the lands off Old Morganfield Road that include a pond, but that would give Victory Gardens Inc. almost two full years, at least, to find a solution.

"We will maintain the garden there for the next two years, and the city and the non-profit will work out a lease agreement for any years past that," Kirk told

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CCES performs 'Peter Pan'

Piper Certain was Tinker Bell and Kayleigh Weathers was Peter Pan in a play produced last Thursday by fifth-graders at Crittenden County Elementary School. The play was under the direction of Mary Ann Winders, the school's librarian and media specialist, and was viewed by the entire student body in the school's multi-purpose room.

Jones stepping down from Marion Baptist

STAFF REPORT

Marion Baptist Church pastor Dr. Mike Jones had felt a tug a time or two before, but until last week, he'd never been led to leave the church where he's ministered for the past 11 years.

Jones announced to the congregation Sunday morning that the Lord was leading him to pastor at a church in Owensboro. His last Sunday in Marion will be April 15.

Jones, 54, came to Marion's largest Baptist church in 2007. His tenure at Mar-

ion Baptist has seen a number of changes as churches in rural America have struggled to attract and retain regulars. To combat the nation's declining number of churchgoers, Jones said his ministry at Marion has been involved in outreach and growth through new and innovative measures.

A contemporary, earlier worship service on Sundays, Faith in Action community outreach and a Big Buck Expo and CenterShot Archery program tailored to-



Jones

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Underdown's history bug found with school project

By **MIMI BURNS**
STAFF WRITER

A regular Saturday in the 1980s was eye-opening for Brenda Underdown. As she was researching old newspaper articles so she could help her kids with a school genealogy project, an interest and passion for history got enlivened in her heart.

Almost 40 years later, as she followed through with her calling to write about the county's history, she is Crittenden County's go-to person for questions on past cultural customs in town or just about anything that has to do with the county's past. Surprising to her, she has helped several people find their relatives with her genealogy work.

Underdown gets several calls a week from citizens of the county wanting to know when or how a certain building was built.

Through her regular newspaper articles and books, younger generations today get a grip on what was happening in the county decades ago. And the older generations can recall the way life looked in Marion in a specific time period more vividly. They can even reminisce about their youth.

Despite this, Under-



PRESS FILE PHOTO

Brenda Underdown, Crittenden County's historian laureate, earned her love of history from her grandfather, but helping her children with a school genealogy project almost 40 years ago is what stirred her to begin recording local history.

down's modesty and calm spirit make her almost unaware of the vast impact she has had on people's lives in our county.

In the beginning, the only thing she knew as she embarked on the adventure was that she had to put her findings and research information on paper so that it didn't get lost for future generations.

"It all started with that

genealogy project that I was helping my kids with," she recalls. "As I got to looking at the obituaries in an old edition of The Crittenden Press, all these interesting articles came up about things that happened here in the past. I came across some old information about how and when our courthouse and jail were built. I learned about businesses uptown as well."

"I made copies of all of this, because I thought

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Much work left; little time to do it

The end of the 2018 regular session is rapidly approaching, and as is typical in budget years, the House and Senate each have their own ideas on how the various branches of government should spend the money taxpayers have provided. With that in mind, neither chamber agreed in total with the other, so committees were put in place to work out the differences in the executive and judicial branch budgets and the revenue bill. Neither the House's version of the legislative branch budget nor the transportation budget made it back to the House from the Senate this past week, but I am sure there will be differences in both that will require compromise.

This update, therefore, will focus on the executive branch budget, which is the Commonwealth's largest. Some parts of the House and Senate budget plans are quite similar. For example, both would provide funding at higher levels than ever before for the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) program, which is the

formula for base per pupil funding for schools. Both fund the state's pension systems.

The two plans would also beef up funding in areas of public safety and provide additional money to fund a dozen or so struggling school districts that due to monetary issues might not be able to finish the school year. Both plans would cut most areas of state government by the 6.25 percent recommended by the Governor as part of statewide-spending reductions.

Parts of the two plans, however, are very different. The House plan proposes more money for SEEK than the Senate's, and the Senate plan proposes around \$1 billion less than the House for the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System in order to put that money into lesser-funded state pension plans.

Another striking difference between the two plans is in how they would be funded. The Senate plan does not include several tax revenue sources approved by the House; these were a 50-cent

per pack increase in the state cigarette tax, a 25-cent per dose fee on opioids at the distribution level and removal of the \$10 per person income tax credit.

These are just some highlights of how House Bill 200, the executive budget bill, and HB 366, the revenue bill, have changed since they were voted out of the House on March 1. Other changes were also made to the bill by the Senate that may – or may not – be accepted by the House in this session's final days.

That said, I am hopeful that the House and Senate will ultimately be able to agree on how to address the needs of the Commonwealth, and to do so quickly – specifically before the session veto recess period – so that we as the Kentucky General Assembly can use our constitutional authority to override gubernatorial vetoes, should the need arise.

This budget work will consume most of the energy in the session's remaining days, but there are some other measures that will also likely stay in play until session's end. One of those is HB 428, which would set new rules for handling opioid overdoses. The opioid crisis has a violent grip on Kentucky and has hit younger generations particularly hard. HB 428 would re-

Legislative session calendar

Friday marks the beginning of a 10-day veto recess that allows Gov. Matt Bevin the opportunity to scratch any legislative work – either by line item or in its entirety – agreed upon by both the House and Senate. April 13 is scheduled for the final day of the session, but the calendar could be changed before then. By statute, the General Assembly must adjourn by April 15. Following is the remaining calendar:

- **March 29:** Lawmakers on Tuesday adjusted the General Assembly's calendar to make today (Thursday) a working legislative day. The change allowed a conference committee to continue budget negotiations Wednesday and allow for a potential vote today.
- **March 30-April 10:** Veto recess. No action will be taken on legislation, though discussions may continue.
- **April 12:** Lawmakers back in session for penultimate day of work, allowing the legislature to override any vetoes made by Bevin. An override requires only a simple majority in each chamber.
- **April 13:** Day 59 and last day of the 60-day session. Adjournment is required by April 15, but April 13 is a Friday. Weather cancellations will leave the session one day short of its full 60 days.

quire first responders to detain those who have overdosed from opioids in a service area with a population greater than 90,000 (such as Louisville, Lexington and adjoining counties in northern Kentucky) and take them to a hospital for treatment. I voted yes on HB 428, it passed the House, and is now in the Senate for consideration.

HB 191 is a measure that

addresses eye care and was voted out of the House in February. The Senate made some changes and sent it back to the House for its concurrence. I voted yes, the House concurred with the Senate changes and HB 191 was sent to the Governor for his signature. The bill would require companies offering eyeglass or contact prescriptions based on virtual eye tests such as those offered by

smartphone app to have the prescription signed off on by a Kentucky licensed medical provider. Those receiving prescriptions from such vendors would have to be at least 18 years old and have received an in-person eye exam within the previous 24 months.

There has been no further action on Senate Bill 1, the pension reform bill. It remains in the State and Local Government Committee of the Senate.

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

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

6.25 percent cuts forced vote of No on budget

The two-year state budget passed out of committee and landed on the Senate floor for a vote by the full body on March 20. However, we did not take up the House proposal, but rather an amended plan from the Senate Republicans. Despite my opposition, it passed our chamber.

I voted against the tentative plan because I have concerns about reinstating the Governor's recommended reductions of 6.25 percent in most budget areas. The Senate plan does that, with the exception of veteran affairs and state police. I also am skeptical of the language addressing layoffs, furloughs and reduced hours for executive branch employees. I do not support eliminating merit system securities for our state employees. Nor am I pleased with funds appropriated to charter schools. My fear on the latter is that existing public school funding could be funneled off to support charter schools.

But, as Yogi Berra said, "It's not over until it's over." At press time Tuesday, the amended budget bills had

been referred to a conference committee comprised of senators and representatives

from both chambers. As a member of leadership, I was appointed to the committee. The conferees are working to find a compromise. The aim is to craft a plan both chambers can agree to before we recess for the Governor's possible vetoes. Once differences are ironed out, the budget will come back to the full Senate for another vote. I feel confident that will be

achieved, as no legislator wants to postpone approval of the budget and lose the ability to override the Governor's vetoes.

I remain committed to protect the taxpayers and will continue to fight to protect public education, move our public employee and teacher retirement plans in the right directions, and invest in our infrastructure, while still looking out for our most vulnerable citizens.

The session itself is far from over. In these final days, we will pass important legislation that will impact Kentuckians across the

Commonwealth.

Some bills receiving approval in the Senate last week:

- House Bill 2, as amended, will not impact injured workers currently receiving workers' comp benefits. However, in future cases, it will limit benefits to workers with certain injuries to 15 years, with a chance after 15 years to be recertified to continue receiving benefits. I opposed this bill because it makes it harder for injured workers to recover benefits they are due. We can be for business without being anti-worker, and that is what this bill is. I voted no.
- Senate Bill 231 creates the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship to ensure that all Kentuckians who have not yet earned a postsecondary degree have affordable access to an industry-recognized certificate or diploma.
- HB 46 allows security freezes to be requested by consumers to request a replacement personal identification number or password in the same manner as the original security freeze request. This measure removes the expiration of a credit freeze after seven years.
- HB 70 puts Kentucky in compliance with a Supreme Court's opinion that our current law relating to sex of-

fenders is unconstitutional. It prohibits registered sex offenders from knowingly using electronic communications to solicit or contact anyone under the age of 18.

- SB 155 requires employees of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet who have access to, or use of, federal tax information to submit a state and federal criminal background check.

- HB 198 establishes the standards and rules for the Attorney General when awarding contingency fee personal service contracts for legal services. This bill favors the interests of corporations, not Kentuckians by capping attorney fees. It makes it harder for the Attorney General to go after the biggest settlement cases on behalf of Kentucky taxpayers. I voted no.

