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SET 'EM UP AN HOUR DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

The annual spring time change is coming up this weekend. The change from Standard Time to Daylight Saving Time will arrive at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 8. If it seems like the annual change to DST used to occur later in the year, you're right. Prior to 2007, DST didn't arrive until early April but Congress changed the dates in hopes of conserving energy. Standard Time will take back over on Sunday, Nov. 1.

NO BURNING IN DAYTIME

The forest fire hazard season started two weeks ago and runs through April 30. During this time, it is illegal to burn between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in special session at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, March 5 at the courthouse. Agenda items include: Resolution supporting financing of equipment purchase, Approval to continue participation in the Truck Lease program, and County Clerk Final Settlement.

KY 855 NORTH CLOSED

Kentucky DOT will temporarily close Ky. 855 North in the Caldwell Springs community of southern Crittenden County on Thursday, March 5 to replace a cross drain just south of the intersection with Main Lake Road. The road will be closed from 7:30 a.m., until about 2:30 p.m.

WHO'S COUNTING WHO?

If you are filling out the census for your home, you should count everyone who is living there as of April 1, 2020. This includes any friends or family members who are living and sleeping there most of the time.



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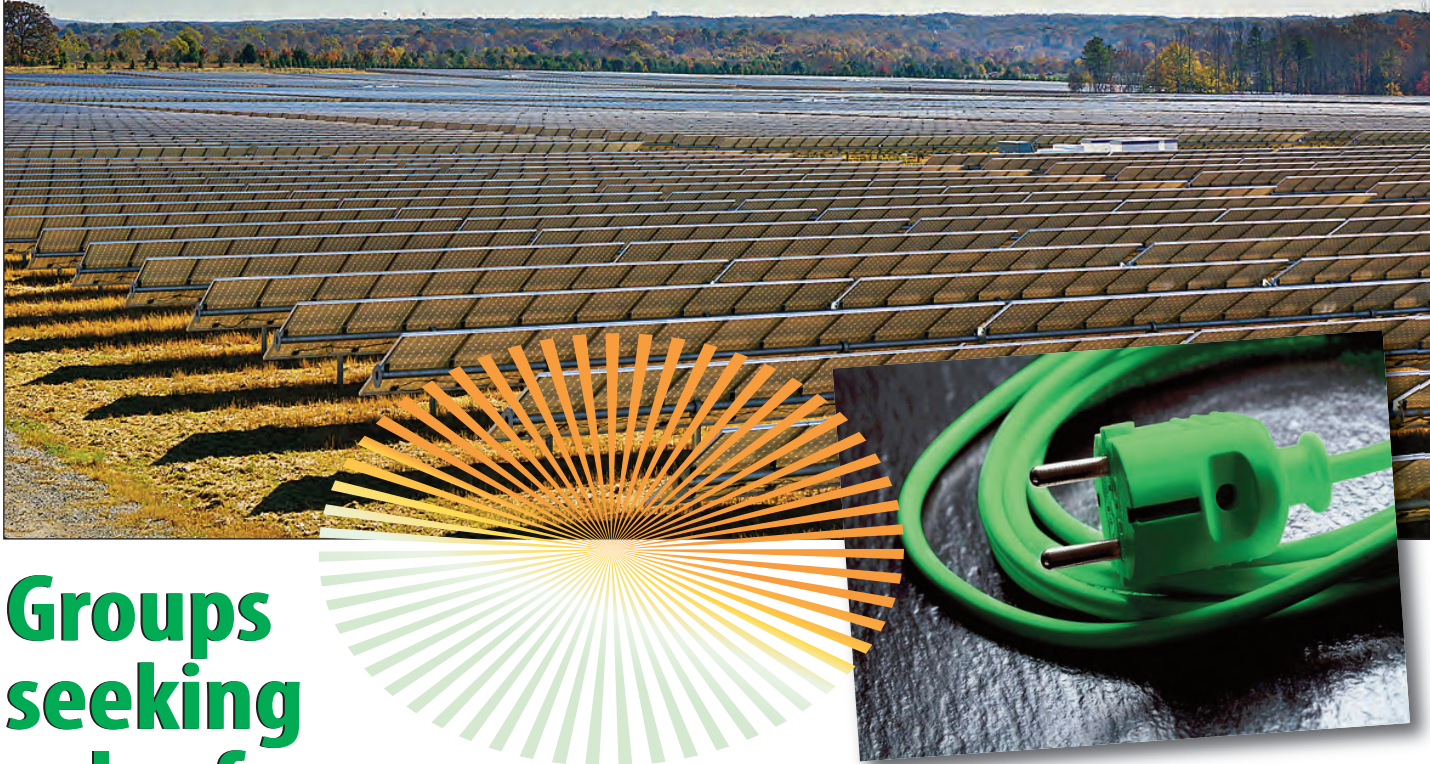
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On the Horizon?



Groups seeking solar farm land rights

*From Fredonia Valley to Outskirts of Marion
Property Owners Getting Big Offers for Shine*

STAFF REPORT

A number of renewable energy companies are starting to make contact with local landowners with cash offerings focused largely on purchase lease-options that could turn into longterm lease-contracts to facilitate solar-panel farms.

Several landowners around Fredonia have already leased their property to the companies and others have been approached or are currently in negotiations.

To date, the only confirmed leases have been in Caldwell and Lyon counties; however, companies have

made offers to Crittenden County property owners and have begun conversations with others, some within a mile of downtown Marion. As of early this week, no solar energy leases had been recorded at the Crittenden County Courthouse.

City councilman Darrin Tabor, who is also a real estate agent, confirms that landowners in and near Marion have been contacted by the leasing agencies, some with very lucrative offers.

"I've shown farms and talked to (leasing companies) about maps," he said.

The leases are a "little more stringent" than wildlife easements or other mineral rights leases, Tabor explains.

"You still own the property, but that's about it. You don't get to use it," he said, describing a landowners' property rights based on the contracts he's seen.

Local building contractor James Penn confirms what Tabor says about the contracts. Penn said he turned down an offer from a leasing agency for a few hundred acres in southern Crittenden County. After considering the aesthetic drawbacks of having mammoth-sized solar

panels on his property, the potential damage it could do to his neighbors' property values and some longterm concerns on other issues, Penn said he opted against a three-year lease option that could have led to a 20-year contract with two more 20-year options at annual payments somewhere around \$800 an acre.

"But they would build a perimeter fence around your property and lock up. You couldn't even get on it to ride horses or four wheelers," Penn said. "And those things

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Brandi Potter and Corey Crider lead the cast of "Into the Woods" in a choreography session in preparation for a spring junior musical performance. Sponsored by Community Arts Foundation and directed by Michelle Crider, the 30-member cast will perform two shows, at 7 p.m. both April 24 and April 25.

Bio/Med path to be unveiled at Freshman O

STAFF REPORT

A new educational path will be available for Crittenden County students next fall.

This and other important information for incoming students will be presented during Freshman Orientation on March 12 at the school multi-purpose room. The program will begin promptly at 5 p.m., with a nacho bar catered by Texas Roadhouse, followed by information about Career and Technical Education (CTE) and other high school course options.

Amanda Irvan, principal at

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Mayor calls on tourism commission to manage park

STAFF REPORT

Although plans are only in their infancy, there's a movement to put oversight of Marion-Crittenden County Park under the jurisdiction of the Marion Tourism Commission.

Mayor Jared Byford spoke last Wednesday at the regular meeting of the tourism board of directors. He laid out a personal vision and direction for the commission.

Byford said the legal name is Marion Tourism, Recreation and Convention Bu-

reau, but it's been informally shortened since its creation in 2004 to simply Marion Tourism's Commission. To some degree, Byford said, the sub-agency of the City of Marion was organized with a particular mission in mind and that included recreation, which can be a form of tourism.

"I would like to see (the



Byford

tourism commission) more involved in the park," Byford said.

The mayor said he wasn't exactly sure what that might look like, but it may require the park board to be dismantled and re-organized under the tourism department.

Byford said the park could and should be generating income through hosting baseball, softball or soccer tournaments, operating a concession stand and collecting other fees for use. He

also acknowledged that government is responsible to a great degree for providing free recreational opportunities at the park.

Several new members have been appointed to the Marion Tourism Commission in recent months. Byford said that with all of the new faces on the board, he thought it was a good time to illustrate his expectations going forward.

The commission held elec-

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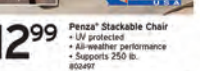
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do make noise.”

Elbert Bennett, magistrate for the Fredonia area of Caldwell County, said a number of properties have been leased southeast of Fredonia near the Lafarge rock quarry down to the Crider community, and his wife’s family farm in Fredonia. Bennett said there are energy companies and others working to get contracts in the area, including GlidePath of Elmhurst, Ill., and Geronimo Energy of Minnesota. Some of the companies, he said, are speculators doing the groundwork to gather up leases with intent to sell them to energy companies.

