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# Kids deserve voice on dress code

Spending some time in the classroom as a substitute teacher this semester has been insightful for this 50-something-year-old student of learning and understanding. Instead of draped over a desk, however, my assignment was standing in front of mostly ninth-grade students who helped me to more clearly understand that our society is too “remote” oriented.

Remote control that is.

We’re turned off, literally, by people who disagree with us.

Whether it’s liberal-speak on MSNBC or conservative strutting by Fox News, how easy is it to avoid? Our universities are disallowing speakers who are not in lock-step with



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their left-leaning mindsets. Facebookers can block those who don’t conform to their school of thought, or lambaste them – whichever fits the fingers and the jerky knee.

Simply press the remote control to your squawk box and enjoy fulfillment services that are much more palatable to the taste. My wife chastises me for arguing with Rachel Maddow. “She cannot hear you!”

I know that, but it makes me feel more complete to assert my opinions when the TV doesn’t make sense.

Where’s the remote? I’d rather watch a baseball game.

Truth is, debate and thought are almost gone from society. Oh, some try to mas-

querade meaningful discourse through well-scripted dialogue. However, that token opposition in cameo roles on nightly commentary programs are as bogus as the boogeyman.

While doing a little part-time substitute teaching this term, I was able to engage classrooms in intellectual conversation about school policy, enforcement thereof and their ideas of how to change practices and rules they find stifling or unfair.

The primary point of discussion was school dress code. It became very clear that students fully understand the administration’s and teachers’ role in enforcing school policy.

### Uniform poll

In a recent poll on The Press Online, The Crittenden Press asked visitors to its website, “Should Crittenden County seriously consider school uniforms as a dress option?” The reaction was pretty evenly split.

- **Yes:** 53 percent
- **No:** 45 percent
- **I need more info:** 2 percent

After applying sound logic and reasoning to a recent matter involving an NRA T-shirt with spent shell casings forming an American flag, those students with which I enjoyed classroom dialogue agreed in general that the shirt violated school policy. They were less understanding about the policy itself or whether it’s unequivocally enforced on a regular basis.

What was gleaned from this episode was that students are not too keen on school policy that bans shirts from school hallways that they could without notice wear to prayer meeting on Wednesday nights. They question whether strict

clothing policy that might work in inner cities is applicable to rural, western Kentucky.

Theirs is a legitimate question and it would be prudent if policymakers allow student input. From my conversations with those ninth graders, they’re plenty mature enough – as a collective body – to bring meaningful thought to the debate.

By a slight majority, the students also showed support for some type of tolerable school uniform.

Keeping students in the loop is key in this matter. They’ve learned about revolts to tyranny and dictatorial law-making through their study of American history (e.g., the Boston Tea Party) and they want to be represented at the table when policy is made. It’s time that we listen to them instead of grabbing the remote control and hitting the mute button.

# Budget season time to pick up phone

Around this time each year, local elected officials are tasked with their most important job – approving a spending plan for the next fiscal year. It can be a brutal, grueling process squeezing blood from a turnip.

This year is no different. Budget committees and finance officers have spent hours wringing the vegetable for all it is worth to provide for basic functions, keep the ambulance service alive and pay increased retirement costs and health insurance premiums for the men and women who keep government going.

As always, they have found enough juice to help fund a few non-governmental programs that make our community a better place. But at what cost?

I have used this space before to lament local tax dollars being spent on appropriations to social well-being programs like Crittenden County Food Bank, Crittenden County Coalition for a Drug-Free Community and the home-delivered meals program through Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center. Not that these causes are unworthy of support, but there’s a line of thinking that suggests taking care of special interests should come only after the



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Press editor  
*My 2¢ Worth*

needs of the collective are met.

These needs of the many include things such as infrastructure; emergency services like law enforcement, fire protection and EMS; addressing nuisances like unkempt properties and stray animals; and even taking care of the public employees we rely upon to get these things done. Of course, those are only a few of the things we expect from local government.

Both the proposed city and county spending plans for 2018-19 address those, but there’s just not enough to meet all the needs. Yet there are collectively thousands of dollars budgeted for the food bank, senior meals and the drug coalition.

In the city budget alone – which was introduced Monday with approval expected next Monday – citywide leaf collection in the fall and a free dump day program have been eliminated, and the use of an aging street sweeper is being curtailed. The \$3,600 in the municipal plan for the two hunger-fighting causes – funding to the drug coalition is out, as it was last year – would hardly cover all three of the city cleanup program shortfalls. But it could pay for an increased cost associated with new man-

dates City Administrator Adam Ledford says put leaf collection – one of a few perks for taxpaying city property owners – on ice.

It would also go a long way in replacing one of the three dozen or so fire hydrants that don’t work. While it wouldn’t allow for a system-wide solution, what if the fireplug that serves your home is among the inoperable ones when a small fire is allowed to engulf a lifetime of work and memories?

Meantime, the county has budgeted \$4,000 to the food bank and \$3,000 to the drug coalition. It also pays the utilities at the food bank.

But the county, unlike the city, maintains some control over the pantry through appointees who manage the program. The drug coalition, as noble a cause as the food programs, has no such government oversight.

While the fiscal court has also budgeted money for the Community Arts Foundation, Blackford Walking Trail, Fohs Hall Inc. and historical museum, it can be argued that all offer enrichment to those living in Crittenden County.

There is also money from both the city and county to the airport, but both make appointments to that governing board. The facility, it may also be reasoned, is a vital part of the community’s infrastructure.

No one at the county government level has publicly ques-

tioned funding for any of the aforementioned organizations.

But at city council Monday – as was the case last year – Councilwoman Phyllis Sykes stood alone in questioning money to a senior meals program that serves only three dozen individuals a year and to the food bank which does not question the need of those in line at monthly giveaways. She moved to take the city’s \$3,600 allocation to the two programs and move it into the street department to help with the woeful condition of city streets or maybe even maintain leaf collection.

Like in 2017, the move was soundly defeated.

Should anyone in such an affluent country as ours go hungry? Of course not.

Does addressing the community’s drug scourge need help? Absolutely.

But should representatives we elect be reaching into our pockets to offer a meal to a third party? Is it their place to thumb through our wallet to finance a drug test for a parent hoping to regain custody of a child as they attempt to rebound from an addiction?

We each have the ability to give from our own bank account to help a hungry neighbor or assist a friend in getting back on the straight and narrow. We should. And some of us do.

That’s all someone like myself or the councilwoman is

suggesting. And there are also plenty of state and federal programs to feed the hungry and help substance abusers.

But our local tax money is scarce ... so much so that the city plans to ask property owners for a tax increase.

Covering local government for this newspaper, I have immense respect for each of our elected representatives and the job they do in carrying out the wishes of their constituents. They make each choice based on what they feel is best for the community; and most decisions they make come without much help from a public that tends to sit on its hands until it takes to Facebook after the fact.

So if you are left wondering where you can dump your leaves this fall, maybe a council member can offer a place. If the pothole on your road is jarring your teeth loose, let your magistrate hear that you know where they might find the money. And if you are curious as to whether the fire hydrant out your door works, call a council member to check into it.

But be respectful, as they’re doing a job you didn’t want.

Of course, if you feel like they’re doing the right thing, they deserve to hear that as well.

*(Editor’s note: City council contact information can be found on this page and fiscal court contacts are at the top of Page 9.)*

# New Ky. laws approved focus on well-being

In my update immediately following the end of the 2018 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly, I focused on the Executive Budget, the Revenue and Tax Reform bill, and public employee pension legislation. Now that a few weeks have passed and the impact of those issues has had time to be considered, I wanted to bring attention to a few other things accomplished by the General Assembly during the 2018 Session.

House Bill 1 revamps Kentucky’s archaic foster care and adoption systems. The bill streamlines the adoption process, allows the Department for Community Based Services to petition the court to seek termination of parental rights of a parent whose child has been in foster care for 15 cumulative months out of 48, and establishes a policy for the removal of a



**Rep. Lynn BECHLER**  
District 4 representative  
*Kentucky House Legislative Review*

child from his or her mother if the child is born addicted to drugs if the mother fails to enroll in and comply with the regimen of a substance abuse treatment or recovery program. I have sponsored legislation for several years to address adoption and foster care and was a member of the House Adoption and Foster Care working group that developed HB 1.

HB 84, Courtney’s Law, requires coroners and medical examiners to release identifying and other relevant information about a deceased person to Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA) if the person’s wish to be an organ donor is known and the body is suitable for medical transplant or therapy. HB-84 is named after Courtney Flear, a Princeton resident who wished to be an organ donor and had so indicated on her driver’s license. She died as a

result of a traffic accident but KODA was not contacted. This is another bill on which I have been working for several years and helps ensure that the wishes of a person who has indicated on his or her driver’s license a desire to be an organ donor will be honored.

HB 185 increases the benefits for families of law enforcement officers and all other state workers killed in the line of duty. Under HB 185, the spouse of a state employee who paid the ultimate sacrifice will now each month receive 75 percent of the workers’ monthly salary. Spouses already collecting a death benefit will receive this higher benefit.

HB 169 creates penalties for criminal gang-related crimes, especially those involving gang recruitment. Gangs are a growing problem in our state, particularly in urban areas and HB-169 makes gang recruitment a felony instead of a misdemeanor for adults. In certain cases it makes minors involved in gang recruitment activity guilty of a felony too. The

bill also expands the definition of what a gang is.

HB 71 increases penalties for an act known as “revenge Porn” which is the posting of sexually explicit images online without the consent of the person depicted. The crime would be a misdemeanor for the first offence and a felony for subsequent offences with more severe penalties if the images were posted to make money. Internet service providers and other online hosting sites must remove any sexual explicit image if asked to do so by the depicted person and must do so for free.

HB 454 prohibits an abortion, except in the case of a medical emergency, that would result in the bodily dismemberment or crushing of the unborn child when the woman is pregnant for 11 weeks or more. A person performing such a procedure is guilty of a felony. HB 454 does not ban other types of abortion procedures.