- HB 132 mandates financial literacy as a high school graduation requirement. This requirement will go into effect beginning with students entering the 2020-21 as freshmen. Coursework or programs that would meet the requirement would be determined by the high school's school-based decision making council or principal.

Guidelines for the coursework or program would be developed at the state level with local programs aligned

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to the state standards. Kentucky currently rates 48th in financial literacy.

- HB 68 provides mental health and wellness support for law enforcement officials who encounter tragic and horrific events while on the job. At the center of the measure is a post-critical incident seminar, or PCIS. It is a program established by the FBI in the 1980s and first adopted by South Carolina. Kentucky would be about the 10th state to adopt it. The initiative will be paid with do-

Bankruptcy judge speaks to teens on financial responsibility

STAFF REPORT

A federal bankruptcy judge fully supports state lawmakers' efforts to create future generations of adults with a more thorough understanding of fiscal responsibility, something that appears to be lacking among graduates currently being churned out of Kentucky schools.

It's not just any justice throwing his support behind House Bill 132, it's Crittenden County native Alan Stout, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge for the Western District of Kentucky. Earlier this month, Stout spoke on the matter with local high school students.

Stout is part of a crusade to better educate Kentucky's youth on credit and credit abuse issues, money management matters and the importance of maintaining good credit. That crusade is known as Credit Abuse Resistance Education, or CARE. Stout became actively involved in CARE when he was appointed to the federal bench in Louisville seven years ago.

"Everything from car loans, to pay-day lenders, importance of budgeting and identity theft are covered," Stout said of the CARE presentations to students include. "I also focus a lot on student loans and the importance of controlling the cost of higher

education and student loans if a student is going on to college."

Kentucky currently ranks 48th in financial literacy.

"The lack of financial literacy is costing our state money," said Sen. Max Wise, R-Campbellsville, before the floor vote in the upper chamber last week. "When people are deep in consumer debt, they tend to file for bankruptcy more often, they are more likely to need state assistance, and they certainly are not adding to the consumer economy when they send the majority of their spending capability in interest payments to out-of-state credit card companies."

According to Stout, the Louisville Bar Association along with the Kentucky Bar Foundation sponsor the CARE program in Jefferson County Public Schools. This year, presentations were made in 23 different Jefferson County schools to almost 2,000 students by 71 different teams of lawyers and judges.

"As a federal bankruptcy judge, I often see situations where people have gotten into some serious financial problems, many times not even of their own doing," Stout said. "Medical expenses, loss of a job and many other circum-

stances can lead to problems. However, many times the problems are caused by poor planning or financial mismanagement that could have been prevented.

"This is what the program seeks to address."

Last week, Stout brought the power of CARE back home to Crittenden County.

Stout and local Assistant County Attorney Wes Hunt teamed up for a presentation in the high school financial literacy classroom of Cara Hunt, who happens to be Wes' wife.

"It was very cool that her husband, Wes Hunt helped," Stout said.

The judge said the students who participate are very engaged, and credits CCHS for being ahead of the curve in already having a financial literacy class, something lawmakers are pushing to be a statewide mandate.

"In fact, the students at CCHS were among the most interested and engaged of any I have met with," he said.

Stout said Wes Hunt is reaching out to 5th Judicial Circuit judges Brandi Rogers and Rene Williams in an attempt to schedule the program in Webster and Union counties, the two other counties each judge serves.



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Stout



COURTESY OF CARA HUNT/CCHS

Federal bankruptcy judge and Crittenden County native Alan Stout speaks to Cara Hunt's Crittenden County High School financial literacy class last week as part of an ongoing effort to educate teens to the importance of understanding aspects of personal finance.

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ward outdoorsy types have been among the pastor’s signature programs over the past decade.

“We have been truly blessed here,” said Jones, whose wife Annette, works as a teller at Famers Bank & Trust Co.

They raised their son while living in Marion and their daughter found a husband here. It’s been a nice home and nice place to raise

children, Jones explained. His son Brennen graduated from Crittenden County High School last spring and is now a freshman at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. His daughter, Kaitlyn, married Jason Dunbar, who was the church’s minister of music and youth. They recently left for a church near Bowling Green.

“We have tried to invest in the community,” Jones said about his time in Marion.

He has served as a chaplain at the hospital, on the Chamber of Commerce

board of directors, on the Interagency Council and Ministerial Association.

Marion Baptist has 617 members on its rolls, making it the town’s largest Baptist congregation and perhaps the largest church in the entire community. Jones will become pastor at Macedonia Baptist Church on the east side of Owensboro. It is a larger church than Marion Baptist.

Jones said he’d been approached by other churches in the past, but had never felt the Lord at work on his

heart as he had in the past few weeks while undergoing the process of accepting a new position.

“God was clearly at work,” Jones said. “Marion has been a great community and we have made many good friends. We will miss it here.”

Jones, a Paducah native, earned his undergraduate degree from Murray State University and his master’s and doctorate of theology from Louisiana Baptist University. He helped start a Baptist church in 1994 in Alabama before accepting a po-

sition at Cadiz, where he had been ministering before coming to Marion. His wife hails from Cadiz.

Ministering in rural Kentucky is not without its challenges, Jones said. The economy can be a big factor in church attendance, and his Baptist association says only about 18 percent of Crittenden Countians attend church on any given Sunday. Ironically, he said that during tougher times, people tend to embrace the church.

“When gas prices were sky high, attendance was up,” he

said. “When times are tough people line up to get into church. When there is a crisis such as 9/11 people come to church.”

Marion Baptist’s outreach programs have been a key part in keeping the church vibrant over the past several years, and Jones said those programs have led to many people accepting Christ.

“Faith in Action and the Buck Expo have been very successful and they continue to have an impact on the community and individuals,” Jones said.

WMJL

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sion, or FCC, approved the transfer of WMJL’s radio frequencies last week.

Stratemeyer Media is owned by Samuel Stratemeyer of Metropolis, Ill. Crockett said Stratemeyer’s holdings are diverse and one of his primary businesses is farming in southern Illinois. He has also run unsuccessfully for state office a couple of times in southern Illinois on the Republican ticket.

Ultimately, Crockett said, the radio station in Marion belongs to the people of the community and serving them will be the company’s goal moving forward.

“We intend to be heavily focused on Rockets athletics and what’s going on in the community. We want to super serve the community,” he said.

Joe and Barbara Myers, who have owned the radio station since 1994, will concentrate on their other local business – Myers Funeral Home.

“We truly appreciate the many listeners who have tuned in over the years, whether in their homes, cars or at sporting events,” said Barbara Myers, who has been the station manager. “It has been a pleasure serving our community and our loyal advertisers have made this possible. Change is inevitable and as we turn over the keys to WMJL, we are confident that new technology and innovative ideas will continue to make radio a valuable resource. We will be listening!”

Crockett said the current staff at WMJL will be retained and there will likely be a new person or two join the local station. He will serve as station manager for the time being.

The radio station was started here in 1968.

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But work on this year’s Gardens is already behind schedule. The uncertainty of the land’s ownership and decision by the non-profit to halt operations has left equipment unserved and land unfertilized and prepped for planting.

Starting a bit late, though, should not prevent the 27 plots of vegetables like corn, cucumbers and squash and tomatoes from being ready in time for distribution, which typically begins in June. Also on the land are fruit trees and blackberry vines that should be fruiting before the current lease ends.

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that it was so interesting."

What Google browsing does for Millennials today was not even imaginable back in the 1980s. Instead of being one click away, the information you needed was hidden amid long written pages of paper scattered in files and records in different locations.

Life overall was a lot different when Underdown was growing up.

She was born in 1944 in Crayne, and in those days, the little communities of the county were self-contained. They had their own grocery stores, gas stations, schools, etc.; so really, the entire life of an individual was happening inside of the community, unlike today when the ease of travel expands the opportunities.

"Back when I was growing up, you knew all the people and your life was in your

community," Underdown said. "You didn't have to go out of town to get what you needed because it was already there. So my childhood growing up in those years was Crayne."

Her love of history came from her grandfather, Ewell Jeffrey Travis.

"He was the county's judge-executive and the county school superintendent in Crittenden County," she explained. "And he loved driving around in the county, looking at the history part of it. I had to have gotten my love of history from him."

And that love led her to find out even more about her beloved grandparent.

"Actually, my father didn't talk much about my grandfather, so by reading old articles and researching, I learned more about him and what he did and got even more inspired," Underdown said.

She hopes people in the future will read about our county and learn about it

through her regular "Forgotten Passages" column. As a matter of fact, her hopes have already come to pass, since some people tell her they save the articles she writes.

"Several times a week, people come to ask me about something that they need for their life and has to do with our history," she recalls. "Yesterday, a person called me wanting to know who built the old hospital and when. Someone wanted to know when the middle school (a former high school) turned into a middle school. Just some hometown questions."

"It pleases me that people ask me questions that I can answer. It is fun. I love genealogy, too."

Underdown's Forgotten Passages of history serve people differently. For some, to remember; for some, to learn; and others even find who their relatives are.

"I had two people out of town who found out who

their grandparents were, and they didn't know that before my work. It was just some information I had extracted from some county court order books at the courthouse."

Talking about how she started sharing her research on the pages of The Crittenden Press in 2004, she says that it was something she delayed for two years after Publisher Chris Evans asked her to be a regular contributor.

"When I worked at the school board, every Saturday at 9 o'clock, I would read old papers on microfilm at the library. As I was doing that, Chris Evans saw me and said I needed to write a column for the newspaper about the history of the county. It was maybe a couple of years until I got the nerve to do it."

Underdown offers a hint at how she works.