Amanda Davenport, the economic development specialist who leads the five-county Lake Barkley Partnership, said companies have found this area to be attractive partly because convenient power transmission lines run through suitable areas. Power can be put onto the national grid and distributed over those lines. The transmission lines that skirt across Crittenden, Lyon and Caldwell counties are owned by Kentucky Utilities/LG&E and Big Rivers.

Another appealing characteristic of this area is its amount of sunlight, said Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. He said a Texas company has been in his office at the courthouse discussing its plans to acquire land here, not just lease it. Newcom said a large tract of property owned in the past by various timber companies, including Westvaco, had been the center of one company’s effort to put together a large set of land holdings.



This power transmission line that runs across U.S. 60 West just outside of Marion is one of several in the area. It belongs to Kentucky Utilities.

Tabor said the companies are looking for mostly cleared properties with south and east facing landscapes. Companies from other places like Florida, Mississippi and Pennsylvania are also contacting landowners in the area, said Jeff Boone, another magistrate who serves Caldwell County.

Some are offering to buy property outright, others want to lease. Some are offering \$20 to \$30 for leases during the exploration

phase, then \$300 an acre during construction and \$750 or more once the panels are in production.

Whether solar power will ever be generated in the area is yet to be determined, but if solar farms are indeed developed, they are likely to be bought up by consumer-based companies like Kentucky Utilities, Kenergy or others that need a certain amount of renewable energy in their portfolios in order to meet federal requirements and company benchmarks.

Kentucky Utilities and Louisville Gas and Electric recently announced a plan to build the largest solar array in the state. Solar generation from proposed facilities in the central part of the state would provide power to major companies like Toyota, according to LG&E and KU.

Observers say the February closing of the last Paradise coal-powered unit in Muhlenberg County is simply the most recent signal of times to come, and the future will certainly include much more renewable energy like power from solar farms.

Open Road Renewables, a Texas-based company, was the first to announce plans for a solar farm in this area. Two years ago, that firm acquired rights to 800 acres south of Fredonia in Lyon County with plans to develop power generation by 2022. Davenport said the company continues to work through the permitting process and remains optimistic that the solar farm will come to fruition somewhere close to the original timetable even though the proposed new U.S. 641 highway would take a portion of the land identified by Open Road Renewables.



Callie Doom is the Crittenden County Board of Education’s classified staff Rocket Way employee of the month. Doom works in the Behavior Intervention Classroom. Superintendent Vince Clark said he has received many positive comments about her influence and ability to build relationships with students.

Special education teacher Jared Brown, who is also a coach for the middle and high school football teams, is the Crittenden County Board of Education’s certified Rocket Way employee of the month for February. Superintendent Vince Clark spoke to the dedication and positive impact Brown has on students both in the classroom and as a coach.



PARK

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tions last week during the meeting. Tanner Tabor was elected chairman and Phillis Hardin treasurer. Other tourism directors are Mike Hamilton, Jason Hatfield, Kory Wheeler, Cody McDonald and Shelly Davidson. Tabor is also chairman of the Marion-Crittenden County Park Board.

Byford described the park’s activities and offerings as a patch-

work of volunteer organizations that are so loosely affiliated that there’s not a clear vision for the park, present or future.

The park is funded through cash contributions from the Crittenden County School District and Tourism Commission. The city and county provide such services as litter abatement, mowing and some maintenance. It is currently managed by the park board, which Tabor said had not met in the past year.

Michele Edwards, Marion’s

tourism director, said a meeting of all park stakeholders will be scheduled in March to begin developing a plan for closer management of the facility. Stakeholders should include local government, the jail, youth sports leagues, disc golf enthusiasts, walkers/runners, track, soccer, the school district and youth football. Edwards said anyone with a vital interest in the management of the park will be included in the discussions. A meeting is tentatively set for 3 p.m., Sunday, March 22.

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Calendar

- The **Fredonia Valley Heritage Society** will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday (today) at Fredonia American Legion Post 103 at the Buddy Rogers Park on Dorroh Street in Fredonia. The program, “Historical Graves in Cedar Hill Cemetery with Some Early Settlers from Fredonia,” will be presented by Carolyn Traum. Also on the agenda will be refreshments and a business meeting.
- Deer Creek Baptist Church is having a **picture scavenger hunt** March 14 to benefit World Vision Global 6k for Water. Cost for a four-person team is \$20 per team. Contact Chad Bell at (270) 969-0385 or Sandi Bell at (270) 969-0041 for more information.
- **Pleasant Hill and Paris Cemetery Associations** will meet for their annual meeting at 7 p.m., March 17 at Pleasant Hill Regular Baptist Church located at 861 Pleasant Hill Road. Individuals having family members buried in these two cemeteries are encouraged to attend. Donations for the cemeteries can be sent to Charlie Hunt, 501 E. Bellville St., Marion, KY 42064.

Extension

- A **minerals meeting** will begin at 6 p.m., March 5 at the Crittenden County Public Library. Dr. Katie VanValin will be speaking. A meal will be provided. Crittenden County Cattleman’s meeting will follow.
- A Private Pesticide Applicator Training begins at 6 p.m., March 9 at the Extension Annex. This training is for those who wish to become certified private use applicators, or renew your certification. Call the Extension office at (270) 965-5236 to pre-register.
- **After Hours Home-maker Club** will meet at 5 p.m., March 10 at the Extension Office.
- **Challengers Homemakers** will meet at noon, March 11 at the Extension Annex.

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- **Early American Heritage Club** will meet at 4 p.m., March 5 at the Extension Park (former Gun Club).
- **Dog Club** will meet at 3:15 p.m., March 9 and March 23 at the Extension Annex.
- **Stem Club** will meet at 3:30 p.m., March 10 for 4th-7th graders and March 24 for 8th-12th graders at the Extension Annex.

Missing dog brings back memories

Editor’s Note: This is Part 1 of a story about Little E.

I once read that happiness doesn’t always come in the big blessings of life, but in the smaller ones that accumulate over time. Such is the story of Little E, our three-year-old, eight-pound fox terrier. When he went missing, my post on Facebook described our dog as *black and white, shy, not one hundred percent, having a black mark in the shape of the letter “E” on his back*. I had to get the word out. He had never been away from home before.

When I came in from church services that Sunday morning, Eddie had just returned from his five-mile jog. A couple hours later, our grandson Dakota, 23, came up to help Eddie cut wood for our fireplace. Before he left for the woods, he came to the back door of the house and said, “The barn door is open.”

“Bet the wind did it. Are Gracie and Little E

still inside?” Eddie asked. “Gracie is, but not E. I’ll look around.” Dakota loved him, too.

We weren’t alarmed. The wind had been known to blow the door open, especially if not pulled tightly into the door frame. My mind went back to 20 years ago when our dog, Hoppy, had been in the same place when the same thing happened. Unfortunately, he had escaped into the night, never to be seen again. With that in mind, we got more serious.

We had been raising fox terriers since 2000 with the intention of selling a few and keeping a few. That idea didn’t work out. By the time they were weaned, Eddie couldn’t do it.

“How can you sell your family?” he asked.

Knowing Eddie’s love for dogs, this came as no surprise. He made a decision to give the puppies away to friends and family members who promised to provide them a good home.

Many years and sev-

eral puppies later, Little E was born. From the beginning, he didn’t have an easy life. He was the runt of the litter, about the size of a large mouse, while each of his four littermates were twice his size. Obviously, he was premature compared to the others.

Eddie went out to the dog kennel many times during that first day. Right away he noticed the larger pups wouldn’t give the little one a chance to nurse. He would try to make his way to the front of the line, but the larger ones took up all the space. If he was going to survive, the colostrum from his mom’s first milk was essential.

Eddie got busy. Three times a day, he took the mom away from the other pups then, squeezing her teat, let the milk run into the tiny pup’s mouth. Before long, he caught on and gradually gained in strength. At that point, we added critical care puppy food to supplement his mom’s milk. That became Eddie’s daily regiment for the next few weeks as we found good homes for each one of E’s littermates. Although Little E had come a long way, he



wasn’t quite ready to leave us.

One Saturday, friends were over and my husband went to get the last pup. He was growing, but had a few obvious problems. He shook when someone, except for me, tried to pick him up. His front legs looked a bit longer than his back legs, throwing his balance off. He was awkward, often hitting his head on furniture or tripping over his own feet! I guess he was somewhat of an ugly duckling, but cute and sweet. Still, I was afraid nobody would want him.

“He’s made from spare parts,” Eddie often told people, jokingly. Despite his oddities, everybody loved Little E.