I voted yes on all the above pieces of legislation and they have been signed into law by the Governor.

Senate Bill 3, Marsy’s Law, is a piece of legislation that is not yet law because it requires a change in the constitution of Kentucky and as such will be on the ballot in November for voters’ approval or rejection. SB 3 is named after Marsy Nicholas, a student at the University of California Santa Barbara who was stalked and killed by her ex-boyfriend. The measure, should it be adopted by voters, will give victims the same rights that those accused of crimes now enjoy. I voted yes when the bill came to the House.

These are only a few of the almost 900 bills filed in this year’s session of the General Assembly, but are pieces of legislation that I feel are of interest to most people in 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](http://LRC.ky.gov) and clicking on the “Email Your Legislator” link, or by mail to the Capitol Annex, Frankfort, KY 40601.



# Local man serving time for home invasion pleads in separate case

STAFF REPORT

A Marion man serving time for a home invasion in Livingston County last year was sentenced on a weapons charge here last week by Circuit Judge Rene Williams.

Andrew Lawrence Bryan, 21, of Marion pleaded guilty last Thursday in Crittenden Circuit Court to one count of receiving stolen property and was sentenced to one year in prison.

According to court records, Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Chuck Hoover was investigating a burglary case late last year and was questioning Bryan. During their conversation, Bryan admitted to having four guns in his vehicle, which was parked nearby. Hoover identified one of those as a .22 rifle with a special sling which had been reported stolen from the Hebron community.

Bryan has since been convicted of a Salem home invasion and assault to which he received a 13-year prison sentence in

## CIRCUIT COURT

Livingston Circuit Court. The prison sentence from Crittenden will run consecutive to the Livingston County term.

Coy McDowell, 19, of Marion had his probation revoked for being arrested on new felony charges in Union County. According to testimony by a probation officer, McDowell is facing drug, weapons and burglary charges in the nearby county. The probation officer also said McDowell has failed to contact the probation office and failed to make restitution as required by terms of his early release. McDowell told Judge Williams that his mother had made a restitution payment and he tried to call probation officers as ordered but didn't get an answer. Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell pointed out that McDowell was in a vehicle with a convicted felon along with firearms and alleged methamphetamine

when McDowell was arrested recently in Union County. Greenwell said McDowell has five cases in Crittenden County for which he was on supervised probation. Greenwell said McDowell is a threat to the community. Judge Williams agreed and revoked McDowell's probation. Some of his convictions in Crittenden County were for burglaries in the Amish community and tampering with a Farmers Bank ATM machine for his own financial benefit. McDowell was ordered to begin serving a prison sentence that amounts to about 13 years on various convictions.

Probation was revoked for John Woodall, 28, of Marion. He waived a revocation hearing, accepting the judge's revocation without opposition. Woodall was originally sentenced to three years in prison in December 2016 for possession of a hypodermic needle and a baggie containing methamphetamine residue. The judge ordered him to complete

his sentence.

Katie Williams, 33, had her felony diversion revoked for violating terms of her release. She was originally given diversion on a five-year sentence for flagrant non-support. Judge Williams said that Williams would be eligible for shock probation if she enrolls in a long-term substance abuse treatment program.

Wade H. Downs, 31, of Marion had his pretrial diversion set aside for failing to comply with terms of his early-release program. He was arrested recently for DUI. Downs had originally been convicted on two felony counts of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (less than 20 units) by complicity and first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (less than 10 units) by complicity. He sold morphine and hydrocodone to a cooperating witness for the drug task force. Downs will be formally sentenced next month. He is facing five years in prison.

# Family Foundation honors Rep. Bechler

STAFF REPORT

The Family Foundation of Kentucky has presented Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, with its Champion of Faith, Family and Freedom Award.

"(The honor) is for his principled and steadfast leadership over the last biennium," said Kent Ostrander, president of the organization. "The direction of the Commonwealth has changed significantly in the last two years, in no small part because of the dedication and labor of Rep. Bechler."

The award is being given to legislators who sponsored, supported or voted for 14 vital pieces of legislation in the 2017 and 2018 sessions of the Kentucky General Assembly. Awarded legislators are, according to the plaque, "Striving for a Kentucky where families thrive, religious freedom flourishes, and life is cherished."

"In my 30 years of focusing on Frankfort with The Foundation, and with the 10 years I followed the legislature before that, I can confidently say there has not been a more significant shift of direction for the General Assembly than in the last two years," said Ostrander. "This award is designed to simply honor the courage and efforts of individuals like Rep. Bechler who worked tirelessly, making such change happen."

Legislation selected as criteria on The Foundation's scorecard includes those that address human trafficking, sanctity of life, religious freedom, adoption and foster care reform, the objectification of women, and women's health care and women's help centers.

"It has been our hope that with all the darkness currently engendered within the political arena, some legislators will con-



Rep. Lynn Bechler (left) is presented with the Family Foundation of Kentucky Champion of Faith, Family and Freedom Award by Kent Ostrander, its president.

tinue to step forward and steel themselves to do what is right, regardless of the cost," said Ostrander. "Rep. Bechler has been one such legislator."

## FEEDING

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day, May 25 and the classes don't resume Aug. 15. That leaves a gap of only three and a half weeks for underprivileged or neglected youth who might struggle to find summer-time meals otherwise.

About 1 in 5 Kentucky kids goes hungry each day. Wesmoland said the need is certainly present locally. Roughly 100 children per day were served last year.

Any child under 18 is eligible to take part in the light lunches offered through SFSP.

"Any kid," Wesmoland said of eligibility. "They don't even have to be a part of our school district."

That means family visiting from out of state, friends over for the day from another county or home-school students are invited to participate. There are no income cut-offs or residency rules. The only restrictions are age and that the meals be consumed on site, a stipulation of the program administered by the Kentucky Department of Education School and Community Nutrition.

The program is not funded locally, but is administered through the local school system. It offers a meat and grain, typically in the form of a sandwich, as well as milk and two servings of fruit and/or vegetables.

SFSP supplements the school district's drive to see that local children do not go hungry. The school year coming to a close next week is the second which allowed every student in the county to eat both a free breakfast and lunch at all three schools.

This year, summer feeding sites are scattered around only Marion. There are nine locations with 20

## Summer Feeding locations

Crittenden County's 2018 Summer Food Service Program will serve free lunches to children weekdays, starting June 4 and running through July 27, except for Independence Day. The locations and delivery times for the service are as follows:

- CCHS multipurpose room/CCMS gym: 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., available only June 4-29 and July 16-27.
  - Crittenden County Public Library: 11–11:20 a.m.
  - Riley Tool and Machine: 11-11:20 a.m., 531 Moore St.
  - Hickory Hills Avenue: 11:30-11:50 p.m.
  - Imogene Stout Farmers Market: 11:30-11:50 a.m., 139 N. Main St.
  - Mike's Barber Shop: 12-12:20 p.m., 222 S. Main St.
  - Williams' Mobile Home Park: 12-12:20 p.m., Pigeon Drive
  - Nesbitt's Pawn Shop: 12:30-12:50 p.m., 200 Sturgis Road
  - Bellville Manor Apartments: 12:30-12:50 p.m.
  - Marion Food Giant: 1-1:20 p.m.
- Meals will also be served at band and little league football camps over the summer.

minute windows, and the high school multipurpose room/middle school gym will be open each weekday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., except July 2-13, when it will be unavailable as an option.

"We're excited to revamp our locations and see some kids take advantage of the multiple locations we have in town," said Wesmoland.

In the past, rural sites produced little to no turnout, spreading the volunteer delivery team thin. However, Wesmoland said she will see that any children outside of Marion who cannot participate in town still get fed. All parents need to do is call Wesmoland to arrange for delivery.

"If there is a family that needs food during the summer, we can always take it there once a week," she said.

The daily food needs can vary widely, but no child should worry about being left out. The cafeteria where the meals are assembled will have plenty in

stock each day to send out additional meals if necessary, said Wesmoland.

The FRYSC coordinator said a separate \$3,000 KY Kids Eat grant has allowed the program to purchase new coolers and ice packs to keep the lunches fresh. It will also supplement volunteer delivery drivers with mileage reimbursement.

She is looking for volunteers to help get the meals out each day. Many of the roles will be filled by volunteers from inside the school district, but she welcomes any outside partners willing to lend a hand.

Wesmoland said the meal needs often go beyond lunch. That is why FRYSC will be offering snacks to children who struggle to find food for breakfast or in the evenings.

"That way we know for sure that kids have something else to eat besides lunch," she said.

To arrange for rural SFSP lunch deliveries or to volunteer, contact Wesmoland at (270) 965-3525.

## The annual meeting of the DEER CREEK CEMETERY, INC.

will be held  
**Sunday, May 20 at 3:00 p.m.**  
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*Deer Creek Cemetery Committee*

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## Children's Summer Reading Program

Registration for the children's program begins May 29th at 9 a.m. Children receive a reading tracker and program guide to get started upon registration. Attend programs on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and also plan to come on Thursdays at 1 p.m. for Maker Thursdays. Create homemade instruments and musical make and takes with Kathleen in the meeting room.

**Kids can also participate in summer learning through Wonderopolis.** Information will be available at registration on how to sign up for this fun online program.

**May 29th 9 a.m.** — Registration Begins in the library and online.

**June 5th 10:30 a.m.** — Summer Reading Kickoff Program

**June 12th 10:30 a.m.** — Opera with Michelle Crider

**June 19th 10:30 a.m.** — CCHS Band

**June 26th 10:30 a.m.** — Classy and Grassy Bluegrass

**July 3rd 10:30 a.m.** — Ukulele with Ellen Merrick

**July 12th 1:00 p.m.** — Summer Reading Finale & Awards – Steel Appeal Campbellsville University Steel Drum Band


## Teen & Adult Program

This year there will be an adult and teen program for those age 13 and over following PBS's Great American Read Series. Participants can register beginning May 29th. A book list of America's top 100 favorite books will be available at the library and participants can register to track books, audiobooks and movies they read or watch this summer as well as miles walked to earn prizes. Programs include Fit Lit walks at the park (a walking book club) on Fridays at 8:00 a.m. beginning July 6th through September 7th to discuss favorite books on the book list and Movie Mondays starting July 9th at 2:00 p.m. through August 13th showing some of the books made into movies on the list. Participants can vote for their favorite books all summer and in the Fall we'll host viewing parties when the 6 week Great American Read PBS special airs on KET.