"When I write, I put my ideas on paper and then develop them using the data I have collected in my years of research, and I pull up sec-

tions of different things. I write about anything that has to do with the people who were important to the county, the churches, the schools, even the names of the roads, creeks. I like finding out what prompted those names as well."

Comparing Marion of the past with today, she says that in the past, our town was a lot busier.

"The population was around 14,000 people," Underdown said. "Back in the 50s, people didn't need a road trip to be happy. They wanted to stay at home and do things in their local community. We even had a wonderful movie theater."

"I think that the business in our town started going down when the (fluorspar) mines closed and the people started moving out. Also, the spirit of the 21st century is a travelers spirit, so people get

to travel more these days."

Thirty-eight years from her first encounter with the love of her life, history, she continues to preserve the forgotten passages of our county history and illuminates them with her own perspective and her own view.

In 1998, she became a member of the historical society that runs the Crittenden County Historical Museum. Today she is the chairman. Her columns are archived in several bound volumes and are sold at the historical museum, which opens for the season next Wednesday. She also maintains a Forgotten Passages blog, OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com.

Underdown also had a long, successful career in the school system.

Her other love besides history is yard work and flowers.

CHESS

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shined Saturday with the second most points among the 16 teams in the section. However, tiebreakers dropped the team to fourth overall. The K3 and K8 teams also performed masterfully.

"I couldn't be more pleased with how each team played at state," said Winters. "To make it to state is one thing, to be playing for the state title in two sections and have the chance to win is another."

Half of the high school team was familiar to the pressure of a championship. Stevens and James played on the K8 team last year that battled for the state title in the last round. In Round 1, the four-player would have a lot to prove as they drew Christian Education Consortium (CEC), the top team in the section. Each of the four games would come down to the wire, but CEC was too much for the Blue Knights, and they took the clean sweep.

In Round 2, the Blue Knights played Morgan County and won 3.5 out of the 4 points, earning them a point. In Round 3, they would get the host school North Bullitt High School and would once again win 3.5 out of the 4 points possible, earning them the point and setting them up for the fourth round, where they could potentially play for the state title.

The Blue Knights took care of their end and put away Paul Laurence Dunbar in Round 4. It would come down to the last game, the last seconds. Stevens was able to pull out a draw, giving the Blue Knights 2.5 out of the 4 points and earning a point toward the title. But CEC, also in the last seconds, dropped Dupont Manual and earned the state title for a fifth consecutive year.

The Blue Knights tied three other schools for second-most point, but tiebreakers dropped them to



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Crittenden County's Blue Knight's chess teams performed well at the state tournament over the weekend. The high school team, in fact, placed fourth overall. Team members include (from left) James Crider, Lauren Gilchrist, Chase Stevens, Cole Swinford, Clay Stevens and Skyler James.

fourth.

Alternates Dominic Rorer, James Crider and Lauren Gilchrist placed 20th, 21st, and 23rd each with 2 points.

The K3 team of Zak Smith, Wyatt Russell, Jake Rich and Alex Hewitt placed sixth overall.

In Round 3, the Blue Knights played rival Murray Elementary. Winters said Murray brought their A game and surprised the Blue Knights by winning three out of the four games. In the final round, the Blue Knights played Cedar Grove Elementary and took the clean sweep giving them 2 total points for the tournament.

Individually, the alternates placed well also. Zeke Smith placed fifth with 2.5 points, Eli Lovell placed sixth with 2 points and Charlie Ledford placed 11th with 2 points.

"The Blue Knights are proving themselves as true contenders at state," Winters said. "The kids are improving more and more each tourna-

ment, and it's just a matter of time before they are playing for that state title and bring it home."

In other sections, the K5 team of Hayden Hildebrand, Nai'Zayah Bell, Cameron Hernandez and Jaxson Cartwright placed 15th. This was the first state tournament for two of the four team members, but each player was able to earn a win during the tournament.

"This is a rebuilding year for the K5 team, and next year they will be a strong contender all around," Winters said.

The K8 team of Gage Russell, Evan McDowell, Denmon Wilson and Trey Swaggirt tied for fifth place but would bring home the seventh-place trophy on tiebreaks.

Alternates Abbey Swinford placed 13th with 2 points, Tyler Swaggirt placed 17th with 2 points and Isaac Sarles placed 24th with 1.5 points.

Winters said playing for the title is a bit different than

normal tournaments.

The state format for chess is structured a little differently than normal tournaments experienced by players. Each qualifying team per section takes its four top rated players and plays against the four top-rated players from each team in four rounds to decide the state champion. In order to gain a point for the round, a player must win the best-of-four games, meaning 2.5 points earns one point for the team, explains Winters. Who you play is based on a computer-generated draw in Round 1, and then you play teams with similar points in the other three rounds. Each team is seeded by their average rating of the top four players.

The Blue Knights have one last tournament for the year, which is the Checkmate Cup to be held in Marion. Each competing team will bring in donations for the Crittenden County's Backpack Program.

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Cold-weather surfing

Samantha Jones lives a few blocks away, but walks over to the Crittenden County Public Library quite often to take advantage of the library's free WiFi. She and her two boys, Jeremiah Gibson, 8, and Jackson Gibson, 7, were braving some cool March temperatures Sunday afternoon in order to download some games on a smartphone and surf Facebook.

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Trivia champs

Winners of the Crittenden County Public Library's Trivia Night Pop Culture Edition March 23 are (from left) Jeff Leet, Ellen Merrick and Alyssa Leet. The trivia team trophy will be on display in the library along with the team's picture until the next trivia night, May 4. The theme for the May trivia night is May the 4th Be With You – Star Wars Edition. This will be a family trivia event so participants can start forming teams of both kids and adults. Costumes are optional. The library has all of the Star Wars franchise on DVD and many books for fans to check out as well.



Library winners

Kathy Stokes (left) and Aiden Spillman were the winners of the Crittenden County Public Library's mystery contest baskets. Stokes won the adult competition and Spillman the youth division by completing a scavenger hunt in the library finding clues to prepare them for Mystery Day March 10.

CDBG, LIHEAP boosted in federal spending plan

STAFF REPORT

Not only were two federal programs that send money back to poor communities like Crittenden County salvaged from President Donald Trump's proposed budget, each will get a boost in funding through the end of September.

Trump on Friday signed a \$1.3 trillion 2018 spending plan that includes boosts for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP. His original budget proposed ending each program aimed to help bridge an income divide between affluent regions and poor, rural areas.

But new money was restored last week by Congress, adding a quarter-billion dollars to LIHEAP and another \$305 million for CDBG that are awarded to local jurisdictions for community improvement projects.

LIHEAP helps 6 million low-income Americans like senior citizens stay warm in the winter by subsidizing their heating bills. Last year, the program helped the fam-

ilies of more than 310 applicants in Crittenden County pay a combined \$66,000 to keep the heat turned on.

In Crittenden County over the last several years, CDBG monies totaling \$2.175 million have helped build a new health department, expand the senior citizens center, renovate the world-renowned Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum, improve the City of Marion's wastewater collection and treatment system and offer relief from the devastating 2009 ice storm.

Crittenden County's representation on Capitol Hill, all Republicans, split on their support for the 2,232-page spending plan for various reasons. Sen. Mitch McConnell voted in favor, and Sen. Rand Paul opposed the budget. In the House, Rep. James Comer also voted against the bill.

Both low-income programs, LIHEAP and CDBG, would again have to be approved for the Fiscal Year 2019 budget that begins Oct. 1 of this year. The Trump Administration still opposes fully funding each.

Museum opens for season April 4

By **BRENDA UNDERDOWN**
COUNTY HISTORIAN

Crittenden County Historical Museum on East Bellville Street will reopen for the season next Wednesday. Hours will remain 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Bernice Maroney returns as curator. Entry is free, but donations help keep the facility open.

Housed in a former Presbyterian church, which is a historical treasure in itself at 137 years old, the museum contains countless items that tell Crittenden County's past.

One of the display rooms has a comprehensive collection of farm implements and tools and many items from several of the old grocery stores that were an important part of our daily lives. Pictures and memorabilia from these stores are also on display.

One of the museum's most recent donations is an antique hand-cranked Buffalo Forge blower and stand. This vintage piece of farm equipment was donated to the museum by Marvin Roberts of the Sugar Grove community. He said it had been in his family for many years, and he remembers



The antique forge (above left) is located in the farm room of the museum along with many other similar antique items. At right is a collection of school items of long ago, including the teacher's handheld bell used to call children to class and a globe used to teach geography and history of the world.



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seeing it since he was a boy. It was used by his father on their farm. Roberts said all farms of long ago usually had one of these hand-cranked forges used to mend and repair all the old iron farm implements used on the farm.

In another room, museum visitors will find a collection of history from the schools of Crittenden County starting in the

1880s. There are many old school items that will bring back many memories of attending classes in the little one-room schools of long ago including the hand held bell that the teacher rang to call the children from recess, the wooden desk that has initials carved on its surface, plus many other familiar items. Pictures of many of the little country schools, that are now only a memory,

line the walls, and scrap-books are available to look through. The Marion High School Memory Room is also contained inside the museum.

History buffs will enjoy many of these wonderful items. Plan a visit and browse through the displays, no doubt you will find something that will bring back memories of your past history in Crittenden County.

Drennans honored for 4-H assistance

By **WANDA PARIS**
LYON COUNTY 4-H AGENT

Beth and Ronny Drennan of Broadbent B & B Foods were recently honored with the 4-H Partners in Progress Award for the help they offer 4-H youth in Crittenden and eight other counties. The award was presented at the Kentucky Volunteer Forum in Lexington where more than 1,000 people gathered to honor those who have given service to 4-H.