Julia pointed out something we had never

noticed. “Look! He’s got an E, for Eddie, on his back.”

“I guess we’ll have to keep him,” Eddie said smiling at me.

It was true. As if it had been painted on, he had a perfect E across his back. It was the excuse we had been looking for. From that time on, we called him Little E.

Little E was constantly challenged by things that came natural to most pups, like going up and down our three back porch steps. From the ground, he got down on his belly, seemingly counted to three and squirmed his way up, one step at a time. At first, he kept falling through to the area under our porch, but he never gave up. With Eddie’s help, he came around and started over again until he got it right.

Where his coordination was lacking, we encouraged him. “You can do it, Little E!” That’s all it took to bring a sparkle to his eyes. His imperfections only endeared him to us, but as he grew up, the simplest things got the best of him.

Linda DeFew is a Livingston County resident and frequent contributor to The Crittenden Press.

Fredonia heritage group meets Thursday night

The Fredonia Valley Heritage Society will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday (today) at Fredonia American Legion Post 103 at the Buddy Rogers Park on Dorroh Street in Fredonia.

The program, “Historical Graves in Cedar Hill Cemetery with Some Early Settlers from Fre-

donia,” will be presented by Carolyn Traum. Also on the agenda will be refreshments and a business meeting.

The Fredonia Valley Heritage Society is for anyone interested in learning more about the heritage and history of the Fredonia Valley and for those who want to see

the history of our community preserved for future generations.

The society just released its third publication, “Veterans of the Fredonia Valley,” which contains biographies and stories from hundreds of veterans from the Fredonia Valley from Revolutionary War Patriots

through current day veterans. The cost is \$30.

Additional books produced by the heritage society are “The History of the Fredonia Valley” and “In Pursuit of Art – The Talent of John F. Rice.”

To purchase a copy of one of these books, contact Pam Faughn at pam-faughn@att.net.



Club nears century mark

State Rep. Lynn Bechler presents a Citation of Achievement from the House of Representatives recognizing the volunteer service of the Woman’s Club of Marion for 100 years. Members in attendance for the presentation Saturday were (from left) Nancy Hunt, Michelle Crider, Susan Alexander, Brandi Rogers, Sandra Belt and Carolyn Belt. The club will be observing its 100th anniversary March 14.

Crittenden County Public Library

The following upcoming activities are offered for children, teens and adults at the Crittenden County Public Library in March.

Lego Club, Tuesdays 3:30-4:30 p.m., for kindergarten through 5th grade.

Story Hour with Ms. Kathleen, Fridays 10 a.m., for preschool-age children. On March 13, Janelle Tramble from UK Extension, will be at CCPL for Yoga Story Hour.

CCPL & Extension Lego Robotics meets March 12 and March 26 at 3:15-5:00 p.m. for youth ages 9-18. Learn how to code EV3 robots in preparation for upcoming robotics challenges. Register at the circulation

desk or at the UK Extension Office.

Tech Help with Carol, 10 a.m., Thursdays.

Genealogy Group meets at 10 a.m., March 14. Learn more about researching your family histories from local historians.

Google for Small Business Workshop Series is March 11, March 17, March 31. Register by calling (270) 965-5015.

Writer’s Workshop is 6 p.m., March 9 for themed presentations about the craft of writing as well as one-on-one help from published authors.

Friends of the Library FOCCPL meets at 6 p.m., March 19.



THROW BACK THURSDAY
OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

50 years ago
Thursday, March 5

- Three members of the Crittenden County Homemakers Extension attended the state association meeting in Lexington. They were Mrs. Paul Thurman, Mrs. Buford Smith and Mrs. James Weldon.
- Bob Wheeler wrote about the significance of crossroads throughout history and elaborated on the areas that compose Mattoon.
- Caldwell County hosted the Fifth District Tournament where Crittenden was set to face the winner of Caldwell County and Lyon County. The Trigg County Wildcats topped Livingston Central, 72-56. Fredonia was set to meet Trigg County afterwards.

25 years ago
Thursday, March 9

- The City of Marion’s second Community Devel-

opment Block Grant gave Jeanette Moss and several other residents new homes.

- Air Force Airman Shannon N. Feil graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. She was a 1994 graduate of Crittenden County High School.
- The Crittenden County Chess Team brought home a state championship. Chess team competitors were Olicia Hall, Bowen Simpson, Jason Guess, Dustin Wheeler, Brian McCree, Derrick Dooks, Andrew Gobin, Cameron Mays, Tim Grau, Lyndsey Hall, Daniel Cherry, Brad Tinsley, Jonathan Kirk, George Foster, Rodney Travis, Robby Croft, Brent Hardin, John Foster, Mike Wheeler, Jason Bozeman, Jamie Myrick, David Hardin and Brad Guess. Brenda Foster was named Coach of the Year.



Charles Talley (center), president of the Rotary Club, introduces Kentucky State Police Trooper Gil Phillips (left), who is in charge of the traffic safety program. At right is Trooper Ted Whitfield.

10 years ago
Thursday, March 4

- Five Crittenden County Rockets were chosen for the All-Fifth District Team. They were seniors Dylan Clark and Hannah Brantley, and juniors Casey Oliver, Jessi Hodge and Laken Tabor.
- Crittenden County

High School freshman Ashley Harris designed and sold T-shirts to benefit the Crittenden County Animal Shelter.

- Former Crittenden County High School student Kayla Buntin announced her plans to study agriculture in Equador through Western Kentucky University.

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21 1/2 inches

Brothers:
Red, Levi
and James

Parents:
Craig and Jordan
Boone of Beaver
Dam, Kentucky

Grandparents:
Terry and Lisa
Boone of Marion

Crittenden’s grand old gentleman

Memories of Robert F. Wheeler in 1966

Mr. Robert F. Wheeler, affectionately known to many as “Uncle Bob,” was familiar with the early history of Crittenden County. At the time of his death in 1966, he probably was the county’s foremost historian on local lore. He shared some of his memories of the early days with his nephew, Braxton McDonald, when he was 101 years old. Here are a few of his memories. They are truly a part of our history.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

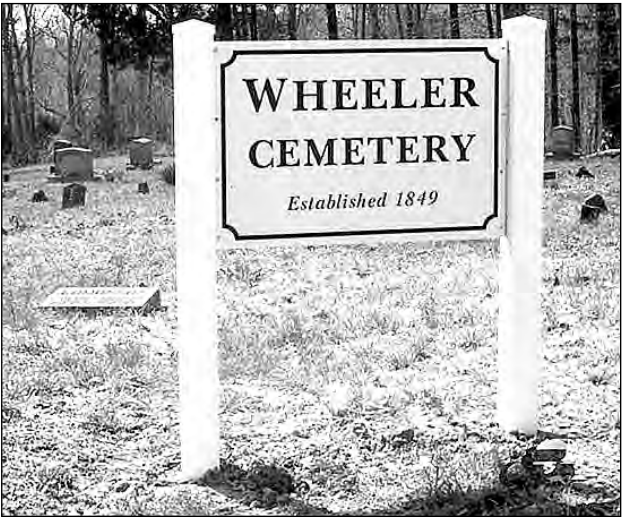
a rock somewhere and mark it, and say it started at a certain corner and describe it the best he could, and go so many rods one way and so many rods the other until he had surrounded the land he wanted. He would apply for a patent on it. They’d finally get the county surveyor in and they’d make a better survey of it. He’d get a patent on it, it cost him 50 cents an acre at the start, but later, after the best land was taken up, they sold it at a quarter an acre. My grandfather paid 50 cents an acre for his land.

There has been right smart trouble since then about land titles and locations. Now it’s harder to run those old lines because since 1802 when grandfather took up that land, the compass has varied a lot and it’s hard to get a surveyor now who can find and follow that old line. All those old landmarks have gone.

Some 40 or 50 years later a man by the name of Paul Walker took up land just west of my grandfather’s, but by that time the compass had varied until he ran into my grandfather’s land. Neither one of them was disturbed about it because each one of them knew where my grandfather’s line was, and Walker knew that he couldn’t run across the old line. But they ran the lien just the same and marked it out. Well, some time later, after the marks had disappeared on my grandfather’s line, they were perfectly clear on the Walker line, and there it was. Well, they got the county official in there and they were instructed to follow the oldest marks, and they (the second ones) were by then the oldest marks and it caused us some little trouble about it later.

Pioneer Times Was Hard Work

There are some things about pioneer times that



The James Wheeler Cemetery located on Just-A-Mere-Road is where Mr. Wheeler and many of his relatives are buried. Mr. Wheeler lived in this area most all his life.

appeal to me. But there has been a very great improvement in the ways of the people of this country in the last 100 years.