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# Ky. eyes record wheat yield

Kentucky's 2018 wheat yield could be a record. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released its May Crop Production report last Thursday, based on the Agricultural Yield survey conducted at the beginning of month. The report includes information on Kentucky's winter wheat forecast. Kentucky farmers expect to harvest 24.3 million bushels of winter wheat during 2018. The expected crop for 2018 would be up 2 percent from the previous year. Farmers seeded 440,000 acres last fall with 300,000 acres to be har-

vested for grain. Based on crop conditions as of May 1, and assuming a normal growing season, farmers expect a yield of 81 bushel per acre, up 4 bushels from 2017. Acres for other uses totaled 140,000 acres and will be used as cover crop for tobacco or cut as silage or hay. "Despite a cool spring, farmers think the crop may average the highest state yield on record," said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. "The weather this month will likely be the determining factor." In Crittenden County, wheat is an important

product, but it ranks as No. 3 row crop, far behind corn and soybeans, accounting for only a 10th of the acreage of corn and soybeans combined according to the 2012 Census of Agriculture. The forecast will be updated June 12, based on conditions June 1. "Development of the crop is running behind normal. As of April 29, 5 percent of the crop had headed, compared with the five-year average of 29 percent," Knopf added. Winter wheat production for the nation was forecast at 1.19 billion bushels, down 6 percent from 2017. The expected

area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 24.8 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. As of May 1, the U.S. yield was forecast at 48.1 bushels per acre, down 2.1 bushels from last year. As of May 1, Kentucky on-farm hay stocks totaled 670,000 tons, down 420,000 tons from May 1, 2017 stocks. Farmers have used 83 percent of their hay stocks since Dec. 1, 2017. U. S. hay stocks were at 15.7 million tons, down 8.7 million tons from 2017. For more information, call the NASS Kentucky Field Office at (800) 928-5277.

# Bass tourney to benefit patients

Anglers will raise money to benefit Crittenden Hospital patients and members of the community Saturday during the first Bass Fishing Benefit sponsored by Crittenden Health Systems and the Community Healthcare Foundation. Takeoff will be at 6:15

a.m., from the Lyon County public boat ramp at Kuttawa. Entry fee is \$90 per boat, which includes \$10 entry into a big bass contest. Bob Campbell, tournament coordinator, is unsure how many boats to expect, but payback will be 100 percent of all entries. "Our efforts have been

successful to put together this inaugural event," Campbell said. "Our hospital board, Foundation board, administrators and advertisers have really supported us." Campbell said the fishing tournament is a new element to the Foundation's fundraising campaign, which is used to pay

for educational classes for the hospital and community, to provide scholarships to local students and to purchase instruments or equipment for the hospital. For more information about the tournament, contact Campbell at (270) 965-5022 or Barrett Belt (270) 704-2200.



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The family of Bonnie Martin,  
Junior, Larry, Kathy Martin, Donna and Barry Workman, John and Sharon Martin, Tony and Miranda Martin, grandchildren



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Chamber recognizes Press

The Crittenden Press was selected as the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month for May. The Press was chosen in large part because of its cooperation with the Chamber in publishing a special section during the spring Murder Mystery event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Pictured are (from left) Chamber Director Dee Heimgartner, Chamber Director Elliot West, Chamber President Randa Berry, Press Publisher Chris Evans, Chamber Director Michael Parshall, Chamber Director and City Administrator Adam Ledford and Community Arts Foundation Director Fred Stubblefield.



Elect Todd PERRYMAN

2nd District Magistrate

District Polls

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WOMEN

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through the reading of the Word of God and prayer every single day. "It is not wise to compare yourself with one another because maybe your stage is different than everyone around you. That doesn't give you an excuse, but it gives you encouragement."

Gibson encouraged women to trust in the process of growing and to persevere through the difficulties. "Life brings trouble with it sometimes," she continued. "I know that the Lord has called us to live a life where the mountains have been flattened and the valleys are brought high. But, this is not every single day all day long. Things happen in life. We live in a fallen world.

"I feel that sometimes people feel like they are not doing something right when actually, they keep on doing all things right but the world keeps coming at them. God never gets tired, and he never faints in a battle. There is not a battle that we have in life during which God had to take a nap. Some of you think God is taking a nap now, but the fact is that while you sleep he fights for you. It is good to know that God doesn't get weary. His understanding is unsearchable. "What God knows and understands, Siri cannot find," Gibson said, referring to Apple's iPhone virtual assistant. She encouraged believers to submit under the pastoral leadership,



MIM BYRNS/THE PRESS  
The Women of Worth conference at Life in Christ Church last weekend drew scores of women from the region for a two-day spiritual celebration. An interpretive dance team was among the featured activities.

to attend church gatherings, to read the Bible and to pray. "It is called spiritual formation for a reason," she said. "When we are true disciples, we are yielding ourselves under the mighty hand of God so that He might be lifted up in our life." While sharing her message about overcoming tough times in the Christian life, McDonald stressed the importance of choosing the right people to help when the going gets tough. She encouraged women to continue to live with integrity and honesty as they walk with the Lord. She reminded the attendants that God has a purpose for everyone's life. "Not everyone is going

to like the favor that comes upon your life because of your integrity that they don't have the guts to have," McDonald said. "When you are a God-girl and you are living a godly life, forvor is going to find you. It takes guts to be an integroug girl, especially when you are going through tough times. There are times when you want to quit, but you have to stick it out, through big and small things." Besides the Christian messages and the worship, the two-day event included fun activities, artistic dance performance, gifts and fellowship. A photo booth with props was set for attendants to take pictures and have fun.

To the citizens of Crittenden County,

The May 22, 2018 Primary Election is nearly here, and all our scheduled Town Hall/Meet the Candidate meetings are now completed.

I would like to thank the candidates that participated, the citizens that came out and asked questions and listened to the candidates' platforms, and the host locations for allowing us to utilize your facilities. I thoroughly enjoy being able to get out in the communities of Crittenden County and see familiar faces and discuss issues of importance to you. I try to accomplish this a few times during each term of service and especially going into an election. I do so because I feel that it is important to allow the public an opportunity to hear from each candidate. This in turn should ensure a well-informed decision may be made when voting. I also remain accessible through the office or by phone any time that is convenient for each citizen that may have an issue to discuss.

In closing, I want to thank you all for your confidence in allowing me to serve our great county as your Judge Executive for the past 7 1/2 years. I look forward to being able to continue that service if you so choose on May 22nd. Therefore, I humbly ask for your continued support on May 22nd.

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# Only memories remain of Forest Grove, Oak Grove

It is always interesting to read original stories written by local folks about the things they remember while growing up in Crittenden County. Here are two such articles written about two of our old rural schools and what the person remembered about them. Forest Grove and Oak Hall schools had a tie that bonded them through the years, as one was created from the first and then in the end went back to its original roots. The first part is about the Forest Grove School, mostly compiled by Rufus Terry, and the second part by Mrs. Minnie Marvel Herrin.

About six miles from Marion on the old Cave-in-Rock Road one half mile from the original George Witherspoon farm there was a pile of rock and dirt along the side of the road that was the remains of an old school house, the year was 1800, no one knew the name of the schoolhouse or the people that were educated there.

Later about 1850 a school house was built on the west side of the Al Dean farm in a large acreage of trees and woods with plenty of logs to build a school house. Members of the district got together and built a new school house. After the logs were put up, they filled in with chink-n (laths, lime and mud) between the logs and had a nice, comfortable warm house as the walls were tight and the air could not come in between the logs.

There was a good, big fireplace in the north end of the room, and patrons would cut a good supply of backlogs and firewood and pile it on the ground outside. It wasn't much trouble to keep the house warm.

The benches were placed in the center of the room for the little children to sit on, and larger ones behind those for the older pupils. The benches were made of fur planks and made a very good seat.

On the back of the

room they had a plank nailed to the wall for a shelf for the children to put their books and slates. The textbooks, in addition to writing and arithmetic, were the old McGuffy's blue backed speller and McGuffy's reader.

Teachers were mostly the wives of patrons as very little money was furnished by the state at the beginning of the school system. The first schools only lasted for three or four months during the wintertime.

Some of the patrons of this old Forest Grove school were the families of Worley, Gilbert, Vaughan, Witherspoon, Shoemaker, Conditt, Dean, Fowler and many others.

In about 1885, the state began furnishing money for schools and teachers, and the schools were extended to five months. The teachers during the last years of old Forest Grove were Charles Larue, Ed Flannary, Dink Thurman, Ruthedge and Frank Newcom.

In 1893, as the county increased in population, the patrons thought to save the children so long a walk that they would divide the district and build a new frame building about a mile and a half east of the old Forest Grove School. They named it Oak Hall, and it was built closer to the old Fords Ferry Rd.

The part on the west side retained the name of Forest Grove, and they built a new school house on the Cave-in-Rock Road which is now Ky. 91 North. The new building was built on an acre lot and was funded by the state with the help of the patrons.

After the building was completed, Tom Akers furnished the maple saplings and a very beautiful yard was built around the school house. The schoolhouse was also used for Sunday School through the summer months, and there would be preaching occasionally. We had a Literary Society that met every other Friday night.

The patrons of the new Forest Grove were Braceys, Williams, Heaths, Shuberts, Akers, Paris Milligans, Terrys, Robinson's, Fritts and many others. The first teachers of the new Forest Grove School were Edgar Bozeman, Sid Moore, Karl Flannary, Emma Terry, George Conditt and Maude Gill. The last one to teach was George Wofford.