The Drennans purchased Broadbent B & B Foods in 1999 and began working with 4-H members from Christian and Trigg counties. They continued processing hams in Christian County until 2008 when they built a new facility in Lyon County, at which time they opened their doors to other counties. For a few years, 4-H members from Calloway, Caldwell and Lyon counties joined Trigg and processed hams at Broadbent. When facilities in other counties began closing their doors to 4-H members, Broadbent gladly opened theirs. They paid their employees overtime and scheduled extra shifts to accommodate the 4-H members when they were at the facility.

The 4-H members do the hands-on work of salting, washing, shaping and shining under the direction of Ronny and his staff. They are taught what to look for in an award-winning ham and use those skills to choose



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University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service 4-H agents from Livingston, Caldwell, Crittenden, Trigg and Lyon counties, join Beth and Ronny Drennan to show gratitude for the service the Drennans and Broadbent B&B Foods provide to 4-H members in the Country Ham project. Crittenden County 4-H Youth Development Agent Leslea Barnes is pictured third from left.

which of their hams is best suited for the state fair competition. While this process is going on, Beth works with members on their public speaking skills, making sure their facts are correct, their timing is accurate and their speaking skills are honed. Their presentations are given at the Kentucky State Fair while their hams are being judged.

In 2017, nine counties processed 217 hams at Broadbent, and one other county purchased 20 hams through Broadbent to be processed in their own ham house utilizing advice from the Drennans. Broadbent

also allows counties to process additional hams to be used as fundraisers for their 4-H programs. A total of 237 hams went into the 4-H programs in Crittenden,

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Shame Easter equated with rabbit eggs

How shameful much of the Christian community has for years been so influenced by pagan propaganda that the awful suffering and death and wonderous resurrection of Jesus Christ is being identified with a bunny rabbit laying eggs for the children to find out on the lawns of churches.

This pagan practice was started in Germany in late 1500 during the great Christian Reformation when sincere Christians broke away from the corrupt Roman Catholic Church.

Satan's tainting the Christian religion by this pagan story was spurned by the great Protestant Reformation that exposed to the world the long hidden Christian truths kept under wraps during the Dark Ages.

It is so sad that children all over America know about the Easter Bunny, but very few young people truly know about Jesus' awful beatings, the cruel way nails were driven through his hands and feet, that he was nailed to a rough and cruel cross so we could have a much happier and safer life here and a fantastic home eternally in Heaven.

The Easter Bunny is said to be for children, so when they are no longer children they put away childish stories about Easter and Christmas and hang Jesus along



Lucy TEDRICK
Guest Columnist
Religious and Political Views

with them on the shelf some-place and live, and in many cases, ruin their lives, until they have children who are told the same pagan lies, and the next generation is perpetuated on the same downward path to paganism.

Have often seen on the pagan and communist news that most of the Millennials are pagan in their spiritual morals and beliefs.

Why many are surprised is surprising to me.

How I thank God that I was raised when I was, and by the mindset of the majority in those years. At least when I was a teenager our aunts, uncles and grandmothers were busy telling us about Jesus, Hell, Heaven, good, and bad and admonishing us to keep our word, pay our bills, don't lie, cheat

or steal and to honor our parents, fear God and make our own living, keep our teeth brushed, comb our hair, keep our feet clean and wash behind our ears. Simply stated, don't stink.

May God help all of us keep our minds on Jesus this wonderful Easter season with praise and thanksgiving for all His wonderful blessings and our prayers for all those who are in harm's way fighting for our God-given freedoms. Shalom.

•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.

THANK YOU

The family of Jack Dodson would like to thank each one for their prayers, phone calls, cards, visits and food during Jack's sickness and passing. Thank you to the staff and doctors of Crittenden Hospital for your loving care and staff of Gilbert Funeral Home for your care and compassion. Thank you to the pallbearers, some who drove a long way, for the kindness shown, to Rev. Mike Jones and Jennifer Kennedy Dean for your kind words and to our Sunday school class at Marion Baptist Church for the delicious meal after the service. May God richly bless each one.

The family of Jack Dodson,
Christine, Daphnie & Rocky Tinsley, Clark & Stephanie Dodson,
Latisha & Randy Belt, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

Study: Pastors approve or diversity in church

By BOB SMIETANA
Baptist Press

Protestant churches may be a little more diverse these days. And that's a good thing, their pastors say in a new study released Tuesday.

Eighty-one percent of Protestant pastors say their congregation is predominantly made up of one racial or ethnic group. That's down from 86 percent four years ago, according to the study conducted this past Aug. 30-Sept. 18 by LifeWay Research.

It's a small but significant step, said Scott McConnell, executive director of LifeWay Research, in a nation where Sunday mornings often remain segregated.

"Protestant churches are still mostly divided by race," McConnell said. "But they're heading in the right direction."

Pastors want to see diversity.

Lifeway Research surveyed 1,000 Protestant pastors last fall about racial diversity in their congregations – and then compared the results to a similar survey in 2013.

In the most recent survey, 93 percent of pastors – including 80 percent who strongly agree – say every church should strive to achieve racial diversity. Four percent disagree. Three percent are not sure.

Four years earlier, 85 percent of pastors agreed

churches should strive for diversity. That included 66 percent who strongly agreed, while 12 percent disagreed and 3 percent weren't sure.

Pastors in the South (96 percent) are more likely than pastors in other regions to say churches should strive for diversity. White pastors (94 percent) are more likely to agree than pastors from other ethnic backgrounds (86 percent), while 88 percent of African American pastors agree churches should strive for diversity. Lutheran pastors are least likely (82 percent) to agree compared to pastors in other denominations.

When it comes to congregation diversity, 81 percent of pastors in the latest survey say their church mostly consists of one racial group. Sixteen percent disagree. Three percent are not sure.

Pastors of larger churches – those with 250 or more attenders – were least likely (74 percent) to say their church is made up mostly of one ethnicity. That jumps to 81 percent for churches with 249 or fewer attenders.

Based on denominational affiliation, Lutheran pastors (89 percent) are most likely to say their church is made up of predominantly one ethnic group. Baptist (81 percent), Presbyterian/Reformed (77 percent) and Pentecostal pastors (68 percent) are less likely.

Local Faith-Based Events & Church Outreach

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

Enon planning Eastser service at 6 Sunday
Enon Church's Easter sunrise service will begin at 6 a.m., with pastor Carol Hollis. The church is located on Ky. 132 in rural Crittenden County.

Cave Springs hosting an Easter sunrise service
Cave Springs General Baptist Church will have its annual Easter sunrise service at 6 a.m., Sunday Bro. David Bumpus will be evangelist with WMS presenting "The Easter Story." Breakfast will be served following the service.

Fredonia clothes closet open Thursdays
The clothes closet of First Baptist Church of Fredonia is open from 1 to 3 p.m. every Thursday at the church's Family Life Center.

Cave Springs blessing box open 24/7
Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

THANK YOU

I want to especially thank my friends at Crooked Creek Church and each one that had a part in making a very special 94th Birthday party for me. It was a big surprise. I want to thank everyone for their prayers, flowers, cards, gifts, calls and all the kindness that was given me. Thanks for the room at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation and staff. You each did a great job to make it happen without me knowing about it. Thanks again and may God bless each one of you always.

Your sister in Christ,
Leva Shelby

Pleasant Grove General Baptist Church will be in revival March 25 through March 30 beginning at 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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OBITUARIES

Moore

Helen Moore, 99, of Marion died Monday, March 26, 2018, at Crittenden County Health and Rehab in Marion. She retired in 1980 after 42 years as an educator in Crittenden County. Moore attended Marion United Methodist Church for 99 years and was a member for 91 years. She was an 80-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a member of Crittenden County Historical Society, Kentucky and Crittenden County retired teachers associations, Fohs Hall Inc., Community Arts Foundation and Helen Moore Circle at Marion United Methodist Church. She was a Kentucky Colonel and in 2015, she was inducted as a Crittenden County Distinguished Alumnus.

Survivors include her close friend Phyllis Sykes of Marion, several cousins and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Burnett and Bessie Moore, and sisters Hazel and Corine Moore.

Services were scheduled for noon Wednesday, March 28 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Maplevew Cemetery. Visitation was from 11 a.m. until service time Wednesday at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to the Stain Glass Renovation Fund of Marion United Methodist Church, 112 S. College St., Marion, KY. 42064.

Gillihan

Charles Kent Gillihan, 81, of Hardin, formerly of Fredonia, died Monday, March 19, 2018.

He will be remembered for his love of family, pride in his Native American heritage and by the beautiful cedar flutes he made. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and retired from Atochem of Calvert City.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Gillihan of Hardin; sons, Christopher (Donna) Gillihan of Paducah and Stephen (Diana) Gillihan of Altus, Okla.; a daughter, Kelly (Kelly) Park of Benton; stepdaughters,



Gillihan

Julie (Brad) McKendree of Hardin; Sandie (Frank) Allbritten of Naples, Fla.; Wendy (Jerry) Sublette of Gilbertsville; grandchildren, Cory (Katie) Gillihan of Pittsburgh, Penn., Nolan (Marissa) Park of Morris, Ill., Grant Park of Louisville, Justin (Melissa) McKendree of Hardin, Katie (Nick) Tomaszewski of Hopkinsville, Cayla Sublette of Murray; great-grandchildren, Zachary McKendree and Lillian Collins; and a sister, Connie Best of Paducah.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Coy and Lorena Draffen Gillihan; and a brother, James Gillihan.

A celebration of life service will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements were under the direction of Myers Funeral Home in Marion.

Memorials may be made to Murray Calloway County Hospital Hospice, 803 Poplar St., Murray, KY 42071.