In my grandfather’s house, an old brown log house where my sisters and I were born and raised and which he built about 1820, I can remember it had just one window in it, and that window didn’t have any glass – just wooden shutters. Of course, it has been improved since then and has a good many windows now.

I can remember when there wasn’t a cook stove anywhere in the whole neighborhood. The people cooked on the log fireplace. They set the skillet and lids on top of the fire and got them hot on a bed of coals and put the dough in there, put the lid on it, put several shovelfuls of coals on top of it. Made good bread, too.

In those days I knew several families that got up at 4 a.m. The men would have to be out working with the cows and so forth then. They generally prepared three meals a day, although some had “cold suppers.”

Housekeeping was hard work for the women, but so was swinging

an axe all day to clear the land as the men had to do. In my younger days after my father died and I took charge, I cleared up, I would guess 40 acres all in one year. We’d generally keep one and sometimes two hands busy at helping with this. Through the winter we’d go at it early in the morning with axes and wedges. We girdled the trees to deaden them. I’ve girdled and deadened several white oak trees that I expect would bring \$75 or \$80 now. When I had cleared away the brush and deadened the trees, I’d try to get a saw mill up the next summer and saw them up into lumber. But if I’d fail to do that sometimes they’d stand there until they weren’t worth anything. The saw mills were run by steam power and fired with wood.

Recalling Stories of James Ford

The story of James Ford of Ford’s Ferry is rather complicated. I know James Ford was accused of being a member of what was known as the Ford’s Ferry Gang, and there’s some evidence of it, but after studying it closely, I doubt very much if he ever had any direct con-

nection with it.

Ford was a very intelligent man, and he lived there right across the river from where some of them operated and I think wanted to stay on good terms with them (in order to stay alive). I had an account orally only, from a confessed member of the Ford’s Ferry Gang. He had a nephew who lived on the edge of town here, and when he was a very old man he came and lived with him the rest of his life. The nephew was Shalin Elder, and he had a son, Rufus. The old man made a confession of the operation of the Ford’s Ferry Gang and his part in it. Rufus heard it and he wrote it down and put it in a box, but mice got in it and made a mess of it and he never re-wrote it.

He talked to me about it. He was a little kin to me and a close friend of mine. And in that confession James Ford’s name was never mentioned!

In his confession he said that the Ford’s Ferry Gang had a line from down at the settlement where Nashville is now up through here to Ford’s Ferry and across the river there. When anyone was starting from that vicinity down there to Illinois, which was being done continually at that time, they would very often have mules and slaves to sell to the people over there – that was before Illinois was a free territory.

The outlaws would start some man on a horse and about every six or seven miles there was one of their members who would run his horse on to the next out-

laws and the news would get over here (between here and Ford’s Ferry where the outlaws operated) that they were coming and about when they probably would be here, and they’d be ready for them.

And the way the gang operated was rather intelligent and curious. They’d meet up with the people on the road up there and talk to them in a friendly way and buy their property, whatever it was maybe mules or slaves, and pay them the money for it and take a receipt for it. Then they’d tell them where there was a good place to camp, where there was water and so forth. That night the gang would go there and murder them, and take the money. Then, when anyone came to investigate, they had the property and a receipt for all the goods.

Advice For The Young

When asked for advice for young people in regard to moral standards today – anything except the moral way will never be a success very long. Some other things may appear to be a success temporarily, but the truth will finally come out.

Robert Franklin “Uncle Bob” Wheeler was born Dec. 19, 1865 and died Aug. 13, 1966 and is buried in the James Wheeler Cemetery on Just-A-Mere Road.

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

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When we can't see the threat

How could something so small cause so much trouble? How could something we can't see wreak so much havoc?

Late in the summer of 1665, a bale of cloth arrived at the house of Alexander Hadfield. He was the local tailor in the village of Eyam in Derbyshire, England. Within a short time, his assistant and all in his house had perished along with his immediate neighbors.

Local rectors Rev. William Mompesson and Rev. Thomas Stanley led the initiative to quarantine the village to prevent the spread of the plague. They were supported by their neighbors and the Earl of Devonshire. They provided necessities by leaving them at the edge of the village for the residents to collect.

By the time the scourge ended in the autumn of the following year 260 of around 800 had died. Eyam and her neighbors are remembered today for their courage and cooperation during a most troubling time.

The nursery rhyme "Ring a ring of roses" originates with this plague (which hit London hard). An indication that one had the plague was a

mark on the cheek.

It was only a decade later that Antoni van Leeuwenhoek looked through a microscope and discovered bacteria and other micro-organisms. It would take another 250 years or so for penicillin to be invented. And it was about that time (early 20th century) that viruses were first identified.

Every few years, our planet is faced with another potential threat from "bugs" we cannot see with our unaided eyes. We need special equipment and knowledge to see and identify what we are seeing. We also now know that basic hygiene goes a long way toward protecting us. Our knowledge and technology do not eliminate the threats. They do, however, give us what we need to mitigate the damage.

For centuries people thought that plagues were caused by cloth, rats or other vermin, or insects or (and this is a little tricky) a scourge of the gods. It was also common to blame foreigners, minority populations (the Black Death in the 14th century prompted a violent anti-Semitic pogrom), or marginal citizens (we even had a version of this as late as the AIDS crisis

in the 80s). What we now know is that none of these things are the cause, but some of them can be the carriers. Europeans (the foreigners in this case) brought disease to the "new world" and nearly annihilated some peoples.

Imagine if some of the brilliant theological minds of the past, or even the New Testament writers had lived in a time when the world knew about bacteria and viruses. Think in terms of how this might relate to the common cliché "hate the sin, love the sinner." Think about how it might shape what it means to "be in the world, but not of the world."

When we think of being cleansed of our past or cleansed of sin that means all the way through us – even to the parts that cannot be seen. Sin can work somewhat like a virus. It can be hidden from view, but there will be symptoms. And when we are thinking of sin, go beyond the churchy morality that is often preached. That is the easy stuff that makes the self-righteous feel better about themselves and is repugnant to those who may be searching.

Think of sin as a virus. It is something that works on our entire system and is invisible without proper tools and knowledge. It can make us spiritually (and physically) sick. We know that something is wrong, but without a remedy we are powerless to stop it. We have systems in place, such as a con-

science or emotions, that let us know something is wrong. It is just that those things are only temporary until the next attack.

This is the reason it is necessary to deal with sin when one comes into a body of believers. To fail to do so is to allow a carrier to cause trouble. Outside of religion, we can see this in other groups as well – businesses, local governments, and civic organizations. Some things simply can't be tolerated.

In this world there are people who have various beliefs about how to deal with the virus of sin (or whatever label you put to it). Christians believe that it is dealt with by the innocent (sin free/virus free) blood of Christ.

Viruses cause disease, as do those things in our lives that we know are not right. The remedy is so simple it is nearly unbelievable. It is forgiveness, the antidote to sin. Henri Nouwen said in *Life of the Beloved*, "The question is not 'How am I to love God?' but 'How am I to let myself be loved by God?'" This is the cure.

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Is it wrong to be wealthy? Of course not, but if you are not extremely careful, gloating over your money will soon turn into greed for more and more. The antidote to greed is generous giving.

ASK the PASTOR
By Bob Hardison



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Kentucky looks at leaving Iowa behind in voting ban

Week eight of the 2020 Regular Session is in the books. Now that we have passed the halfway point of this session, the countdown begins as we in the Senate anticipate the 2020-2022 budget bill from the House of Representatives, which we are expecting to receive by early March.

While crafting the biennial budget remains at the forefront of everyone’s minds, we are staying the course to uphold our other legislative obligations as members of the General Assembly by passing bills that include specific reforms and amendments to help us move the Commonwealth forward.

I am pleased to announce that this year’s school safety measure, Senate Bill (SB) 8, has been signed into law by the Governor. Passing both chambers with bipartisan support, SB 8 requires the trained and certified law enforcement officers already serving in Kentucky schools to be armed. The School Safety and Resiliency Act, which passed in 2019, implemented additional security and safety standards for schools, such as the requirement of a school resource officer and increased mental health services. In loving memory of those involved in the 2018 Marshall County High School shooting, I am encouraged by this momentous stride made by the General Assembly to better protect Kentuckians within our school walls.

The Senate passed three constitutional amendments this week, all of which relate to responsible criminal justice reform. Constitutional amend-

ments passed by the Kentucky General Assembly go through a slightly different process than regular bills by also requiring the approval of Kentucky voters. If a legislatively referred constitutional amendment is passed by both chambers, the proposed amendment will be placed on the ballot at the next general election during which members of the state legislature are up for election. If approved by a simple majority of voters, it becomes part of the constitution.