The textbooks were McGuffy's reader and speller, Rays arithmetic, geography and physiology.

After the school districts were consolidated and school wasn't held here anymore, the Forest Grove School house was used for family reunions and church gatherings. The last year for the Forest Grove School was 1958. The building was torn down in mid 1987 by Duke Hodge.

Recollection of the Oak Hall School shared by Mrs. Minnie Marvel Herrin in 1979. Mrs. Herrin was born Feb. 28, 1898.

Oak Hall was made from part of Old Forest Grove district where my mother (Sarah Dora Shewmaker) and her brother and sister (Rosa and Billie Shewmaker) went to school and part of the Heath (Possum Ridge) School.

It was located on the old Fords Ferry Road about six miles from Marion across the road from Mr. Alfred Dean's two-story home. This school was built when Miss Mina Wheeler was county school superintendent.

I went my first fall school to Mr. Rufus Terry. For entertainment we used to play Town Ball, One- and Two-Leg Cat, Base, Prison Base and See the Moon. We would make play houses and leaf houses in the corner of the rail fence, which the boys usually loved to tear down.

We had to walk to school. The room was not very warm. It was heated by a pot-bellied stove. Our water came from a cistern. When we left



The picture of students at Forest Grove School was taken in approximately 1940. Pictured (front from left) are Roy Edward Duffy, George Hodge, Nita Hodge, Dorothy Duffy, Helen Redd, Isabell Kirk, Francis Belt (back) Velma Duffy, Ann Hodge, Dora Lane and Ruth McEuen.

school, we knew how to spell, read and write our thoughts.

It was always a big event when the school closed for the term. The teacher would always have some kind of a special program and would invite the parents and neighbors to attend and enjoy the occasion.

A school program wasn't just for the parents, it would include the whole neighborhood, as we were all like family. Many patrons attended closing program which was a combined religious and patriotic presentation by pupils. The room was appropriately decorated and copies of work for the year displayed.

For this closing event, we did a play. I, along with others in the play, was dressed as a fairy in white, even my stockings. Mount Morrill, portraying the patient, had hurt his leg and was having to have it amputated. While the doctor, played by Elzie Marvel, was doing the work, Mount was yelling and screaming, and having a good ole time making all the racket. But it was so real his little half-brother, Billie Eskew, was so excited and scared in the audience they had to have Mount stop screaming so



Sarah Fowler, Lola Claghorn, Wanda Marvel, Susie Barnes and I were eight-graders. They all had passed the examination except Susie Barnes and me. They had a graduation program at night.

In 1921 a storm made this school house unsafe for school. Mr. Dean bought it and made a sheep barn out of it. The new building was just off the Fords Ferry Road on the Clement's Road on Mr. Dean's farm.

Oak Hall was discontinued in the summer of 1942, what few pupils left had been transferred to the Forest Grove School.

Gone are the old schools houses, and as time goes by, fewer and fewer folks are around who remember these memory-filled days of our one-room schools.

(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](http://OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com).)

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# We were created to live forever

As a kid, I always thought I would live a long time, but was never going to get old.

My plan was, regardless of how long I lived, I would always be able to do any and everything I wanted to.

Being determined to not do as some I watched through life, use their old age to keep them from church, work and doing anything they wanted to do, I would always be able to jump up and get on with life.

But as I laughingly say sometimes, “I went to bed one night and woke up the next morning old, cane-walker and all.”

However I comfort myself with the fact I am not really old, I’ve just lived a long time.

Our brother Harry, when told we all have good genes – since all of mama’s 11 adult children lived to be 85 and plus – replied, “No, we honored our parents, like the Fifth Commandment says, ‘Honor your father and mother that your life may be long on the earth.’”

How I wish we all would have obeyed the rest of God’s Commandments.

When I first started shopping at

Sam’s in Paducah, a very kind and joyful elderly man checked our cards at the door.

This kind man would always say to me, “Slow down, slow down” as I always wanted to get to where I was going yesterday.

But all that, something like that long living, now has people saying, “Get out of my way, get out of my way.”

Now back to the Bible... eternal truth, God created us to live forever.

Sin destroyed that beautiful plan and it pronounced death to the human race.

God came to Earth as man, suffered and died to put His original plan back in place.

We are faithfully told in scripture that we are born in sin, therefore spiritually dead until we come to Jesus and be born again.

His love for His created image now gives all of us the choice to choose to live forever or continue to live and die in death.

Jesus told Martha, Lazarus’ sister, that “Whosoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.” John 11:26

Jesus lives forever, so every one of us, in whom Jesus lives, will also live forever.

When we leave this old and tired body, in which we have lived, we

will shed it as a nightgown and go back to where we came from.

The wisest man who ever lived told us “man goes to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets, the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.” Ecc. 12:5,7.

In my case, my body is old, but I’m not old inside.

God’s people don’t feel old inside, because they are eternally alive.

Those without Christ in them feel old inside sooner or later, and if they leave this world that way, they will eternally feel old and death forever.

Jesus makes it very clear that those in whom He lives, live eternally.

Those who die in their sins, die eternally, in their awful suffering.

The opposite of living eternally, is dying eternally, forever in the throws of death.

As Jesus cried out in love and urgency: “Repent or perish!”

My sincere plea, also.

•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.

## Faith-Based Events & Church Outreach

### 130th Camp Meeting June 11-17

Hurricane Camp Meeting will be June 11-17 with services nightly at 7. The dining hall will open at 5:30 p.m., to the public. The annual, old-fashioned, non-denominational camp meeting is held near Tolu on the Hurricane Church grounds.

### Hurricane Church Homecoming

Hurricane Church near Tolu is hosting its Homecoming on June 24. The Steve Stone Family will be the featured musical guest. Fellowship and dinner will begin around noon, shortly after the morning service.

### Maranatha hosts Homecoming

Maranatha Baptist Church will host its Homecoming Sunday. Featured musical guest will be the Stone Family. A meal will be served following the morning worship service about noon or 12:30 p.m. The church is located on Cedar Grove Road near Salem.

### Food, clothing pantries available

- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church’s clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
- 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 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.

## KY Baptists balk at dual alignment

By **ROGER ALFORD**  
Kentucky Today

The Kentucky Baptist Convention will be reaching out to a small group of churches that are dually aligned with a liberal religious organization to encourage them “to return to their biblical roots.”

The Kentucky Baptist Convention’s Credentials Committee, the Administrative Committee, and the Mission Board have endorsed a recommendation that could lead to a cutting of ties to the churches that support the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, which took steps in February to allow the hiring of LGBTQ staff members.

“We’re hoping that, through this process, these churches will decide they want to remain affiliated with the KBC,” said KBC President Charles Frazier. “We want those congregations to understand this recommendation isn’t intended to be punitive.”

KBC messengers directed the Committee on Credentials to review the situation and to make a recommendation at the annual meeting on Nov. 13 in Pikeville. The recommendation will come in the form of a motion that reads: “The Committee on Credentials moves that churches making financial contributions to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (be it budgetary or forwarding member’s contributions) are no longer considered to be in cooperation with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.”



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# WORSHIP

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—Matthew 18:20

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Awana 5:45 p.m.  
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Discipleship class 6:30 p.m.  
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OBITUARIES

Brown

Chester Wayne Brown, 81, of Marion died Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at Baptist Health Paducah.

He was a member of Emmaus Baptist Church and the Dycusburg Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are his sons, Terry W. Brown of Franklin, Ky., and Steve K. Brown of Marion; sisters, Bobbie Brasher of Marion, Ada Peek of Mishawaka, Ind., and Kathy Nelson of Mishawaka, Ind.; two grandchildren, Lisa Brown and Jason Brown; and five great-grandchildren, Alexis Lowe, Danika Brown, Austin Williams, Madelyn Brown and Nora Brown.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Brown; brothers and sisters, Dorothy Patton, Johnny Brown, Jean Fitzgerald, Edna Calvert, Clara Lou Jackson, Joyce Williamson and twins, Thomas Ray Brown; and Verna May Brown; and his parents, Ross and Namoi Cox Brown.

Services were Saturday, May 12 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem. Burial was at Tyner's Chapel Cemetery.

Harris

Carl Denny Harris, 66, of Salem died Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

Arrangements were incomplete at press time and under the direction of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem.

Lewis

Bobby Joe "Drop" Lewis, 75, of Marion died Monday, May 14, 2018, at his home.

He was a retired coal miner from Peabody Camp No. 1 and a member of Union Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Rosene Lewis of Marion; a son, Justin (Tammy) Lewis of Marion; a grandson, Seth Lewis of Marion; and sisters, Olivia (Bob) Hillyard of Marion and Judi Thompson of Ledbetter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oliver and Helen Johnson Lewis; and a brother, Larry "Lap" Lewis.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 19 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Visitation will be held Friday May 18 from 5-8 p.m. and beginning Saturday at 9 a.m.

Obits policy

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Ramage

Phillip Ray Ramage, 65, of Burna died Thursday, May 10, 2018 at Livingston Hospital in Salem.

He was a community servant, having been a founder of the Livingston County EMS and the first to introduce Advanced Lifesaving Support (ALS) to Livingston County's ambulance service. In the early 1980s, he was a deputy sheriff. Ramage also played in multiple bands and enjoyed playing the guitar.

Surviving are his daughter, Kaysie Yaw (Chris) of Burna; sons, Dennis Ramage (Tyler) of Paducah and Kevin Ramage of Burna; brothers, Norris Ramage of Mexico and Thomas Dunkerson of London, Ky.; and five grandchildren, Kaylie Yaw, Christen Yaw, Dylan Yaw, Olivia Ramage and Mason Ramage.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna Ramage; a brother, Wayne Ramage; and parents, James Dennis "Jim Dent" and Reba Slayden Ramage.

Services were Tuesday, May 15 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem. Burial was at Dyer Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 26, Salem, KY 42078.