Helmkamp

Daniel John Helmkamp, 85, of Marion died Monday March 26, 2018, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

He was a member of Mexico Baptist Church, Clinton Masonic Lodge of Princeton, served as Grand Marshall For Eastern Star in Kentucky for 2004 and 2005 and served as District Deputy Grand Master for Grand Lodge of Kentucky and District Deputy Grand Master for Grand Lodge of Kentucky from 2005-06. Helmkamp also loved woodworking, golf, swimming and travel.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Helmkamp of Marion; children, Daniel Helmkamp of Wauseon, Ohio, Claudia Helmkamp of Toledo, Ohio, and Charlotte Helmkamp of Nevada; stepchildren, Ronnie (Teresa) Beavers of Marion, Pam (Randall) Turley of Marion and Patty (Baron) Guess of Marion; sister, Donna Hoffmeister of Maryland; 17 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded by his parents, Henry and Gertrude Helmkamp, and stepson Donnie Beavers.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. today (Thursday March 29) at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield. The family was to receive visitors from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and Masonic Rites were held that night.



Helmkamp

Miller

Jake Miller Sr., 58, of Marion died Thursday, March 22, 2018 at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

He enjoyed working on lawn mowers and being outdoors.

Surviving are his wife, Joanie Harris Miller of Marion; sons, Jesus Jake Miller Jr., of Marion and Jake Edward Cummings of Owensboro; a brother, Gary Miller of Paducah; sisters, Mary Robinson of Boaz, Verda Speres of Boaz, Marilyn Hunter of Marion, Kathy Mathis of Marion and Connie Page of Grand Rivers; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J.W. and Elsie Null Miller; and brother, Donnie Miller.

Services were Monday, March 26 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. David Key officiating. Burial was at Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Brantley

Marlin Bruce "Butch" Brantley, 68, of Sturgis died Thursday, March 22, 2018 at his home.

He was a retired coal miner at Island Creek & Pyro Mining Co. He was avid deer hunter, fisherman and UK basketball fan.

Surviving are a daughter, Chris Buchanan of Sturgis; a granddaughter, Jaylyn Brantley of Lascassas, Tenn.; and a brother, Richard Brandley of Marion.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Karen Brantley; a daughter, Jessica Brantley; his parents, Allie Ray and Marlene Brantley; and two sisters Glenda "Faye" Walker and Rhonda Teague.

Services were Sunday March 25 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis with Bro. Schuyler Brantley officiating. Burial was at Rosebud Cemetery in Marion.



SP5 JAMES K HUGHES

Army: 1960-66
Born: Dec. 28, 1936
Died: March 16, 1966, from hostile ground fire in South Vietnam



PFC BOBBY J JENNINGS

Army: 1965-67
Born: July 24, 1943
Died: Feb. 7, 1967, from hostile ground fire in Tay Ninh, South Vietnam



SP4 CHARLES L DOOM

Army: 1966-67
Born: March 1, 1946
Died: May 3, 1967, in non-hostile vehicle crash in South Vietnam



PFC JOHNNY W LINDSEY

Army: 1967-68
Born: July 12, 1945
Died: Jan. 19, 1968, from hostile ground fire in Kontum, South Vietnam



SP4 LEON BEARD

Army: 1968-69
Born: March 27, 1947
Died: March 9, 1969, by hostile small arms in Tay Ninh, South Vietnam



MAJ BILLY JOE WILLIAMS

Army: 1962-70
Born: Nov. 23, 1929
Died: May 6, 1970, by hostile artillery in Quang Tri, South Vietnam

Crittenden County Vietnam War KIAs

Six men from Crittenden County were killed in the Vietnam War. All are honored with crosses in the war memorial at Maplevew Cemetery in Marion.

Today set to honor Vietnam vets

By FAYE GIBSON
GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Forty-five years ago today (Thursday), the last American combat troops left Vietnam and returned home. Unlike troops of more recent wars, the vast majority of those brave service members did not receive a warm return to home.

In fact, many were spat upon, called names and treated with disdain. They bore the horrors of battle in Vietnam only to come home to shoulder the burden of an unpopular war that was no fault of their own.

This has been called a national disgrace and rightly so. They did their duty because their country

asked them to. That is what our patriots do. They are called, and they serve to the best of their ability.

We now have our first piece of federal legislation officially honoring Vietnam Veterans. Last March, the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 was signed into law by President Donald Trump designating March 29 as the official day to honor these men and women with Vietnam Veterans Day.

It is an honor that may be have been 44 years late, but one that is well deserved. This bill encourages Americans to display the U.S. flag.

The Veterans Administration recognizes this day

with wreath-laying ceremonies and other facilities across the country.

We are always pleased to honor our veterans no matter what war or time they served. It has been sad that our government waited 44 years before a law was enacted to give honors to those who served in a war they never chose to fight in but fought gallantly.

Many returned from this war but many did not. If you know a Vietnam veteran, please remember this date, March 29, and offer your thanks of appreciation for serving. Or better yet, thank them anytime you see them. They deserve

much more.

American Legion Post 217 and Auxiliary Unit 217 in Burna held their joint meeting on March 9. During this event, the Auxiliary recognized those Vietnam veterans in attendance with photos made at their car show in October of 2017. These two photos were framed and presented to all Vietnam veterans present. They will be proudly displayed on the walls of the Logan E. Clark Post 217.

Many events are being planned for our 100th year celebration of the American Legion next year. Across the country will be special events and Post 217 in Burna will be one of those.

Deen

Peggy Hodge Deen died Sunday, March 11, 2018.

She was born and raised in Crittenden County. She graduated from Marion High School and then obtained a Bachelor of Arts from Bethel Women's College in Hopkinsville.

She married Daniel Alan Deen, an executive for an international company, and moved from Kentucky to raise her young family in El Salvador, Guatemala and Brazil.

The daughter of Allie and Ina Teer Hodge, she returned to her home in Frances after her husband's retirement. There, she became reacquainted with friends and family. She was a wonderful cook, an accomplished seamstress and an avid quilter.

Deen volunteered at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah for many years, and she was an election officer for Crittenden County. She enjoyed both as it allowed her to share time and ideas with so many.

She was devoted to her husband of 62 years, her three daughters and their husbands, her nine grandchildren and her seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Presbyterian Church in Frances this summer.

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Hughes

Speech coach in hall of fame

Millie Hughes, speech coach at Crittenden County High School and Crittenden County Middle School, was recently inducted into the Kentucky High School Speech League's Hall of Fame. Hughes has served as the coach of the speech teams for 17 years.

Gardening class set for April 12

Do you enjoy gardening but have difficulty because of arthritis or other mobility issues? A Gardening with Limited Mobility class will be offered at 5:30 p.m., April 12 at the Crittenden County Extension annex at 1588 U.S. 60 East in Marion. The class will offer tips and tricks to make gardening easier on you and your body. The presenter will be Dee Heimgartner, Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources



Farm Bureau donation

Crittenden County Farm Bureau's Women's Committee donated three copies of the book "The Most Wonderful Dream" and two educator guides to Crittenden County Middle School. The book was commissioned by Kentucky Farm Bureau to promote agriculture literacy in Kentucky. Pictured above from left are Crystal Wesmoland, Farm Bureau Women co-chair; teachers Ryan Cowsert, Kenley McNamara and Ben Thompson; and Farm Bureau Women co-chair Marty Hill.

Calendar

- 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.
- The Crittenden County Interagency Council meets quarterly, and the next meeting will take place at 9:30 a.m., April 19 at the Crittenden County Extension Service office.
- **Lesson leader training** on bird feeders will be at 10 a.m., Friday at the Extension office.
- **Crochet Corner** will meet at noon, April 4 at the Extension Office.
- In lieu of its April meeting, the **Quilt Club** will attend the Quilt Show in Paducah on April 19. Quilt Club members and one guest can meet at the Extension Office at 8:45 a.m., April 19.
- **Morning Glories** meet at 10 a.m., April 9 at the Extension Office.
- **Challengers** Homemakers meet at noon, April 11 at Marion United Methodist Church.

Post celebrates 99 years

American Legion Posts across the country are celebrating their birthdays this month. The American Legion Post 217 of Burna has done the same. It was recognized by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 217 with a thanks, birthday cake and photos at the Post's meeting March 9.

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization. Setting the focus on service to veterans, service members and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into

one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States.

Today membership stands at over 2 million with 13,000 posts worldwide. There is one department for each state and one for the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines.

Over the years, the Legion has influenced considerable social change in America, won hundreds of benefits for veterans and produced many important programs for children and youth.

Since March 15-17 of 1919 when the members of

the American Expeditionary Force convened in Paris for the first American Legion caucus, the years have seen the American Legion grow and become what it is today. So many changes have taken place since this event. The patriots of 1919 would be astonished to see what the American Legion has accomplished for our veterans, military and community.

Post 217 in Burna welcomes all veterans who qualify to join them or any post nearby to continue this legacy of winning benefits for all.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

American Legion Post 217 in Burna celebrates its 99th birthday this month. Auxiliary vice-president Jerri Barnes presents cake to Post Commander David Brown and veterans in attendance March 9.

Wedding



Courtney Bentley and Derek McCree

Bentley, McCree to marry in June

Derek McCree and Courtney Bentley, both of Paducah, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

The couple will exchange vows June 11 in New

Smyrna Beach, Fla.

Bentley is the daughter of Ellis Smith and Sara Smith of Berea. McCree is the son of Ramona Ford of Ocala, Fla., formerly of Marion, and the late Jerry McCree.

Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Orr

Orrs celebrate 50 years

Donnie and Pam Orr of Marion will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary from 2 to 5 p.m., April 8 at the Woman's Club of Marion.

The couple were married March 28, 1968 by Rev. Guy Gordon at Marion Baptist Church. They have three

children, Tiffany (Kevin) Floyd of Georgetown, Theresa (Sam) Epperson of Princeton, Ind., and Josh (Michelle) Orr of Marion. They also have eight grandchildren.

Mr. Orr is the son of the late Leman Orr and Dadie Belt. Mrs. Orr's parents are

the late Fred Gilland and Sarah Stout.