Passing early in the week was Senate Bill (SB) 15, or “Marsy’s Law.” This measure would enshrine in the Kentucky Constitution certain rights for crime victims, including the right to be notified of all criminal court proceedings involving the accused, and reasonable protection from the accused. Kentucky voters approved this law in 2018, with 63 percent support. However, the Supreme Court ruled that the question on the ballot was too vague, therefore voiding the vote. SB 15 includes updated language and improvements. Moreover, I hope to see Marsy’s Law on the ballot again this November.



Robby MILLS
KY STATE SENATE

Guest Commentary

Another constitutional amendment advancing this week is SB 58, which would curtail a governor’s ability to issue pardons on the way out of office. In other words, a governor would not be able to issue pardons or commutations during a certain period of time, preventing thirty days prior to the gubernatorial election and ending on the fifth Tuesday after the election—before the next governor is sworn in.

Sections of the Kentucky Constitution granting a governor the power to pardon date back to 1891, when it wasn’t unheard of to duel—the kind involving guns. Since then, our society and the composition of our judicial system has changed dramatically. It’s important to keep in mind that the power to pardon allows one man or woman to override the judgement of multiple authorities and officials within our criminal justice system. To limit the possibility of political corruption, SB 58 implements overdue, responsible oversight to a governor’s power to pardon.

Also passing was SB 62. This measure would grant the General Assembly the authority to establish standards for giving persons convicted of certain felonies the right to vote. However, the new process to restore voting rights would exclude those convicted of treason, bribery in an election, a violent offense, a sex offense or an offense against a child. Currently, Kentucky is one of only two states, along with Iowa, with a lifetime voting ban

for felons. Although there was an executive order put into place in late 2019, there are still around 170,000 Kentuckians that are still without the right to vote due to a prior felony conviction. If approved by the House and Kentucky voters, SB 62 could give felons a clearer path to regaining their voting rights.

An act relating to blockchain technology is also heading to the House following its passage this week. SB 55 establishes a blockchain technology working group attached to the Commonwealth Office of Technology to evaluate the feasibility and efficiency of using blockchain technology to enhance the security protection of Kentucky’s critical infrastructure. If you aren’t already familiar, blockchain technology allows digital information to be distributed but not copied, and, in many ways, has become the backbone of a new type of internet. Originally devised for the digital currency, Bitcoin Blockchain, the tech community has now found other potential uses for the technology. I am proud to support this measure and look forward to seeing continued technological advancements here in the Commonwealth.

The Senate passed a bill I was proud to sponsor, SB 132, which adds individuals with state-issued personal identification cards to a master list of potential jurors, giving us a wider representation of our communities within our jury pools. The list of potential jurors was last expanded by the General Assembly in 2002.

The Senate also passed a number of other bills this week:

SB 156 ensures that Kentucky’s high school career and technical education system is unified, equitably funded, collaborative, responsive to industry, sustainable, and provides equalized access to all Kentucky students.

SB 160 reorganizes the Office of the Attorney General into the following major organizational units: Criminal Division, Civil Division, Office of the Solicitor General, the Office of Communications, and the Office of Administrative Services. Language within SB 160 also creates the position of Solicitor General.

HB 24 appropriates funding to the Department of Veterans Affairs in fiscal year 2019-2020 for design and preconstruction costs for the Bowling Green Veterans Center.

HB 214 ensures the availability of a sufficient veterinary workforce through the Veterinary Contract Spaces Program. Given there are not any Veterinary schools in Kentucky, this program provides financial assistance and access to key students seeking a veterinary education at participating out of state veterinary schools.

Contact Sen. Mills toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email Robby.Mills@LRC.KY.GOV. You can also review the legislature’s work online at www.legislature.ky.gov

Data show too many Kentuckians could be working

In last week’s update I noted that there were a couple of controversial bills that were discussed and voted on in the House. One was House Bill 136 (HB-136), the medical marijuana bill that I examined in length last week. The other was House Bill 1 (HB-1) which addresses the elimination of fraud and abuse of those receiving public assistance (taxpayer money) while at the same time providing a bridge to health care coverage to those needing it. This week I will concentrate on HB-1.

Any time public assistance legislation is considered, the conversation invariably falls into two categories: too much money is being wasted or more money is essential to help those in need. Rarely does the conversation include anything that can’t be put into those two categories.

One problem is that public assistance programs sometimes incentivize people to stay home and collect benefits rather than work. Kentucky has one of the lowest workforce participation numbers in our

nation, which means too many Kentuckians who could be working are not. In fact, the number of people on Medicaid is more than twice the number of children we have in our classrooms.

The Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) is a U.S. Department of Agricultural (USDA) program, formerly called food stamps, that has the laudable goal of providing nutrition benefits to supplement the food budget of needy families. This is to help people purchase healthy food and move toward self-sufficiency. Although SNAP is a federal program, states are responsible for the general administration of the program. This includes determining the eligibility of those who apply



Lynn BECHLER
KY STATE HOUSE

Guest Commentary

for aid and the responsibility for getting the benefits to those who are eligible.

We have all seen or heard of problems were some recipients sell their benefits or purchase shopping carts full of soft drinks to sell to others. This is certainly not the case for the majority of those receiving benefits, but it is prevalent enough to be a serious problem. However, there is true need in the Commonwealth to help those who are struggling to feed their families, make sure their children have a roof over their heads and have adequate health care. Because of this, many legislators feel more money is necessary for public assistance programs.

HB-1 is an attempt to address both sides of the issue. HB-1 would put all public assistance payments for an individual on a single Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card, thus allowing the state to track and eliminate eligibility for all public assistance programs for individuals found to be trafficking in EBT cards. This also helps eliminates the possibility

of individuals receiving benefits in multiple states by enrolling Kentucky in the National Accuracy Clearinghouse (NAC). As a point of reference, Mississippi took part in a pilot version of NAC, identifying and preventing a monthly average of more than 300 dual participants with a total annual savings of \$1.9 million.

HB-1 would require the cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) to develop a health insurance option for individuals earning between 138% and 200% of the federal poverty level. CHFS would be required to work on identifying ways to provide “bridge” insurance for individuals transitioning into improved employment situations. This supports one of the primary recommendations of the Public Assistance Reform Task Force.

There was much debate on the House floor leading up to a vote on HB-1 and it was all about the two categories I reference at the beginning of this update: “too much money is being wasted” or “more money is essential to help those in

need”. It is my belief that the bill does a good job of addressing both sides of the argument, so I voted yes, the bill passed the House, and is now in the Senate for consideration.

With one more month to go in this year’s session, the pace is picking up. I anticipate all the budget bills will come before the full House this week and next. They will then be sent to the Senate where changes will undoubtedly be made before being sent back to the House. Joint House and Senate Committees will then be formed so that agreement between the two chambers can be reached and the bills sent to the Governor.

Rep. Bechler may be reached through the toll-free message line at 800-372- 7181, at 502-564- 8100, by visiting the Kentucky Legislature Home page at www.lrc.ky.gov and clicking on the “Email Your Legislator” link, or by mail to the Capitol Annex, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Letters to the Editor

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March 16 is farmer deadline for ARC or PLC

Deadline is March 16 to make what is likely one of the most important business decisions you will make for your farming operation this year.

If you have not already visited your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office to make your election for either the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program and to sign your annual enrollment contract, you should call and make

your appointment now.

Many farmers are gearing up to head to the field for spring planting, but it is importance to not let this deadline get lost in the hectic day-to-day obligations of farm life, said Brian Lacefield, executive director of Kentucky USDA Farm Service Agency.

If farmers fail to enroll for 2019 ARC or PLC, they will be ineligible to receive a payment for the 2019 crop year.

ARC and PLC provide financial protections to farmers from substantial drops in crop prices or revenues and are vital economic safety nets for most American farms. These programs cover 20 commodities produced in the U.S.

FSA anticipates more than 1.7 million producers will enroll in ARC and PLC – that’s a lot of producers to assist in a short period of time.

Letters to the Editor

Not another retirement bureaucracy

To the Editor:

A bill recently introduced in the Kentucky General Assembly would reorganize Kentucky Retirement Systems. Proponents say HB 484 is needed to address a perceived lack of representation for the County Employees Retirement System, one of three systems under the umbrella of

KRS. KRS is overseen by a 17-member board.

HB 484 creates a new, duplicative bureaucracy. It establishes a CERS board and another board to represent the Kentucky Employees and Kentucky State Police systems. This will mean duplicate expenditures to hire another group of auditors, investment consultants and actuaries. Investment and custodial fees to manage separate fund portfolios will increase. Chief executive officers would be hired for each of the two boards. The total price tag is estimated at \$3.6 million to \$6.7 million.

An argument can be made that the current board is top heavy with gubernatorial trustees. A simple fix would be to do nothing more than change the board’s representation. No muss, no fuss, and no spending millions of dollars for a system that needs to hold on to every nickel to ensure fiscal stability.