Kayse

Louise Kayse, 95, of Salem died Sunday, May 13, 2018 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She enjoyed the arts of embroidery, quilting and growing flowers. She was a member of Old Salem Baptist Church and American Legion Auxillary Post 217.

Surviving are a son, Curtis A. Kayse (Martha) of Salem; daughter, Jean Hosick of Burna; sister, Mary Curnel of Salem; niece, Lisa Brasher of Burna; grandchildren, Kim Gray of Burna, Karla Calhoun of Paducah, Scott Kayse of Marion and Lucinda Barrett of Georgia; great-grandchildren, Robin Gray, Jed Gray, Silas Gray, Parker Kayse and Lance Kayse; and great-great-grandchild, Tillette Gray.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur Kayse; sister, Grace Adams; brothers, Charles "Doodie" Brasher and Roy Brasher; and her parents, Thomas Vernon and Edna Lois Ramage Brasher.

Services were Wednesday, May 16 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem. Burial was at Salem Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Salem Masonic Lodge 81, c/o Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 26, Salem, KY 42078.

Tabor

Charles Gilbert Tabor, 76, of Marion died Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at his home.

He loved to deer hunt, fish and to barbecue. He was of the Baptist faith.

Tabor is survived by his wife of 56 years, Norma Tabor of Marion; two sons, Darrin (Laura) Tabor of Marion and Greg (Jayna) Tabor of Marion; three brothers, Donald Tabor of Marion, Paul Tabor of Marion and Lonnie Tabor of Grand Rivers; and five grandchildren, Alexis, Xander, Rheavynn, Ryleigh and Rien Tabor.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Connie Joyce; a brother, Hollis Tabor; and his parents, Hershel and Imogene Brown Tabor.

Funeral services were Friday, April 27 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem. Burial was in Asbridge Cemetery.

York

Nancy Dianne York, 74, of Marion died Thursday, May 10, 2018 at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

She was a member of Barnett Chapel General Baptist Church.

Survivors include her children, Pam LaRue and Jeff York of Marion; grandchildren, Mandy York of Salem, Paige York of Louisville, Ryan York of Carlisle, Ill. and Bobbie Ann LaRue of Paducah; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Joanie Glore of Marion; a niece, Michelle Hewitt of Marion; and special friend Don Shaffer of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James M. York; parents, Grover Wallace and Sylvia Faye Stone; and a nephew, Eugene Glore.

Services were Saturday, May 12, 2018 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mexico Cemetery.

Young

Ralph Dale Young, 85, of Benton, formerly of Kuttawa, died Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at Springlake Health and Rehabilitation in Salem.

He was a member of Lake City Baptist Church.

Young is survived by his wife, Gladys Lucille Powell Young; one son, Keith (Teresa) Young of Kuttawa; one daughter, Regina (Ronnie) Asher of Marion; one stepson, Steve (Debbie) Ford of Benton; one sister, Imogene Burd of Hopkinsville; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude Melton Young and Eula Cravens Young; one brother, Lindy Young; and a stepson, Joe Ford.

Funeral services were Friday, May 4 at Dunn's Funeral Home in Eddyville with Rev. Robert Simpkins officiating. Burial was in Rolling Hills Cemetery in Eddyville.

Belt

George Brian Belt, 46, of Morganfield, formerly of Marion, died Friday, May 11, 2018, at his home in Morganfield.

Survivors include his children, Cyrus and Mariah Belt both of Princeton; mother, Linda Belt Lynch of Marion; grandson, Braxton Lamb of Princeton; and a brother, Stephen Belt of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clifton R. Belt.

Services are at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 17 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with burial at Mapleview Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m. until service time Thursday at the funeral home.

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# Crittenden County Fiscal Court

## Independent Auditor’s Report

### for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015

Conducted by Romain & Associates, PLLC  
Certified Public Accountants, Mayfield, Ky.

To the People of Kentucky  
Honorable Matthew G. Bevin, Governor  
William M. Landrum III, Secretary  
Finance and Administration Cabinet  
Honorable Perry Newcom, Crittenden County Judge/Executive  
Members of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor’s Report

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances - Regulatory Basis of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statement which collectively comprise the Crittenden County Fiscal Court’s financial statement as listed in the table of contents.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. This includes determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the *Audit Guide for Fiscal Court Audits* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court as of June 30, 2015, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the fund balances of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court as of June 30, 2015, and their respective cash receipts and disbursements, and budgetary results for the year then ended, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government described in Note 1.

Other Matters

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court. The Budgetary Comparison Schedules and Capital Asset Schedule, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statement; however, they are required to be presented in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws.

The accompanying Budgetary Comparison Schedules and Capital Asset Schedule are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Budgetary Comparison Schedules and Capital Asset Schedule are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statement as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated- December 14, 2017 on our consideration of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Crittenden County Fiscal Court’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses included herein, which discusses the following report findings:

- 2015-001 Weak Internal Controls Over Debt And Debt Service Resulted In The Misstatement Of Outstanding Debt Balances
- 2015-002 Weak Internal Controls Over Capital Assets Resulted In The Misstatement Of Capital Assets On The County’s Schedule Of Capital Assets

Public notification requirements

A copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information is on file at the County Judge Executive’s office and is available for public inspection during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CST. Any citizen may obtain from the County Judge Executive a copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information for their personal use by requesting a copy of the report and paying duplication costs at a rate that shall not exceed twenty-five cents (\$.25) per page. Copies of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KRS 424.220 are available to the public at no cost at the office of the County Treasurer 107 S. Main St., Ste. 208 Marion KY 42064.

Respectfully submitted,

Romain & Associates, PLLC

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December 14, 2017

Find the conclusion of the audit on the opposite page

| CRITTENDEN COUNTY<br>BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES<br>Supplementary Information - Regulatory Basis<br><br>For The Year Ended June 30, 2015 |            |                                  |  |            |
|---|------------|----------------------------------|--|------------|
| GENERAL FUND  |            |                                  |  |            |
| Budgeted Amounts  |            | Actual                           | Variance with                          |            |
| Original  | Final      | Amounts,<br>(Budgetary<br>Basis) | Final Budget<br>Positive<br>(Negative) |            |
| RECEIPTS  |            |                                  |  |            |
| Taxes   | \$ 836,700 | \$ 836,700                       | \$ 977,548                             | \$ 140,848 |
| Excess Fees   | 72,000     | 72,000                           | 69,910                                 | (2,090)    |
| Licenses and Permits  | 16,100     | 16,100                           | 17,239                                 | 1,139      |
| Intergovernmental   | 62,100     | 84,266                           | 88,760                                 | 4,494      |
| Miscellaneous   | 14,000     | 14,155                           | 23,338                                 | 9,183      |
| Interest  | 500        | 500                              | 212                                    | (288)      |
| Total Receipts  | 1,001,400  | 1,023,721                        | 1,177,007                              | 153,286    |
| DISBURSEMENTS   |            |                                  |  |            |
| General Government  | 366,720    | 370,705                          | 362,944                                | 7,761      |
| Protection to Persons and Property  | 160,000    | 173,866                          | 173,866                                | -          |
| General Health and Sanitation   | 100        | 100                              | -                                      | 100        |
| Transportation Facilities and Services  | 500        | 500                              | -                                      | 500        |
| Administration  | 430,758    | 435,228                          | 340,339                                | 94,889     |
| Total Disbursements   | 958,078    | 980,399                          | 877,149                                | 103,250    |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)  |            |                                  |  |            |
|   | 43,322     | 43,322                           | 299,858                                | 256,536    |
| Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)  |            |                                  |  |            |
| Transfers From Other Funds  | -          | -                                | 158,992                                | 158,992    |
| Transfers To Other Funds  | (353,322)  | (353,322)                        | (491,200)                              | (137,878)  |
| Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)  | (353,322)  | (353,322)                        | (332,208)                              | 21,114     |
| Net Change in Fund Balance  |            |                                  |  |            |
| Fund Balance - Beginning  | (310,000)  | (310,000)                        | (32,350)                               | 277,650    |
|   | 310,000    | 310,000                          | 147,329                                | (162,671)  |
| Fund Balance - Ending   | \$ -       | \$ -                             | \$ 114,979                             | \$ 114,979 |

| ROAD FUND  |              |                                  |  |              |
|--|--------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Budgeted Amounts   |              | Actual                           | Variance with                          |              |
| Original   | Final        | Amounts,<br>(Budgetary<br>Basis) | Final Budget<br>Positive<br>(Negative) |              |
| RECEIPTS   |              |                                  |  |              |
| Intergovernmental  | \$ 2,163,118 | \$ 2,481,473                     | \$ 2,677,774                           | \$ 196,301   |
| Miscellaneous  | 2,000        | 216,099                          | 134,354                                | (81,745)     |
| Interest   | 5,000        | 5,000                            | 4,890                                  | (110)        |
| Total Receipts   | 2,170,118    | 2,702,572                        | 2,817,018                              | 114,446      |
| DISBURSEMENTS  |              |                                  |  |              |
| General Government   | -            | 100                              | 34                                     | 66           |
| Transportation Facilities and Services   | 10,300       | 15,083                           | 14,484                                 | 599          |
| Roads  | 915,280      | 1,883,299                        | 1,614,645                              | 268,654      |
| Other Transportation Facilities and Services   | 804,000      | 804,000                          | 759,150                                | 44,850       |
| Debt Service   |              | 135,056                          | 135,056                                | -            |
| Capital Projects   | 1,000        | 2,965                            | 2,965                                  | -            |
| Administration   | 2,722,538    | 2,099,260                        | 290,773                                | 1,808,487    |
| Total Disbursements  | 4,453,118    | 4,939,763                        | 2,817,107                              | 2,122,656    |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) |              |                                  |  |              |
|  | (2,283,000)  | (2,237,191)                      | (89)                                   | 2,237,102    |
| Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)   |              |                                  |  |              |
| Transfers From Other Funds   | -            | -                                | -                                      | -            |
| Transfers To Other Funds   | -            | -                                | (158,992)                              | (158,992)    |
| Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)   | -            | -                                | (158,992)                              | -            |
| Net Change in Fund Balance   |              |                                  |  |              |
| Fund Balance - Beginning   | (2,283,000)  | (2,237,191)                      | (159,081)                              | 2,078,110    |
|  | 2,283,000    | 2,283,000                        | 2,112,744                              | (170,256)    |
| Fund Balance - Ending  | \$ -         | \$ 45,809                        | \$ 1,953,663                           | \$ 1,907,854 |