All friends and relatives are invited. No invitations will be sent. The couple requests no gifts.

The reception is being hosted by the couple's family.

Berry heading to Gatton Academy

By ALEXA BLACK
STAFF WRITER

Lily Berry, a sophomore at Crittenden County High School, has been accepted into the Gatton Academy starting next school year. She is the sixth Crittenden Countian to be accepted into the prestigious academic program since it was established in 2007.

The Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green is a program built for outstanding and motivated Kentucky high school students that are interested in pursuing advanced careers. Students are allowed to take college courses and study in an environment that offers progressive educational opportunities. Students who are accepted may study on campus and simultaneously earn college credits while completing high school. Their classmates – about 95 are selected each year – at Gatton Academy are also

WKU undergraduate students.

"We were jumping with joy when I received the acceptance letter," Berry said.

She will spend two years at the academy, finishing out her high school education there and graduating in 2020. Tuition is free, and the academy is considered one of the very best high schools in the nation.

Berry has worked hard and dedicated much time to achieve acceptance to the prestigious academy and aims to take medical classes geared toward oncology, which is a branch of medicine that deals with the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Setting



Berry

her goals high for the future, she plans on opening a practice in Marion, feeling that it could strengthen the community and lessen the distance between patients needing a cancer specialist.

Berry dedicates her time to being an officer in the Future Health Professionals of America (FHPA) medical club, alongside another at Baptist Health, where she listens to speakers and has involvement with other medical professionals.

Besides her parents Randa and Jason Berry who have supported her, the teenager also credits her education from Crittenden County Schools, specifically Tiffany Blazina. Blazina, an instructional coach for the school district and former public relations officer at Baptist Hospital in Paducah, helped Berry with the application process and doctors at Baptist Health encouraged her to apply.

"Don't underestimate the application process. It has

its challenges, but it's well worth it," Berry said, advising students who are aspiring to do the same. "It's good to be in school clubs that relate to the field that you want be in. And most importantly, I've learned to just be yourself in the interviews, because it's not as scary as you think it will be."

Berry joins a growing list of local high schoolers having attended Gatton Academy, including, along with their graduation year:

- Matthew Brasher, 2009.
- Hayden Brooks, 2016.
- James "Marcus" Hughes, 2014.
- Hillary Wright, 2010.
- John Duvall was accepted, but no longer attends.

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MAIN FEATURE BEGINS AT 8 P.M.

This film, an adaptation of a Broadway show featuring the music of ABBA, is set in the Greek islands. A single mom is preparing for her daughter's wedding with the help of two old friends. Meanwhile, the spirited bride, has a plan. She secretly invites three men from her mother's past in hope of meeting her real father and having him escort her down the aisle on her big day.

SPRING SPORTS

Upcoming Events

BASEBALL

Thursday
Freshmen at Trigg County
Saturday
Rockets at Paducah Tilghman
Monday
Rockets at Henderson County

SOFTBALL

Thursday
Lady Rockets at Lyon County
Friday
Lady Rockets at Marshall County
Monday
Softball hosts Hopkinsville

TRACK & FIELD

Thursday
CCHS hosts Quad Meet

Little league umps wanted; paid jobs

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 and makes a great summer time job for high school seniors or recent graduates with a working knowledge of baseball and/or softball. Anyone interested should contact Misty Champion at (270) 704-3311.

Golfers for firemen

Golfers can help the Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department by signing up to play in a 4-Person Golf Scramble May 19 at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. Cost is \$280 per team which includes a free practice round the week of the event. The tournament will include a number of prizes and payouts to top teams. For more information, call Fire Chief Chris Cooksey at (270) 704-1116 or Ric Hughes at the course pro shop (270) 988-4653.

Hunting Seasons

Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote Nighttime	Feb. 1 - May 31
Youth Turkey	April 7-8
Spring Turkey	April 14 - May 6
Bullfrog	May 18 - Oct. 31

No early calling

It is currently illegal to mimic the sound of a turkey in an area open to turkey hunting and where turkeys are reasonably expected to be present. The state law is in effect from March 1 until the first day of youth turkey season.



'Tween Showers

Crittenden County's softball and baseball teams have been fighting the weather to get onto their respective fields the last couple of weeks. The softball girls played a couple of scrimmages and then opened the season last week with a district victory. The baseball boys hosted a scrimmage against Hardin County, Ill., then opened the season last week on the road with a win. Both teams will be staying home for spring break but playing a series of games against other area squads. Pictured at left is CCHS pitcher Kaitlyn Hicks preparing to make a throw to first base after fielding a ball inside the circle during the girls' scrimmage against Henderson County.

PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Wet spring keeping local diamonds too wet for baseball, softball teams



BASEBALL

The weather has been especially hard on Crittenden County's baseball team. The club has lost four games to rain over the first week and a half of the season, getting to play only once. Crittenden got a 10-4 road win at Hopkins Central in its first game last Thursday. After a pair of runs in the first, Crittenden took control of the game in the fourth inning, scoring four. The Rockets put the game out of reach in the seventh, plating three more. Crittenden's baserunning was a big difference in the game and its defense controlled the Storm, on the base paths, turning two double plays and catching three runners attempting to steal. Junior Ethan Dossett and freshman Trace Adams led the Rockets with two hits apiece. Junior Payton Riley was credited with the victory, pitching four

innings, allowing four hits and one run while striking out six. The Rockets are scheduled to play several games over spring break, including some tough ones against Henderson County and Paducah Tilghman. The Tornado is up first on Saturday at Brooks Stadium. Tilghman is 4-0 on the season, including wins over Livingston and Caldwell. If the rain doesn't let up, Crittenden could be Henderson's second game of the season when the Rockets go north on Monday. Crittenden is hosting a JV doubleheader on Tuesday against Calloway County. The varsity team will play a couple of games next week at Hickman County, facing the Falcons and Ballard Memorial in a doubleheader. Crittenden County 201 400 3 - 10 8 3 Hopkins Central 100 011 1 - 4 7 4 WP - Riley. LP - Smith. RBI: L.Belt, Winders, Dossett (2), Boone.

SOFTBALL

The girls' softball team has been in the same boat as the baseball boys. Rain has not only made it difficult to play, but also practice. The girls have only been on their field a handful of times this spring. If Crittenden can get back to playing later this week, the girls will be at Lyon County Thursday for a key Fifth District showdown. The defending district champion Lyons lost 5-3 to Trigg County on Monday, illustrating the parity in the league this season. Lyon is 1-2 on the season and Crittenden will go into the matchup with just one game under its belt - a win over district foe Livingston. Next week, Crittenden will be playing several games over spring break. Power was the name of the game in Crittenden's softball opener against the Lady Cardinals. The Rocket girls started their

season with a decisive 11-1 home victory over Livingston Central last Thursday at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Scoring in each of their six at-bats, the Lady Rockets blasted 17 hits, including a trio of home runs. Freshman Ashlyn Hicks hit two dingers, one in the second and one in the fifth inning. Junior Brandy Book - who led the team with 7 last season - hit a home run in the third. Ashlyn Hicks, Book, Ellie Smith and Chandler Moss each collected three hits. Kaitlyn Hicks pitched a complete game for the Lady Rockets, surrendering only four hits while striking out six. Livingston Central 000 001 - 1 4 4 Crittenden County 121 232 - 11 17 0 WP - K.Hicks. LP - Bolte. Doubles: Book, El.Smith. HR: Book, A.Hicks (2). RBI: Book (2), Hayes (3), A.Hicks (3), Moss, El.Smith (2).

LADY ROCKETS 2017-18 FINAL STATISTICS

Player	Games	FGs	FG %	3-Pointers	3p %	FT	FT Avg.	Pts.	Pts. Avg.	Reb.	Reb. Avg.
Ashton Binkley	7	1-3	33.3	0-1	0.0	0-0	0/0	2	0.3	4	0.6
Madison Champion	29	153-373	41.0	22-77	28.6	122-186	65.6	452	15.6	192	6.6
Mauri Collins	29	96-235	40.9	28-66	42.4	59-84	70.2	281	9.7	65	2.2
Jaelyn Duncan	14	6-20	30.0	0-0	0.0	6-10	60.0	18	1.3	26	1.9
Kacie Easley	8	2-5	40.0	0-0	0.0	1-2	50.0	5	0.6	6	0.8
Lilly Hayes	8	1-6	16.7	0-0	0.0	1-5	20.0	3	0.4	4	0.5
Kate Keller	7	4-7	57.1	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	8	1.1	5	0.7
Matthia Long	26	10-30	33.3	0-0	0.0	5-28	17.9	25	1.0	34	1.3
Chandler Moss	29	45-106	42.5	0-0	0.0	20-39	51.3	112	3.9	142	4.9
Lilly Perryman	8	2-11	18.2	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	4	0.5	9	1.1
Shelby Summers	29	73-170	42.9	1-3	33.3	22-59	37.3	169	5.8	106	3.7
Nahla Woodward	29	86-246	35.0	6-18	33.3	41-75	54.7	219	7.6	222	7.7
Natalie Boone	8	2-6	33.3	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	4	0.5	3	0.4
Taylor Guess	19	9-35	25.7	0-0	0.0	20-29	69.0	38	2.0	37	1.9
Grace Driskill	4	2-5	40.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	4	1.0	3	0.8
Addie Hatfield	2	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0



Crittenden County's Lady Rocket basketball team held its annual awards ceremony on Sunday at the home of their coach. See next week's Crittenden Press for more details of those awards.



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



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A large group of elementary school students participated in a track and field meet last week at Marion-Crittenden County Park, the culmination of a three-day track camp hosted by the high school track team and coach Angela Starnes. Participants were taken by bus to the park last Friday for some friendly competition.