HB 484 should be defeated, and a more practical approach to board representation should be explored by all affected stakeholder groups.

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Rocket coach Denis Hodge and his players react to last week's opening round win in the Fifth District Tournament.



Quinn Summers and Isaac James react – along with the entire Crittenden bench – to Avery Thompson's game-winner in overtime.



Crittenden County's fifth and sixth graders won the district championship and district unnerup Saturday. Crittenden had two teams in the six-county league and each advanced to the championship game. The blue team won the title. Pictured are members of both teams (front from left) Lacey Boone, Jordyn Hodge, Elliot Evans, Elle McDaniel, Chloe Hunt, Morgan Stewart, Presley Potter, (back) coach Mandy Hunt, Madison Walker, Maeson Martin, Charlee Mundy, Haylie Hunt, Anna Boone, Bristyn Rushing, Georgia Holeman, Andrea Federico, Taylor Davis and coach Lee Anna Boone.



Anna Boone looks for help beyond Bristyn Rushing and Andrea Federico's trap Saturday in the championship game of the fifth- and sixth-grade district tournament. Crittenden Blue (playing in white on Saturday) defeated Crittenden White.



Crittenden County's fifth and sixth graders won the district championship Saturday, beating Livingston in overtime. Pictured are (front from left) Bryson Walker, Issac James, Grayson Hall, Logan Martin, Caden Brothers, Quinn Summers (back row) Brayden Poindexter, Avery Thompson, Garner Stalins, Davis Perryman, Levi Suddoth, Ethan Thomas, Caleb Riley and coach Sean Thompson.

Area post-season madness reaches basketball pinnacle

Basketball has come to its pinnacle over the last few days with the varsity teams playing in the Fifth District tournaments and advancing to the Second Region tournaments at Hopkinsville this week.

Just as much excitement surrounded last weekend's district tournament for area fifth and sixth graders at Burna as Crittenden County captured the league championship in both boys' and girls' divisions. On the female side, Crittenden actually won the championship and runnerup title because it had two teams in the six-county league that also included Union, Lyon, Trigg, Caldwell and Livingston counties.

The boys fifth and sixth graders were taken into overtime before winning the league tournament over Livingston County.

The varsity boys were set to play at Hopkinsville on Wednesday night, trying to knock off Christian

Freshman receiver Branham talented on, off field

Since he grew up up in Columbus, Ohio, Kalil Branham's dream was to play football in the Big Ten and he originally committed to Michigan. However, he later had a change of heart and the talented receiver signed with Kentucky.

"I felt like I could play really anywhere (in the country) and I felt like this was the place I needed to be," Branham, who enrolled at UK in January, said.

"I had heard about UK from other guys they were recruiting in Ohio but I was just kind of focused on what I needed to better myself to get to where I should be.

"Once I decided it was not Michigan, the UK coaches started talking to me and I could tell they really cared about me and wanted the best out of me. As soon as I stepped on campus, it felt like home. It just felt like family with all the love and some place that I had to be."

He was rated a top 500 national recruit by 247Sports and as the 10th best player in Ohio — and he even played quarterback as a junior out of necessity when injuries hit. That's the same scenario that shifted Lynn Bowden from receiver to quarterback for UK last year when the Cats turned exclusively into a running team.



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist
Vaught's Views

"They did have a great quarterback (Terry Wilson) who did go down and knowing he would hopefully be playing the next year made me not worry about the offense and this is a place where I could show what I have got skill-wise," Branham said. "I know they have great quarterbacks here and they ran the offense they did last year because that's what it took to win.

"But since I played quarterback in high school as well, I felt if that happened again (with injuries) I could be in the place Lynn was in and try to do what he did. I have been out with quarterbacks here. We go out every Saturday and throw. Everybody is looking real good right now. I am not worried about us being able to throw the ball a lot next season."

Branham is an exceptional athlete who lettered in four sports — football, basketball, baseball and track — at Northland High School in Columbus. He was a state champion in the 200-meter dash

"I would say my two favorite sports would be baseball and football. I was a center fielder, pitcher and shortstop in baseball. I had a .457 batting average and considered myself a good hitter," he said.

He says skills from all those sports help make him a good receiver.

"My physicalness, my speed, all of that makes me a great all-around receiver," he said.

His first love actually was lacrosse, or maybe boxing. He played lacrosse before football and then did both from fourth grade through seventh grade.

"Lacrosse is just like football. I loved the contact," he said. "Somebody is coming down with the stick and you could just hit 'em. That's what I enjoyed."

What about boxing?

"I did box for the same reason. We have a heavy bag in the student center (at UK) that I will go to probably once a week just to stay sharp," he said.

There is a softer side to Branham, though. He loves to bake, something he started doing with his mom when he was about 3 years old.

"Then I just took it on by myself. It's just something I always enjoyed," Branham said while noting that brownies are his speciality.

He's also incredibly smart. He taught himself to play the piano, something very few people could ever do, about four years ago.

"Playing by ear takes a lot of repetition. Hearing the song and playing and hearing and playing. It does take a while to learn and teach yourself. It's a talent. I don't know if everybody has it or not," he said.

He started playing the violin at age 8 or 9 along with the saxophone. He gave up the violin at age 13.

"My mom was in the (church) choir when she was younger and she sings. She played in the marching band when she was in high school. She played the flute, so music is kind of in our family," Branham said.

But so is football. His brother, John, is a running back at Eastern Michigan — the team Kentucky opens the season against Sept. 5 at Kroger Field. The UK freshman said going against his brother, who is two years older, always

pushed him to improve.

"We pushed each other every day to get better. Didn't matter what we were doing, we pushed each other but also had a love for each other that motivated us," Kalil Branham said.

Just like he was last season, Kentucky sophomore guard Ashton Hagans is regarded as one of the nation's top defensive players. He was named one of 10 semifinalists for the Naismith Defensive Player of the

Year just like he was last year. He was the SEC co-defensive player of the year last season.

"There is no better defender that I know of," Kentucky coach John Calipari said. "There is nobody that will come up with a rebound to win a game like him."

Calipari didn't stop there, though, as he switched over to Hagans' offensive worth.

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YOUTH SPORTS

Saturday assessments

Saturday is assessment day and registration deadline for youth baseball and softball. The assessment will be from 10 a.m., until noon at the middle school gym. Find a registration form at the Dugout Club Facebook page, Press Online or in paper form at The Press office. Complete information is available on the form.

Soccer sign up Thursday

Youth soccer registration will be held from 5-8 p.m., on Thursday, March 5 at Marion's Dairy Queen store. Online registration will be open until April 3.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

Raccoon	Oct. 1 - Feb. 29
Raccoon (trapping)	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Squirrel	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Red/Gray Fox	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Beaver	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Youth Turkey	April 4-5
Turkey	April 18 - May 10
Coyote Night	Feb. 1 - May 31
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round

Night okay for coyotes

Coyotes can be legally hunted at night with a light from Feb. 1 through May 31. For more information see the Kentucky Guide.

ARCHERY

Two local boys are shooters of the year

A half dozen local archers were honored for their shooting last weekend in the Kentucky Scholastic S3DA State Tournament at Owensboro and two Crittenden County boys were named shooter of the year. Jeremiah Foster won the Middle School Male Bowhunter Compound state championship and he was also named Indoor Shooter of the Year in his division. Marion's Tucker Boudro won a state championship in the Elementary Male Open Class and was named Indoor Shooter of the Year. Emory Orr also won a state championship in the Elementary Female Bowhunter Compound division. Max Clements of Sturgis was third in the Middle School Male Open Class; Colt Hayes of Marion was fourth in Elementary Male Barebow; and Miley Hayes was fifth in the Elementary Female Barebow. In the Indoor Championships Orr won first place in Cub Freestyle and Bowhunter classes and was the overall highest female scorer; Boudro was first in the Cub Freestyle; Clements was second in Youth Male Freestyle; Foster captured two firsts in Youth Male Freestyle and Youth Bowhunter and he was also the highest male scorer.

SPRING SPORTS

Meet the Lady Rockets

A Meet the Lady Rockets event will be held on Monday, March 9 at the high school softball field at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Player introductions will begin at 5 p.m., followed by an intra-squad scrimmage. Recreational softball players are invited to participate and be recognized. They should arrive by 4:30 p.m., to be recognized. In case of rain, the event will be held the following day or Thursday, March 12.

Meet the Rockets

A Meet the Rockets event will be held on Monday, March 9 at the high school baseball field at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Player introductions will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by an intra-squad scrimmage. In case of rain, the event will be held Thursday, March 12. Season tickets will be on sale at the event.