| JAIL FUND  |           |                                  |  |           |
|--|-----------|----------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Budgeted Amounts   |           | Actual                           | Variance with                          |           |
| Original   | Final     | Amounts,<br>(Budgetary<br>Basis) | Final Budget<br>Positive<br>(Negative) |           |
| RECEIPTS   |           |                                  |  |           |
| Licenses and Permits   | \$ 38,000 | \$ 38,000                        | \$ 62,858                              | \$ 24,858 |
| Intergovernmental  | 1,842,000 | 1,842,000                        | 1,524,807                              | (317,193) |
| Charges for Services   | 66,000    | 66,000                           | 59,965                                 | (6,035)   |
| Miscellaneous  | 31,000    | 33,261                           | 47,862                                 | 14,601    |
| Interest   | 500       | 500                              | 27                                     | (473)     |
| Total Receipts   | 1,977,500 | 1,979,761                        | 1,695,519                              | (284,242) |
| DISBURSEMENTS  |           |                                  |  |           |
| Protection to Persons and Property   | 1,410,600 | 1,473,433                        | 1,402,461                              | 70,972    |
| General Health and Sanitation  | 50,000    | 56,488                           | 56,488                                 | -         |
| Debt Service   | 513,517   | 542,517                          | 294,653                                | 247,864   |
| Administration   | 381,705   | 330,454                          | 229,907                                | 100,547   |
| Total Disbursements  | 2,355,822 | 2,402,892                        | 1,983,509                              | 419,383   |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) |           |                                  |  |           |
|  | (378,322) | (423,131)                        | (287,990)                              | 135,141   |
| Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)   |           |                                  |  |           |
| Transfers From Other Funds   | 353,322   | 353,322                          | 471,700                                | 118,378   |
| Transfers To Other Funds   | -         | -                                | (227,432)                              | (227,432) |
| Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)   | 353,322   | 353,322                          | 244,268                                | 118,378   |
| Net Change in Fund Balance   |           |                                  |  |           |
| Fund Balance - Beginning   | (25,000)  | (69,809)                         | (43,722)                               | 26,087    |
|  | 25,000    | 25,000                           | 56,038                                 | 31,038    |
| Fund Balance - Ending  | \$ -      | \$ (44,809)                      | \$ 12,316                              | \$ 57,125 |


| LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUND  |            |                                  |  |             |
|--|------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Budgeted Amounts   |            | Actual                           | Variance with                          |             |
| Original   | Final      | Amounts,<br>(Budgetary<br>Basis) | Final Budget<br>Positive<br>(Negative) |             |
| RECEIPTS   |            |                                  |  |             |
| Taxes  | \$ 100,100 | \$ 100,100                       | \$ 49,944                              | \$ (50,156) |
| Excess Fees  | 2,000      | 2,000                            | -                                      | (2,000)     |
| Intergovernmental  | 140,450    | 230,450                          | 199,211                                | (31,239)    |
| Charges for Services   | 2,000      | 2,000                            | 1,465                                  | (535)       |
| Miscellaneous  | 2,000      | 44,472                           | 45,016                                 | 544         |
| Interest   | 100        | 100                              | 9                                      | (91)        |
| Total Receipts   | 246,650    | 379,122                          | 295,645                                | (83,477)    |
| DISBURSEMENTS  |            |                                  |  |             |
| General Government   | 75,905     | 82,240                           | 74,023                                 | 8,217       |
| Protection to Persons and Property   | 30,700     | 75,562                           | 72,256                                 | 3,306       |
| General Health and Sanitation  | 39,250     | 51,678                           | 49,418                                 | 2,260       |
| Social Services  | 11,700     | 16,170                           | 13,820                                 | 2,350       |
| Recreation and Culture   | 90,000     | 170,925                          | 94,832                                 | 76,093      |
| Capital Projects   | 3,875      | 3,875                            | 3,875                                  | -           |
| Administration   | 32,220     | 26,272                           | 19,825                                 | 6,447       |
| Total Disbursements  | 283,650    | 426,722                          | 328,049                                | 98,673      |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) |            |                                  |  |             |
|  | (37,000)   | (47,600)                         | (32,404)                               | 15,196      |
| Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)   |            |                                  |  |             |
| Transfers From Other Funds   | -          | -                                | 19,500                                 | 19,500      |
| Lease Proceeds   | -          | 9,600                            | 9,600                                  |             |
| Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)   | -          | 9,600                            | 29,100                                 | 19,500      |
| Net Change in Fund Balance   |            |                                  |  |             |
| Fund Balance - Beginning   | (37,000)   | (38,000)                         | (3,304)                                | 34,696      |
|  | 37,000     | 37,000                           | 26,747                                 | (10,253)    |
| Fund Balance - Ending  | \$ 0       | \$ (1,000)                       | \$ 23,443                              | \$ 24,443   |



Crittenden Fiscal Court


Crittenden Fiscal Court convenes in regular session at the courthouse at 8:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Is the courthouse open on Saturday?** The office of circuit clerk is generally open only the first Saturday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. The sheriff's department is open 9-11 a.m. each Saturday. All other offices are closed.

**When is the solid waste convenience center (trash repository) on U.S. 60 East open?** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. It is closed Sunday.

**Do I have to have a dog license?** Yes. Licenses are available for \$5 through county Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd at Crittenden County Animal Shelter on U.S. 60 East. Call (270) 969-1054 for information.

# Little daylight between GOP state House District 4 candidates on some key issues

## Bechler, Stubblefield debate in Hoptown

**By MATT MARKGRAF**  
WKMS NEWS

Republican primary candidates vying for the state 4th District House seat recently debated in Hopkinsville. The League of Women Voters hosted the forum between incumbent Lynn Bechler and challenger Fred Stubblefield, both residents of Crittenden County. The candidates discussed a wide range of issues, including education, health care, minimum wage and marijuana.

**Opening**

Incumbent Bechler said his priorities are economy and taxes. He wants to see the elimination of the state income tax and to move toward a consumption-based system. He said he would also work to reduce state spending. As co-chair of the Program Review and Investigations Committee, he also said he would investigate the Kentucky Wired program.

This project has cost the state tens of millions in delays in recent years.

Challenger Stubblefield introduced himself as a farmer who lives in Crittenden County. He said he is involved in a local museum and an arts organization. He also serves as a volunteer firefighter. He wants to address infrastructure issues and supports a consumer-based tax system. He specifically took issue with the U. S. 641/Ky. 91 project, which he said has "been at a standstill for years."

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet said in a release earlier this month that construction of a diversion is underway where the new U.S. 641 will connect with the existing road just south of Marion. Stubblefield said this project began because residents expressed frustration over the issue. As is the case with many road projects, this particular project has been a long-term, evolving process.

**Education**

Bechler said he feels elementary and secondary schools are adequately funded and noted that the legislature recently upped per-student spending. "Part of the problem is I'm not sure that we're teaching our children what needs to be taught," he said, pointing to a need to change Common Core. He said he is a firm supporter of all forms of education: public, private, Christian, homeschooling, etc. He said the state needs to assess the education system as a whole and not strictly the amount of money being put into the system. He said he wants to see a focus on programs other than four-year degrees, such as vocational or two-year degrees. He said he would not support free tuition at community colleges because there are "no such things as free lunch" and said students should make a decision about what an investment in their education means to them. Bechler said he has "no problem" with charter schools, but said public schools should be funded first. He suggested public schools could benefit from removing regulations that are not imposed on charter schools.

Stubblefield said elementary and secondary schools are adequately funded. He noted that the legislature recently increased per-student spending by \$19. "I'm not sure how much money is needed," he said. He called for an assessment of how education funds are being spent and whether they are really benefitting students. He wants to see more skill-based education to prepare the workforce for companies that want to do business in Kentucky. Stubblefield said he doesn't support free tuition for two-year associate degrees at community colleges. "Nothing in life is free," he said. He suggested applying the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) towards high school. He said some students can get their first year or two of postsecondary education in high school. On Charter schools, he said he has no problem with them,

but said they'd have to fund themselves. He added that public schools "have to be first."

**Health care**

Health care is a "misnomer," Bechler said. "What we're really talking about is insurance. You can have all the insurance in the world and still not be healthy," Bechler said. He added that every citizen and non-citizen can get treated in an emergency room. He said there's not a lack of medical care, but the deliberation is in its cost.

Stubblefield said Kentuckians are 'hurting in a number of ways' on health care. He said facilities are good but the way Medicaid and Medicare pay needs to change. He said the amount of money critical access hospitals receive is "astronomical" and needs to change.

Starting July 1, some Medicaid enrollees in Kentucky could be fined for going to a hospital emergency room if they end up not actually having an emergency.

**Minimum wage**

Bechler said he does not support an increase in minimum wage. Pointing to restaurants in California, he said a minimum wage increase to \$15 there replaced certain workers with robots. He said raising the minimum wage would exclude a chance for "kids" to get work experience.

Stubblefield said minimum wage should not increase at this time. He said this wage is for 'beginning jobs,' for people 'getting started.' He said if this is raised then children wouldn't be able to get summer jobs.

McKinsey Global Institute found in 2017 fast food is among industries most vulnerable to automation... At least one restaurant in California is using a robot to flip burgers. According to Bureau of Labor Statistics data from 2016, workers under the age of 25 represent a little more than half of those paid the federal minimum wage or less.