Track and Field Campers

Kindergarten Epley, Kate	Poindexter, Conner	Brothers, Caden
First Grade Atwell, Kailee Bell, Trintin Birdwell, Lacey Grau, Sarah Kemmer, Brenna Martin, Caroline Millikan, Daly Orr, Emory Piper, Kanyon Rogers, Charlie Solomon, William Topp, Roan	Porter, Jack Rich, Callie Sosh, Ethan Young, Drake	Carr, Devon Clifford, Breylen Collins, Lilly Evans, Elliot Grau, Aubrey Davidson, Grayson Guess, Casie Johnson, Amelia Jones, Taylor Lowe, Cheyenne Myers, Hadley Poindexter, Brayden Potter, Jordyn Sosh, Dakota Suddoth, Levi
Second Grade Asbridge, Miles Cowert, Junior Drury, Kasyn Hardin, Tucker Herrin, Eli Johnson, Dawson Lanham, Landon LaPradd, Noah McCann, Taryn McKinney, Cade Nesbitt, Cameron	Third Grade Byford, Noah Clifford, Brennen Dalton, Kat Duncan, Jaxton Gilchrist, Layken Hardesty, Macibelle Herril, Braelyn Hunt, Anthony James, Becca James, Isaac Lowe, Cheyenne Martin, Logan Martin, Maeson Perryman, Davis Solomon, Naomi Sosh, Ashley Thompson, Avery	Fifth Grade Conger, Matthew French, Blake LaPradd, Nathan Long, Ethan McCord, Asa McDonald, Aleah Tabor, Rien Tabor, Tallyn
	Fourth Grade Bates, Jerry Bell, Tristin Bradsasse, Braydin	

Big Blue Nation turning to diamond without court

His season has not gone exactly the way he hoped so far, but junior pitcher Justin Lewis does like the way one thing is going — the perception of Kentucky baseball.

“I can tell a big difference. It used to be if somebody asked me I played ball at UK, I knew they meant basketball,” said Lewis, a Georgia native. “Now they let me know that they know I play baseball. That’s really good.

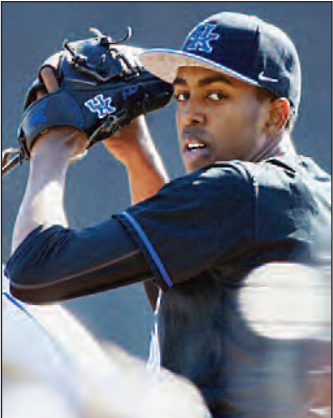
“When all the sports at UK are doing well, it just makes it better for the university. We broke attendance records last year and the buzz coming into this season was really a lot better than ever before. Big Blue Nation is great and we love their support in this final season at The Cliff (UK will open a new baseball facility next year).”

Lewis knew the big turnout at Fan Day a few weeks before the season started proved how fan interest had increased for both baseball and softball.

“It’s cool we can come together and have the clinic and have Fan Day together. When I was younger, fans were excited about Georgia Tech and it was great to take pictures and play catch with the players. It’s a lot of fun to get to be around the fans like that,” Lewis said.

The right-handed Lewis finished his sophomore season with a 3.56 ERA and 71 strikeouts in 92 innings. He had a 6-4 record and became a dependable weekend starter.

He was an 11th-round draft pick of the Tampa Bay Rays in 2017 and many thought he would start his professional career. Instead, he chose to come back to UK where he has a 4-2 record with a surprisingly high 6.11 earned run average in 34 innings. He did throw five innings and gave up just one



UK baseball pitcher Justin Lewis' cousin is former UK basketball star Chuck Hayes – but Lewis was a high school basketball star and won two state titles in Georgia. (UK Athletics Photo)

hit in a 13-3 win over Auburn Sunday.

The 6-7, 195-pound has had no second thoughts about not turning professional.

“Sometimes when you are waking up for that 8 a.m. class you might have a (second) thought but I couldn’t be happier with my decision. I am ready to win a SEC championship and then also a national championship. We have the players to do that,” Lewis said.

Lewis has two high-profile family members — former UK star and NBA veteran Chuck Hayes and NFL cornerback Richard Sherman are his cousins.

“A very good gene line. Athletics has always been in my blood. My mom was a good athlete and so was my dad,” Lewis said. “I saw Chuck the last time when he was inducted into the (UK Athletics) Hall of Fame. I don’t see him often, but when I do I love talking to him. I saw a stat where he was the shortest center ever to start a NBA game. That shows the heart he has.”

Lewis was on back-to-back high school state basketball championship teams in high school. His team went 32-0 his senior season and was ranked No. 11 in the final poll by USA Today.

He admits he briefly thought about a college bas-

ketball career but “enjoyed” baseball too much to do that.

“Sometimes I wish watching those games at Rupp that I could be out there playing,” Lewis said. “We were good in high school. I joke with all the guys on the team that my high school team would beat any high school team.

“I was good. I was the starting power forward. I have lost a step or two but I was pretty good. I was the best defender on the team. I could lock down and guard all positions.”

Could he hold his own in a pickup game with John Calipari’s team?

“I think I could hold my own but coach (Nick) Mingione won’t let us play basketball at all any more. Those guys are first round picks but I could hold my own. I know I could.”

Kentucky’s basketball season certainly did not end the way players, coaches or fans expected — not after the Cats won nine of 10 games going into their NCAA Sweet Sixteen matchup with Kansas State.

Freshman guard Shai Gilgeous-Alexander became UK’s best player — and perhaps the best player in the NCAA Tournament the first two rounds. He had 15 points, five rebounds and five assists in the 61-58 loss to Kansas State but it was not nearly the type of game he had been playing. He was just 2-for-10 from the field and had five turnovers that led to easy Kansas State points. He did get to the foul line 12 times and made 11.

It was a tribute to him that Kansas State set its defense to stop him.

“We kind of just crowded him a little bit, kind of watched him a lot, just to know what he did,” Kansas State guard Barry Brown Jr. said. In the first half, he was killing us just drawing fouls and getting to the line, 11 of 12 from the free-throw line. For him to finish with 15 (points) just shows that we got it together. Can’t say we



Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had a special season despite UK’s loss to Kansas State and did one thing no other UK player other than John Wall had ever done. (Vicky Graff Photo)

stopped fouling, but we stopped fouling him, and we was able to keep him off the line.”

He finished the season averaging 14.4 points, 4.1 rebounds and 5.1 assists per game. He led the team in steals (61), assists (189), minutes played (1,248) and free throw percentage (81.7). He was not known as a 3-point shooter but hit 40.4 percent from long range and 48.5 percent overall

He became the second player in school history to have at least 530 points, 189 assists, and 153 rebounds in his freshman season — John Wall was the other one. He also became the first player in school history with three NCAA Tournament games with at least 15 points, five rebounds and five assists.

Remember he was not a McDonald’s All-American — or even a consensus five-star recruit. He was expected to be the backup for Quade Green and/or Hamidou Di-allo. Instead, he became UK’s best player and more importantly, the team leader. His early-morning individual workouts at midseason led others to do the same thing

and that’s when UK’s season took a turn for the better.

“His was an amazing story,” ESPN analyst Dick Vitale said. “Kentucky gets the best of the best recruiting-wise, but he was not supposed to be the star. He played his role and then became their best player. He was not afraid of the big stage. He didn’t hide from the ball at key times. And he was really fun to watch play because of the way he competed.”

Gilgeous-Alexander is projected a first-round pick in the upcoming NBA draft and even as high as a lottery pick in some projections. That means there’s almost no chance he’ll be back at UK but despite the finish he said “sucked” after the game, it was a memorable year for a player who did all he could to stuff the stat sheet and help UK win.

Kentucky receiver Garrett “Juice” Johnson dramati-

cally increased his chances of playing in the NFL with his performance at Kentucky’s Pro Day last week.

The 5-11, 180-pound Johnson ran the 40-yard dash in 4.39 seconds, had a 41-inch vertical jump and a 9-10 broad jump, and bench pressed 225 pounds 12 times. His vertical jump would have been the best at the NFL combine in his position group if he had been invited.

Johnson had 48 catches for 539 yards and two scores last season and finished his career with 155 receptions — fourth best at UK — for 2,089 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Kentucky Football Radio Network analyst Freddie Maggard felt Johnson deserved an invite to the combine and said these numbers justified that belief.

“The good thing today, though, is that everybody will see and get these numbers and see what he could have done if he had been invited,” Maggard said.

Kentucky signee Blair Green of Harlan County has “no regrets” over her senior season where she averaged 25.7 points and 6.5 rebounds per game and shot 58.9 percent from the field, including 35.3 percent from 3-point range, and 85 percent (162 of 191) at the foul line in 31 games.

Harlan County won the 13th Region and had an 18-game win streak snapped in a state tournament loss to George Rogers Clark.

Harlan County lost its starting center to a knee injury early in the season and that sometimes forced Green to have to do more.

“It was amazing after losing a player to get to the state tournament and help bring us together,” Green said.



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Johnson, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the administratrix before the 21st day of September, 2018 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-37-c)

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Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at it's regular meeting held on March 19, 2018 at 6:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on February 19, 2018, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order on February 16, 2018, scheduling a hearing to be held on April 18, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examining witnesses in Case No. 2018-00020, which is Electronic Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Kentucky Utilities Company from May 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017. This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov.

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State legislation could have big affects on county

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
PRESS EDITOR

With federal inmates now accounting for a third of the revenue at Crittenden County Detention Center, Jailer Robbie Kirk is becoming less dependent on state-level inmates to bring in revenue.

In February, \$64,000 of monthly revenue came from housing and transporting federal prisoners. In its early years, only a handful of federal offenders were held at the 133-bed jail built in 2008. Last month, Kirk reported almost 1,400 federal inmate-housing days at \$42 each and more than \$5,500 in transport fees. The county jail is also not responsible for the medical costs of those inmates, which can get expensive.