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It was a grand high school basketball atmosphere with a packed gym at Eddyville for the Fifth District championship game Friday night where the Rockets lost to Lyon County. The two teams have played in the last three tournament title games.

Lady Rockets' 18-win season gets Marooned

STAFF REPORT

When Crittenden County stayed close for more than a half Monday at Hopkinsville and was trailing by just two points with under six minutes to play in the third period, there was a bounce in Coach Shannon Hodge's step on the sideline as she directed play like the conductor of an orchestra.

Going up against now 28-1 Madisonville, the team with the highest power rating in the region, Coach Hodge had to know the shoe would drop at some point.

Yet even after her team went cold – missed some shots and turned the ball over on five stright trips down the floor to let Madisonville gain control of the game – coach Hodge's management of the game never changed. When her team was down 20 late in the second half, nothing had changed. That's why after 27 seasons at the helm, Hodge's teams continue to defy the odds. She's won more than 329 games at CCHS, but No. 19 in this season wasn't within reality. Crittenden fell 70-46 to the Lady Maroons, eliminating CCHS from the Second Region Tournament and ending its season at 18-11.

It was the third winningest season in coach Hodge's tenure and with nearly everyone returning next season, there's no doubt that coach Hodge will continue with a skip in her step.

Madisonville 70, Crittenden 46				
Crittenden Co.	8	23	33	46
Madisonville	12	27	48	70
CRITTENDEN - Guess 12, Boone 7, Moss 10, Duncan, Woodward 9, Long, Easley, Peryman 2, Driskill 6, Conyer, Smith. FG 13. 3-pointers 1 (Boone). FT 19-24.				
MADISONVILLE - McGowan 2, Carmon 2, Franklin 2, Zieba 6, LaGrange 13, Livingston, Hayes 2, Stafford, L.Peyton 13, C.Peyton 19, Lovan 11. FG 30. 3-pointers 3 (C.Peyton 2, L.Peyton). FT 2-3.				



Lady Rocket eighth grader Riley Smith pulls down a rebound during Crittenden County's loss in the Second Region Tournament Monday against Madisonville. The tournament was played at Christian County's gym.

Girls fall to Trigg in 5th championship

The Lady Rockets led for about 90 percent of the basketball game last Thursday in the Fifth District championship at Eddyville. However, Crittenden County could never gain a commanding advantage, and Trigg County snuck away with a 48-40 win thanks to a late offensive flurry and good foul shooting.

Trigg has won the last two district tournament championships, their first consecutive titles in school history. They've won the district title a half dozen times.

For the Lady Rockets, it was a chance to claim their third championship in the last four years. They won titles in 2018 and 2017.

Crittenden led the entire first half, albeit in a closely contested affair. CCHS was up by as many as five points when Chandler Moss hit a foul shot midway through the second quarter for a 19-14 edge. Trigg closed the first half with a 10-2 run and led by three at the break thanks to a three-pointer by freshman Olivia Noffsinger.

The second half was a virtual mirror image of the first one. Crittenden got back ahead 27-26 in the third quarter on a jumper just outside of the lane by freshman guard Natalie Boone. From there, the game remained close, but CCHS never trailed until Trigg took the lead for good

on a pair of foul shots with just under four minutes to play.

Senior Adri Phillips scored two baskets to help Trigg create some space between itself and Crittenden on the scoreboard. Trigg got ahead by six and then let its foul shooters do the rest. Just a 54-percent foul shooting team, the Lady Wildcats made 10 of 14 at stripe to seal the deal down the stretch. Noffsinger, Trigg's leading scorer on the season and tops in the tournament championship with 18, hit half of those freebies in the fourth period.

Crittenden got some reasonable looks at the basket in the waning minutes, but couldn't get the shots to fall as Trigg closed with a 19-8 run.

Lady Rocket freshman Taylor Guess finished with 16 points, a basket below her average. No one else scored in double figures for CCHS.

Trigg 48, Crittenden 40				
Trigg County	10	24	29	48
Crittenden Co.	10	21	32	40
TRIGG - Bush 5, O.Noffsinger 18, E.Noffsinger 4, Hyde 1, Bruggs, Phillips 12, Reynolds 8, K.Grubbs. FG 13. 3-pointers 2 (O.Noffsinger). FT 19-27.				
CRITTENDEN - Guess 16, Boone 7, Moss 8, Woodward 7, Duncan 2, Easley, Long, Smith. FG 14. 3-pointers 2 (Boone, Guess). FT 10-14.				

Lyon dispatches Rockets in 5th title game

Lyon County opened up a close game with a series of three-pointers in the third period and went on to beat the Rockets 78-65 in the Fifth District championship game Friday.

Lyon won its second straight district championship and 21st in school history.

The Rockets, playing in the title game for the third year in a row (something that hadn't happened since 1958), kept the game close in the first half, but Lyon went ahead by 16 in the third period.

Crittenden trimmed it back to single digits for a brief time in the fourth quarter, but Lyon maintained a comfortable lead down the stretch.

Crittenden senior Erik O'Leary and juniors Gabe Mott and Preston Turley were named to the All-Tournament team.

Lyon 78, Crittenden 65				
Crittenden Co.	18	28	46	65
Lyon County	19	36	58	78
CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 8, O'Leary 13, Winders 2, Mott 8, Boone 11, Champion 2, J.Carlson 3, Turley 18, Adamson, M.Carlson, Davidson. 25. 3-pointers 8 (Morgeson 2, OLeary 2, Mott, Boone 2, J.Carlson). FT 7-12.				
LYON - Wahlin 8, Hawkins 3, Perry 24, Bingham 13, Gilbert 2, J.Shoulders 28, Reddick, B.Shoulders, Cissell, Crawford, Wilkerson. FG 31. 3-pointers 6 (Hawkins, Perry 2, Bingham, Shoulders 2). FT 10-15.				



SECOND REGION TOURNAMENT

BOYS
At Hopkinsville

WEDNESDAY
Christian County vs. Crittenden Co., 6pm
Madisonville vs Henderson, Co., 7:30pm

THURSDAY
Webster Co. vs University Heights, 6pm
Lyon County vs Caldwell Co., 7:30pm

MONDAY
Semifinals 6pm and 7:30pm

TUESDAY
Championship, 7pm

GIRLS
At Christian County

MONDAY
Madisonville 70, Crittenden Co. 46
Webster Co. 62, Christian Co. 39

TUESDAY
Trigg County. vs Caldwell County, 6pm
Hopkinsville vs Henderson Co., 7:30pm

FRIDAY
Semifinals 6pm and 7:30pm

SATURDAY
Championship, 7pm

- All District Performers -



FIFTH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

BOYS

Opening Round Results
Lyon County 101, Livingston 76
Crittenden Co. 61, Trigg County 59

Championship
Lyon County 78, Crittenden Co. 65

GIRLS

Opening Round Results
Crittenden 48,Livingston 35
Trigg County 44, Lyon County 43

Championship
Trigg County 48, Crittenden Co. 40

Area Deaths

McNeely

Mary Jo Guess McNeely, 83, of Fredonia died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion.



She enjoyed reading and taking walks.

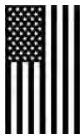
Surviving are her sons, Troy W. McNeely (Sarah) of Fredonia, Charles R. McNeely of Marion, Wayne A. McNeely of Metropolis Ill., and Wilbur Sisco (Patricia) of Marion; a daughter, JoAnn Warner (Danny) of Florida; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded by her husband Troy Estill McNeely; a daughter, Rose Gilland; two brothers; three sisters; and parents, Ira and Ina Holland Guess.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 29 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was at Maplevue Cemetery.

Hanor

Bayne Stewart "Bill" Hanor, 80, of Marion died Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.



He was of the Baptist faith, a United States Army veteran and owner of Hanor's Gun Shop from 1979-2006.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Hanor of Marion; daughter, Anna Carol (Kenny) Hillyard of Marion; brothers, David Hanor of Morganfield, Frank (Cecilia) Hanor of Clay, Donny Hanor of Marion and Mike Hanor of Kentucky; sisters, Jean Henderson of Evansville, Ind., and Sharon (Jerry) Clark of Clay; and grandson, Dustin Hillyard of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Patricia Kronenberger; parents, Charles Marlin and Myrtle Elizabeth Hanor Sr.; brother, Charles Marlin Hanor Jr.; and sister, Charlotte "Polly" Wright.

Services were at 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 4 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Maplevue Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Mary Hall Ruddiman Animal Shelter in Marion.

Leet

Glenda Doris Leet, 71, of Shady Grove died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020 at her home.

She was a member of Enon General Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Leroy Leet of Shady Grove; children, Jeff (Julie) Leet and Jenny (Scott) Long both of Shady Grove; sisters, Ginger Phillips of Marion and Theresa Miller of Texas; and grandchildren, Erika (Kyle) Salyers, Alyssa (Hayden) McConnell, Leah Long and Ethan Long.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ira and Fay Fulks.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 29 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Shady Grove Cemetery.