**Medical marijuana, other drug issues**

Bechler said he does not support medical or

recreational marijuana. He said there have not been enough peer-reviewed studies to indicate whether it's a 'good thing.' He said he has supported a measure to study medical marijuana. He said people who support medical marijuana come to his office and admit they want all forms of marijuana legalized. He said it's illegal in the United States "and until such times are changed I don't think we should violate the U.S. law." Stubblefield said he neither supports nor is opposed to medical marijuana. He said he wants more education, science and studies on this topic. He said he does, however, favor hemp (which is also cannabis).

Drug addiction can't be solved by legislation, Bechler said. "Every time a law was passed to try to address that [in Kentucky] a new drug would come along and drug addiction would become worse." He said the focus needs to be on education, to make sure physicians are only prescribing what is necessary.

Stubblefield said kids should be taught at an early age in schools about the dangers of drugs and drunk driving.

**Other issues**

Bechler said he doesn't support smoking bans in public places, but added that he personally wouldn't go into a restaurant where people are smoking if there is

another restaurant that serves the same thing at a reasonable price. He added it's up to local municipalities if they want to have public smoking bans but he wouldn't support a state law. Stubblefield said he would not support a smoking ban, but said it should be limited inside municipal buildings.

As for a local option sales tax, Bechler said he would support it in theory, however, feels the issue has not addressed what should happen if a project goes over budget or takes too long to complete. Stubblefield said it should be up to cities to determine local option sales tax for specific projects.

If a city wants to impose a restaurant tax, Bechler said, he would consider it, but under the conditions that the people have a chance to weigh in on the matter. He didn't feel cities should be excluded due to their classifications. Stubblefield said he'd support the measure if it were on a ballot for residents to vote on.

Bechler said he's proud of recent foster care reforms and feels work needs to continue on this front. Stubblefield said the foster care program needs re-vamping.

Bechler said early voting would require a constitutional amendment. He said he does not support electronic voting, pointing to Internet vulnerabilities. Stubblefield

said he wouldn't support early voting until the Internet infrastructure is improved.

**Closing**

In closing remarks, Bechler said he has supported infrastructure legislation and wants to focus on economic development efforts. He said he has worked with lawmakers to override gubernatorial vetoes for a balanced budget. "Those who promise everything often deliver nothing. What I have promised, I have delivered," Bechler said.

Stubblefield said he wants Kentucky to spend more resources on repairing roads and bridges. He would support a gasoline tax increase of 1 or 2 cents. Infrastructure is a big issue, he said, but acknowledged that there is not enough money to go around. Infrastructure needs include roads, the Internet, rivers, sewer systems, etc. "Without the infrastructure, we don't have growth. And that's what we need to get in this state," Stubblefield said.

The candidates face each other in Tuesday's primary. The winner faces Democrat Abigail Barnes of Salem in the November election. District 4 is comprised of Livingston, Crittenden and Caldwell counties and a portion of northwest Christian County.

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## Crittenden County Fiscal Court

### Independent Auditor's Report

#### for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015

Conducted by Romain & Associates, PLLC  
Certified Public Accountants, Mayfield, Ky.

| CRITTENDEN COUNTY<br>BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES<br>Supplementary Information - Regulatory Basis |                  |           |                                   |  |
|---|------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|--|
| For The Year Ended June 30, 2015  |                  |           |                                   |  |
| E-911 WIRELESS FUND   |                  |           |                                   |  |
|   | Budgeted Amounts |           | Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis) | Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative) |
|   | Original         | Final     |                                   |  |
| RECEIPTS  |                  |           |                                   |  |
| Intergovernmental   | \$ 9,300         | \$ 9,300  | \$ -                              | \$ (9,300)                                     |
| Interest  | 200              | 200       | 141                               | (59)   |
| Total Receipts  | 9,500            | 9,500     | 141                               | (9,359)  |
| DISBURSEMENTS   |                  |           |                                   |  |
| Protection to Persons and Property  | 500              | 500       | 107                               | 393  |
| Administration  | 76,500           | 76,500    | -                                 | 76,500   |
| Total Disbursements   | 77,000           | 77,000    | 107                               | 76,893   |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)          | (67,500)         | (67,500)  | 34                                | 67,534   |
| Net Change in Fund Balance  | (67,500)         | (67,500)  | 34                                | 67,534   |
| Fund Balance - Beginning  | 67,500           | 67,500    | 67,487                            | (13)   |
| Fund Balance - Ending   | \$ -             | \$ -      | \$ 67,521                         | \$ 67,521                                      |
| E-911 FUND  |                  |           |                                   |  |
|   | Budgeted Amounts |           | Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis) | Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative) |
|   | Original         | Final     |                                   |  |
| RECEIPTS  |                  |           |                                   |  |
| Taxes   | \$ 19,000        | \$ 19,000 | \$ 24,953                         | \$ 5,953                                       |
| Interest  | 100              | 100       | 86                                | (14)   |
| Total Receipts  | 19,100           | 19,100    | 25,039                            | 5,939  |
| DISBURSEMENTS   |                  |           |                                   |  |
| Protection to Persons and Property  | 12,600           | 55,586    | 47,995                            | 7,591  |
| Administration  | 100,000          | 57,014    | -                                 | 57,014   |
| Total Disbursements   | 112,600          | 112,600   | 47,995                            | 64,605   |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)          | (93,500)         | (93,500)  | (22,956)                          | 70,544   |
| Net Change in Fund Balance  | (93,500)         | (93,500)  | (22,956)                          | 70,544   |
| Fund Balance - Beginning  | 93,500           | 93,500    | 109,844                           | 16,344   |
| Fund Balance - Ending   | \$ -             | \$ -      | \$ 86,888                         | \$ 86,888                                      |



Calendar

– The – **Friends of the Library** will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday (today). Summer fundraising and the annual membership drive will be discussed. The Friends are always looking for new members. Annual dues are \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families and \$1 for students. All ages welcome.

– **Caldwell Springs Fire Department** will hold a fish fry from noon-2 p.m., Saturday at the former Frances Elementary School grounds, which now houses the fire department. The fish fry is \$7/plate, which includes two pieces of fish, beans, French fries and hushpuppies. Proceeds will go toward repairs of the Frances School gymnasium.

– Dates for **Hurricane Camp Meeting** are June 11-17, services nightly at 7. Dining Hall opening at 5:30 for the public.

Extension

– A class on **Utilizing Garden Structures** will begin at 5:30 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Garden Junk-ie. Call (270) 965-5236 to register.

– **Diabetes Support Group** will meet at 10 a.m., Friday at the Extension Office. Dr. Adria Porter will be the guest speaker.

– A **leader lesson training** on “Sweet Enough Without All That Sugar” will be held at 1 p.m. at the Extension Office.

– **Quilt Club** will meet at 9:30 a.m., May 29 at the Extension Office.

– A class on Basic Flower Arranging will be held at 6 p.m., May 31 at Bowtanicals in Marion. There is a \$10 supply fee. Call (270) 965-5236 to reserve your space.– A class on **Utilizing Garden Structures** will begin at 5:30 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Garden Junk-ie. Call (270) 965-5236 to register.

Annual craft show May 25-26

The annual Arts & Crafts Fest at Kentucky Dam Village will be held May 26-27. The craft show features more than 50 craft vendors and a special Kentucky Humanities Council presentation of Jean Ritchie, a famous dulcimer artist. The event is held at the old beach near the Kentucky Dam Village Convention Center from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. Ritchie's performance will begin at 1 p.m.

Dycusburg fish fry is Sunday

The Dycusburg Cemetery Fish Fry will begin at 1 p.m., Sunday at the Dycusburg Methodist Church grounds. In case of rain, it will be held at the Dycusburg Baptist Fellowship Building. Please bring a covered dish and chairs.

Bluebird boxes to be given away

It's that time of year when Crittenden County Conservation District offers free bluebird nesting boxes to the public. The giveaway is open to anyone who would like to install a bird box on their property. These sturdy, cedar wood birdhouses were constructed by the Crittenden County High School wood-working class with materials provided by the Conservation District.

To enter, drop off or mail a postcard with name, address, and phone number to: Crittenden County Conservation District, ATTN: Bluebird Box Drawing, 118 East Bellville Street, Marion, KY, 42064. Cards must be postmarked by May 31.

Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Dean Akridge

Akridges celebrate 60th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Akridge of Fredonia are celebrating their 60th anniversary May 17. Dean and the former Nona Taylor were married May 17, 1958 at Marion Baptist Church with Rev. Shelby Beaty officiating. Attendants were Mary Lou Taylor and Tom Jones.

Mrs. Akridge is a retired teacher from Lyon County High School. She is the daughter of the late E.G. Taylor and Marcella Matthews Taylor.

Mr. Akridge is retired from Akridge Farm Supply in Fredonia. He is the son of the late T.R. Akridge and Rosalie Dean Akridge. Both Mr. and Mrs. Akridge are former teachers at Crittenden County High School.

The couple are parents to Jay Akridge of West Lafayette, Ind., Paul Akridge of Eddyville and Lance Akridge of Brentwood, Tenn. They have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Senior Menu

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

– Thursday (today): Menu is baked spaghetti, broccoli salad, Mandarin oranges and garlic breadstick. Sue Parent will present a nutrition lesson at 10:30 a.m.

– Friday: Menu is hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, buttered spinach and tropical fruit. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

– Monday: Menu is breaded pollock, pinto beans, cole slaw, cornbread and vanilla pudding. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m. A trip to Lambers is planned. Inquire at the Senior Center for more details.

– Tuesday: Menu is chicken parmesan, baked potato with margarine and sour cream, broccoli casserole and pineapple delight.

May 23: Menu is BBQ pork on bun, au gratin potatoes, cucumber salad and oatmeal raisin cookie. Bingo will begin at 10:30 a.m.

A health fair will be held May 24 from 8:30-10 a.m. Get full details at the senior center.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability. PACS provides milk, coffee, tea or water each day. Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center. The center is a service of Pennyrile Allied Community Services.