In his monthly report to Crittenden Fiscal Court last Thursday, Kirk offered magistrates and Judge-Executive Perry Newcom a deeper look at jail finances and how some measures being considered in the Kentucky General Assembly might affect the future.

Though the role of federal housing is increasing, state-level inmates are still the bread and butter for Kirk. Last month, those offenders accounted for more than \$121,000 in revenue. And Class D state inmates are the ones who fill the 39-bed restricted custody center and man the mowing crews and other outside services offered by the local lock-up.

The state pays \$31.34 to public jails for housing its inmates, but medical expenses for inmates falls into the laps of the county jails.

"The prison population is a sick population," Kirk told magistrates.

Good news for Kirk and other county jailers is that the state legislature does not appear ready to get back in the business of housing more of its 25,000 offenders in private prisons, for which it pays just under \$58 per day. On Monday, a joint House-Senate committee hammering out details of a new biennial budget removed any funding to expand private housing beyond the Lee Adjustment Center in Beattyville. It is the lone private facility to house inmates since all were closed in 2014. Opening more private jails would cost more and would siphon off potential sources of revenue for Kentucky's public lock-ups like Crittenden County Detention Center.

A measure has also been considered to close the state's life-safety jails like the one in Caldwell County, but Kirk does not expect that bill to pass. If it does, however, that could benefit the local jail further, because in February, the detention center earned \$1,152 from housing other counties' inmates at \$32 per prisoner, per day. The county of origin is also responsible for any medical expenses related to its prisoner.

Funding for county projects in limbo

STAFF REPORT

Work going on in Frankfort this week could have a lasting impact on daily life in Crittenden County.

At press time, the Kentucky General Assembly had yet to approve the next two-year budget for the state despite having only three days in the 60-day session. Lawmakers had also failed to approve an overhaul to a pension system in tatters, leaving cities and counties on the hook for tens of thousands of additional local tax dollars to help fund public retirements.

That massive increase in contributions could cripple both Crittenden Fiscal Court and the City of Marion in terms of the services they are able to provide the public.

But the lack of a biennial budget at press time was good news in some respects. There is still a chance that funds stripped by the Senate from a House-approved spending plan could be restored. Some of those monies include thousands in state aid to Crittenden County Public Library (CCPL) and \$6 million for a new justice center and Crittenden County Courthouse renovations.

The House allocated funds for the courthouse in the biennial judicial branch budget, but the Senate erased that money, meaning long-awaited renovations and upgrades to security would be delayed at least two more years.

Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, voted for the budget that OK'd the funding, and he is still working to secure the money.

"I'm trying to get it included in the final bill," Bechler said

Jail revenues strong

In December and January, each with 31 days, Crittenden County Jailer Robbie Kirk reported the first months ever with revenue above \$200,000. Revenue for February fell short of that goal, Kirk told Crittenden Fiscal Court last week, but with \$6,800 in daily inmate revenue at the lock-up, a full month would have easily pushed the detention center over its monthly goal.

Inmate count as of March 22

State inmates	137
Federal inmates	52
Other counties	7
Crittenden County	14
Total inmates	210
Weekenders/work release	4
Out to court.....	3
Actual total inmate bed count	217

February housing income

State housing	\$121,348.48
Housing days	3,872
Daily housing rate	\$31.34
Federal housing.....	\$63,814.04
Federal transport payments.....	\$5,560.04
Housing days	1,387
Daily housing rate.....	\$42.00
Other county housing.....	\$1,152.00
Housing days	36
Daily housing rate.....	\$32.00
Weekend/work release	\$1,216.00
Housing days	38
Daily housing rate.....	\$32.00
Total housing	\$187,530.52

February Crittenden County inmate expense

Housing days	448
Daily housing rate.....	\$25.00
Average daily population.....	16
Cost to house inmates on local charges	\$15,225.00

Another bill that has already become law will expand how jail canteen profits can be used. Kirk said those commissary funds from what prisoners spend for products like hygiene items and snacks are used to help reduce the amount of taxpayer subsidy required to balance the jail budget.

"We try to spend commissary money as we get it to benefit taxpayers," Kirk told magistrates.

In July of last year, Kirk reported \$332,436 in canteen receipts from the 2016-17 fiscal year. Besides restocking the canteen, other primary uses of the money have been to purchase vehicles and make repairs. Of the jail's 11 vehicles used for transporting prisoners and other purposes, 10 have been purchased through canteen money, Kirk said.

Those vehicles, once paid off and out of warranty, may be sold or transferred to other government entities without going through the usual restrictive bid process. This is because they were not purchased with taxpayer funds.

Newcom said that could benefit the county further by offering a low-cost avenue to replace county government vehicles that are no longer serviceable.

"I think it's something I would entertain doing," Kirk told Newcom. "It would defi-

nately save the county (money)."

The fiscal court heard a number of other issues last week.

Drug Coalition

Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community was the first outside entity to publicly request inclusion in the county's 2018-19 budget. Each year, several local groups turn to the county as well as the City of Marion for public funds from their new budget.

With city government expected to forgo what was once a \$12,000 contribution to the substance abuse awareness group, Coalition volunteers, including Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson, spoke to magistrates on the need for continued funding at the \$1,500-level received in the current fiscal year.

Johnson said substance abuse is a plague on the community, and that the Coalition is attempting to catch potential users before they start down that path. The group promotes treatment and education, particularly to school-age children.

"The (children) have zero support at home, because the parents are the ones giving (drugs) to them," said Crystal Wesmoland, Coalition volunteer and Family Resources Youth Services Center coordinator for Crittenden County Schools. "We are trying to get

the kids educated so they can tell their parents, No. It's our responsibility to educate them because the parents are not."

Budget woes

The county has begun preliminary work on the 2019 budget that begins July 1. The coming months will see many hard choices for magistrates, especially if a bill to reform the state's woefully-funded pension system does not pass the state legislature.

Newcom said if changes are not made, the county will be responsible for more than \$150,000 in new pension contributions to help make the system solvent. The City of Marion and other county and municipal governments across the commonwealth are also facing the same bleak prospect.

Newcom has said county government will be unrecognizable due to the cuts in services it may have to make if the increased pension contributions are not reduced.

Part of the ongoing woes for county government is maintaining roads.

Since 2014, County Road Aid from Frankfort has been cut by a third down to an estimated \$977,906 for Fiscal Year 2019. That money is for maintaining 370 miles of county roads and dozens of bridges.

Magistrate Dan Wood said something has got to change in the way Frankfort funds its transportation infrastructure through the gas tax. But any significant change is all but lost for the current legislative session that ends next month.

In 2015, County Road Aid to Crittenden County fell by \$432,462 from the previous year. Next year's estimate is \$569,708 less than was received in 2014. A complex, so-called "Fifth's Formula" that considers population, road miles and square miles served to determine the annual share of County Road Aid to each county. That fund is only 18.3 percent of the state's collected gas tax.

Newcom said the road aid – which funds most aspects of the road maintenance, including personnel – can address

only a tiny fraction of the necessary work each year.

Riverview Park dock

The portable boat dock at Riverview Park for which the county was awarded a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund in early 2017 continues to be delayed due to government red tape. But a solution may be in sight.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will not approve installation until it sees engineering plans. But the county is hesitant to spend thousands of dollars with engineers for a design that may or may not be approved.

However, Newcom and other local officials may have found a \$500 solution with Bacon Farmer Workman (BFW) Engineering and Testing in Paducah. Newcom said engineer Ken McDaniel has proposed the small fee to do an assessment in order to answer the Corps' questions on the permit application.

The complete design work estimated offered by BFW would be about \$10,000.

If approved, the 50/50 grant would allow the fiscal court to install an estimated \$44,000 dock on the Ohio River at the county-owned park. The dock is designed so that it can be removed in times of high water.

Utilities audit

Telecom Audit Group (TAG) is being given the go-ahead to save taxpayers more money through an audit of county utility expenses.

The Pinson, Ala.-based company has already contracted with the county and City of Marion to audit telecommunications invoices for savings. TAG has found about \$1,000 in savings per month for the county, which was being billed for lines that were no longer in use among other things.

TAG will now look into other utilities like electricity and gas for potential savings.

TAG splits the savings with the government and non-profit entities it contracts with for the first 24 months, then 100 percent of the savings stays with the host organization.

Sheriff's cruiser

A bid for a new sheriff's cruiser from Moreland Dodge in Sikeston, Mo., was approved. The 2018 Dodge 1500 SSV, or Special Service Vehicle, will be delivered at a cost of \$27,541.

The bid was \$8,000 less than the highest bid for a new truck, and better fit the bid specifications than others near the same price. The lowest bid was \$26,801 from a Lexington dealership, but did not include delivery.

The purchase will allow Sheriff Wayne Agent to rotate out one vehicle for himself and three road deputies every four years.

Sheridan VFD truck

The fiscal court will stand as a guarantor to Farmers Bank & Trust Co. until Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department acquires financing through the Kentucky Association of Counties bond pool to purchase a new pumper truck for \$85,000.

The 2001 Ford was located in Pennsylvania, but without the money, the owner would not hold the truck long enough for the fire department to be included in the next bond pool, which is some time off. The new truck replaces one that has died on multiple occasions while responding to fires. Sheridan VFD will ultimately be responsible for the entire cost to buy the truck.

FEMA aid

It appears the county will be eligible for partial reimbursement for the expense of repair to several miles of combined roadway damage from late-winter flooding in February. The county and state emergency declarations at the time were the first step in seeking assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, and Newcom said damages discovered as the water receded appeared to be well above a \$34,000 threshold for federal help.

"It's not the kind of damage we had in 2016, but it's substantial amount of damage," Newcom said.

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