Travis

Billie Ewell Travis, 79, of Princeton died Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020 at the Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville.

He was a member of Eddy Creek Baptist Church, and a self-employed retired jeweler. He was an avid turkey hunter and a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Surviving are his wife of 41 years, Virginia "Ginny" Wimberly Travis; a sister, Brenda Underdown of Marion; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Billie Minor Travis and Evah Lee Brantley Travis.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 29 at Morgan's Funeral home with Rev. Leslie Joyce officiating. Burial was at Crayne Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Eddy Creek Baptist Church Benevolence Fund, c/o Michael Forsythe, 349 Tandy Road, Princeton, KY 42445.

Press Obituaries

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Shewmaker

Eddie Wayne Shewmaker, 84, of Jackson, Tenn., formerly of Marion. died Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020 at Forrest Cove Nursing Home in Jackson.



He was a United States Army veteran.

Survivors include his step-daughter, Gail (Lee) Styers of Sardas, Miss.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Ann Shewmaker; son, Joel Shewmaker; and parents, Arthur Marion and May Geneviva Shewmaker.

Graveside services were Saturday, Feb. 29 at Love Cemetery.

Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Miller

Robert Charles Miller Sr., 73, of St. George, Utah, formerly of Marion, died Feb. 11, 2020 at the Coral Desert Hospice Center in Utah.

He had attended Crooked Creek Baptist Church and was often seen in his Jesus Period T-Shirt. He enjoyed wood working, leather crafts and fishing.

Survivors include his son, Robert C. Miller Jr. (Jessica) of Poland; a daughter, Donna K. Girten (Mark) of Marion; two brothers, Bruce Miller of Florida and Tom F. Miller (Donna) of Florida; two granddaughters, Crystal Lynn Kelso (Chris) of Ft. Worth, Texas and Melissa Anne Keith of Crowley, Texas; and great-grandchildren, Blakely, Braydon and Brice Morman; Emma Lynn and Benji Kelso; and several, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon G. Miller and Eleanor (Rathnav) Miller; a brother, Vernon G. Miller Jr.; and a sister, Patricia Stratford.

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Patterson

Tammy Gail Walker Patterson, 48, of Marion died Friday, Feb. 28, 2020 at her home.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Patterson of Marion; children, Justin Keaton (Kirsten) Walker of Grand Rivers, Mikeliyah Cheyenne Walker of Paducah, Rebekah Rae-Leigh (Zach) Walker of Paducah and Gabriel Micheal-Riley Walker of Grand Rivers; her father, Benny Walker; sister, Christy Renee (Rob) Davidson; first husband, Jackson Walker; a special sister, Cindy Dukes; and mother and father-in-law, Maggie and Bob Patterson.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Beverly Yvonne Walker.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.



her grandchildren. Her other enjoyments involved cooking for her family and having them together, sitting on the porch listening to the birds and drinking coffee. She loved to travel to Gatlinburg or to the beach and put her feet in the sand.

Survivors include her husband, Harold Tolley of Lola; children, Kim (Chad) Belcher of Paducah, Brent (Jennifer) Ferrell of Lola, DeeDee (Anthony) Tinin of Reidland and Renee Daugherty of Reidland; grandchildren, Tasha, Isabella, Jade, Morgan, Jude, A.J. and Oaklyn; great-grandchildren, Trokolby, Iesha; and David; and brothers John, Sam and Donnie Otto Brown.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Jimmy Ferrell; parents, Robert and Mable Brown; a grandson, David Gill and brothers, Bobby and David "Bug" Brown.

Services were Monday March 2 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Lola Cemetery.

Green

Mary Elizabeth Cox Green, 88, of Fredonia died Friday, Feb. 28, 2020 at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

She was retired from

Siemens and was a member of Unity Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School for 20 plus years. She loved antiques and fishing.

Survivors include three sons, Dwight Green and wife Donna of Fredonia, Lowell Green and wife Marsha of Fredonia, Tony Green and wife Linda of Fredonia; six grandchildren, Tania Traylor and husband Jamie, Christy Fralix and husband Barry, Cassandra Drennan and husband Wesley, Grant Green and wife Rhianon, Catie Loftus and husband John, Heather York; 11 great-grandchildren, McKenzie Fralix, Jordyn Traylor, Cayden Fralix, Kyndal Traylor, Abbi Drennan, Aubrey Drennan, Felicity Green, Hailey Collier, Hunter Collier, Ollie Loftus and Judah Loftus; one great-great-grandchild, Braylee Head.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Green; her parents, Sammie and Pearl Cates Cox; two sisters, Jean Story and Marcella Shumaker; two brothers, Minos and John Cox; and a granddaughter, Tara Green.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, March 5 at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton with Bro. Mark Faughn officiating, assisted by Bro. Rex Jones. Burial will follow in Fredonia Cemetery.

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Madisonville office now open for REAL ID

Residents of western Kentucky now have an easier way to obtain a REAL ID compliant driver's license with the opening of a regional office in Madisonville on Monday.

The new Hopkins County office can serve all Kentuckians regardless of where they live. Any U.S. citizen or permanent resident who has a Kentucky driver's license, permit or identification card may apply for a REAL ID-compliant version, if they want to use a state-issued credential to meet upcoming REAL ID requirements.

Kentuckians who already



have a valid form of REAL ID, like a passport or military ID, can continue to use that instead of the new REAL ID license when they visit military bases and fly commercial airlines within the U.S. starting on Oct. 1. Current driver's licenses will continue to remain

valid, but only for driving, voting and general identification purposes.

"After years of repeated changes and uncertainty surrounding REAL ID in Kentucky, my administration is working tirelessly and has made quick progress to make REAL IDs available as soon as possible," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "The deadline to comply is quickly approaching and we must continue to improve this service while encouraging Kentuckians to take action to ensure they have an accepted form of identification by Octo-

ber."

Like Madisonville, the REAL ID office at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet headquarters in Frankfort serves as a regional application site, welcoming applicants from any county to apply. Offices in Paducah, Bowling Green, and Somerset are currently best scaled to serve residents in the county where they are located but will serve the region once workstation capacity expands.

Remember that when applying for a REAL ID compliant license, documentation needed is much stricter than when you

simply renew a driver's license. They include:

- One valid proof of identity, such as a certified birth certificate or valid passport.
- One valid proof of social security, such as a social security card or W2 statement.
- Two valid proofs of residency, like a Kentucky driver's license with your current home address or a utility bill dated less than 61 days.

Additional documentation may be required if an applicant's name or gender doesn't match on the four proof documents.

BIO/MED

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

Using Project Lead The Way curriculum available to high schools, the Bio-Medical pathway will provide real world, hands on learning experiences for students to better prepare them to succeed in their futures, according to principal Mandy Irvan.

"As a parent with a kiddo who thrived in PLTW courses, they prepare them for success in obtaining industry certifications that are otherwise very expensive and timely," she said.

CCHS teacher Casey Evans is certified and experienced in instructing the first course of the program. The four courses are: Principles of Biomedicine, Human Body Systems, Medical Interventions and Bio-medical Innovations.

The Crittenden County Board of Education last Thursday approved a \$20,900 allocation that will help fund supplies and a participation fee for Project Lead The Way.

During Freshman O, students will choose a Career and Technical Education program to follow throughout high school from one of six CTE areas: Family and consumer science, business, computer science, medical, education and agriculture.

Students will be given more information about these programs prior to the Freshman O event, and administration and staff will be available that evening to answer questions students or parents may have.

Additionally, all students completing registration forms the night of the event will be eligible for door prizes. Students who cannot attend Freshman O are asked to complete scheduling online no later than March 27. Students will be given information on this process. For more information about the event, call the high school office at (270) 965-2248 or email tiffany.blazina@crittenden.kyschools.us.

Free tree seedlings offered on March 20

Free tree seedlings provided by the Crittenden County Conservation District will be available on March 20. With all the rain recently, the ground is soft and moist, just right to start digging those holes for spring tree planting.

Free seedlings will be given away to the residents of Crittenden County from 10 a.m. until noon at the office located on East Bellville Street across from The Crittenden Press. This year's seedlings will be cypress, hazelnut, river birch, yellow poplar, cherrybark oak, button-

bush and the Kentucky coffeetree. The Kentucky Division of Forestry has matched this purchase with persimmon, swamp white oak and red shumard oak. There is limit of six trees per person.

The district's goal is to help the community beautify yards and homeplaces, provide habitat and help keep the county one of the forested treasures of the state. The conservation district welcomes persons throughout Crittenden County, urban and rural, to take advantage of this opportunity.



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