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

Engagement



Travis Gilbert and Regan Hanood

Gilbert, Hanood to marry May 27

Julie Hanood of Pataskala, Ohio and Mike Hanood of Columbus, Ohio, along with Brad and Valerie Gilbert of Marion, announce the marriage of their children, Regan Hanood and Travis Gilbert, May 27 at Strongwater Food and Spirits in Columbus.

Miss Hanood is the granddaughter of Berneda Hanood of New Martinsville, W. Va., and the late Albert Hanood and Mary Mathews of Denver, N.C., and the late Frank Mathews. She is a 2014 graduate of Pickerington High School North and a 2018 graduate of Capital University with a bachelor's degree in social work. She will

begin graduate school in the advanced standing program at Ohio State University in June to obtain a master's degree in social work.

Mr. Gilbert is the grandson of Terry and Sandy Gilbert and Bill and Judi Smith, all of Marion. He is a 2014 graduate of Crittenden County High School and a 2018 graduate of Capital University with a bachelor's of art degree with a major in accounting. He is employed by Washington Prime Group in Columbus as a specialty lease accountant.

Friends and family are invited to a reception at 5 p.m., July 21 at Mexico Baptist Church.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Gatsby theme of '18 gala

Woman's Club of Marion held its annual Gala on May 3. The event was planned using F. Scott Fitzgerald's book, "The Great Gatsby." Co-chairs were Brandi Rogers and Staci Blackburn. Roaring 20s songs were played on the piano by Heath Hill. Tables competed in a trivia contest. Shown here are guests (seated from left) David Murphy, Micki Crider and Tom Crider. Standing are Gayla Murphy and club vice-president Melanie Walker.

Crosswalk plans Summer Fun events

The Crosswalk Learning Center is planning Summer Fun activities during the month of June for all Crittenden County High School students.

Summer activities will include: credit recovery, special programming for incoming freshmen, a one-day ACT Boot Camp June 7, a one-day STEM Camp June 6 that will feature a live stream of an open heart surgery, skill building workshops

(gardening, cupcake wars, art, music, small engine repair) and parent workshops relating to skill building and job placement.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Cheryl Burks at (270) 965-2248.

All activities are free with the exception of a \$20 fee for the ACT Boot Camp, and it will be refunded the day of the camp.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY SHANA WEST

Bright Beginnings graduates 12 preschoolers

The biggest graduating class in Bright Beginnings history walked across the stage at Fohs Hall last week. Pictured with owner and instructor Michelle James are (from left) Landry Pollard, Jase Estes, Presley Herrin, Caroline James, Rex Boone (partially obscured) Tripp Martin, Axel Topp, Bode Merrill, India Harris, Mela Kate Penn, Sadie Hill and Blakelee Gardner. Watch for more information about open enrollment at the day care and preschool in the coming weeks.

**Submit calendar items**  
Community calendar is designed for individuals, non-profit organizations and government entities to publicize meetings and events. Call (270) 965-3191 or email [pressnews@the-press.com](mailto:pressnews@the-press.com).



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SPRING SPORTS

STANDINGS

BASEBALL

Up to date as of Monday

FIFTH DISTRICT

|                  | ALL   | DIST |
|------------------|-------|------|
| Trigg County     | 14-10 | 5-1  |
| Livingston Cent. | 15-6  | 5-1  |
| Lyon County      | 11-11 | 2-4  |
| Crittenden Co.   | 9-16  | 0-6  |

SOFTBALL

FIFTH DISTRICT

|                  | ALL   | DIST |
|------------------|-------|------|
| Trigg County     | 20-11 | 5-1  |
| Crittenden Co.   | 19-7  | 4-2  |
| Lyon County      | 17-11 | 2-4  |
| Livingston Cent. | 2-13  | 0-6  |

5DISTRICT

TOURNAMENTS

At Marion-Crittenden Co. Park

BASEBALL

Monday

Rockets vs. Livingston, 5:30

Trigg Co. vs. Lyon Co., 7:30

Tuesday

Championship, 6pm

SOFTBALL

Monday

Trigg vs. Livingston, 5:30

Crittenden vs. Lyon, 7:15

Tuesday

Championship, 6pm

Upcoming Games

BASEBALL

Thursday

Rockets at Webster Co.

Saturday

Rockets at Ballard Mem.

SOFTBALL

Thursday

Softball hosts Tilghman

TRACK & FIELD

Saturday

CCHS at State, Lexington

Jankowski hot



2018 Stats

| AB | AVG  | HR | RBI | SB | OPS   |
|----|------|----|-----|----|-------|
| 38 | .368 | 1  | 1   | 2  | 1.007 |

MLB Career Stats

| AVG  | HR | RBI | SB | OPS  |
|------|----|-----|----|------|
| .240 | 5  | 26  | 38 | .642 |

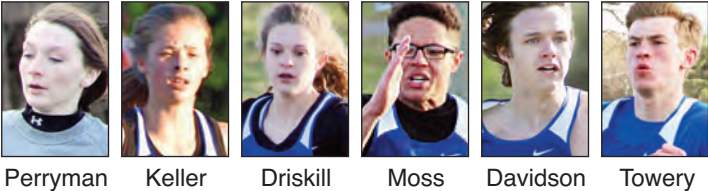
San Diego Padres outfielder Travis Jankowski is the team's hottest player at the plate. He hit his first homer of the season last weekend against the Cardinals and currently leads regulars in batting. Jankowski played for the now defunct Marion Bobcats in 2010. Another Padres' player with Marion ties, Chase Headley, was designated for assignment Saturday and may be released by the team after hitting .115 to start the season. He owns property in Crittenden County.

Local golf leaders

Two local golfers finished among the leaders Saturday at a KYPGA Junior event at Paxton Park Golf Course in Paducah. Peyton Purvis shot an 87 for third place in the 14-under age division and Sam Greenwell fired an 81 to tie for second place in the 15-16 division.

Babe Ruth sign up

Boys age 13-15 interested in playing Babe Ruth Baseball this summer should contact Devin Belt at (270) 704-3034. Cost is \$50. Games begin in June and the team will play twice a week for four to six weeks against teams from the area.

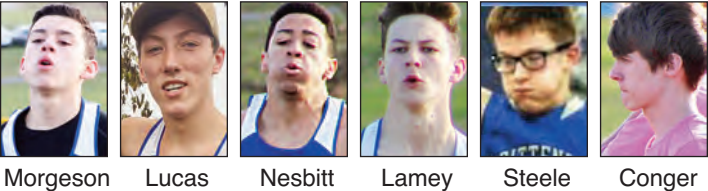


CCHS

Rockets

STATE

BOUND



Dozen qualify for state

in Starnes' final meet



After 27 seasons, coach Angela Starnes will be retiring after Saturday's meet.

STAFF REPORT  
In her final year as track and field coach at Crittenden County, Angela Starnes hopes to cap off a largely successful season with some top finishes at the Kentucky State Track and Field Championships Saturday in Lexington.  
A dozen Crittenden County athletes have qualified for the state meet by virtue of either finishing first or second in last weekend's regional meet or by having one of the state's best overall performances in their respective events. Two Rocket relay teams are among

the berths for this weekend's state finals.  
Leading the pack will be junior Kenlee Perryman and freshman Kate Keller. Both have set new school records this season and are expected to compete at a high level in Lexington. Perryman has qualified for the state meet in triple jump and Keller in the 1600 meters. Those are events in which they set new school standards this track and field season. Keller has also qualified in the 3200 meters.  
Eighth grader Grace Driskill qualified in the high

jump and senior Aaron Lucas in the 1600 meters.  
The CCHS 4x800 relay squad will run at the state meet. It is comprised of Gavin Davidson, Sawyer Towery, Preston Morgeson and Aaron Lucas. Tyson Steele is the qualifying alternate.  
The second relay team to qualify for state was the 4x100. That group includes Eli Moss, Davidson, Branan Lamey, Devon Nesbitt and alternate Doug Conger.  
After 27 years as coach of the track team, Coach Starnes will be retiring after this year's state meet.

Crittenden Track and Field Results

| REGIONAL MEET   |  |  |   |  |  |
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| Track & Field Results   |  |  |   |  |  |
| Class 1A Region 1 at Murray   |  |  |   |  |  |
| Girls Results, May 12   |  |  |   |  |  |
| Team Totals: Murray (196), University Heights (142), Mayfield (49), St. Mary (45), Crittenden (42), Fulton Co. (18), Livingston (18), Fulton City (16), Dawson (7), Lyon (6), Ballard (4) | (3:13.41)  | 1600 meters: 3. Kate Keller (5:52.73)  | 6, 7. Natalie Hutchings 4-4 Triple Jump: 6. Kenlee Perryman 31-11½, 8. Trinity Hayes 28-0½  | (52.34)  | Johnson) 1:42.31   |
| 100 hurdles: 4. Jessie Potter (19.14), 6. Ryleigh Tabor (21.27)   | 3200 meters: 2. Kate Keller (13:44.06) *State Qualifier  | 4x100 relay: 3. Crittenden (Cortne Curnel, Addyson Faughn, Grace Driskell, Jessie Potter) 57.24    | Shot Put: 6. Lauren Gilchrist 24-10½, 16. Abby Kirk 17-9½   | 200 meters: 8. Parker Johnson (25.77), 9. Doug Conger (26.31)                            | 4x400 relay: 6. Crittenden (Gavin Davidson, Sawyer Towery, Eli Moss, Devon Nesbitt) 4:01.72                        |
| 400 meters: 10. Trinity Hayes (1:17.09)   | 4x200 relay: 3. Crittenden (Cortne Curnel, Ryleigh Tabor, Addyson Faughn, Kenlee Perryman) 2:03.09 | 4x100 relay: 3. Crittenden (Cortne Curnel, Jaelyn Duncan, Kenlee Perryman, Grace Driskill) 4:49.52 | Discus: 11. Lauren Gilchrist 55-3, 13. Abby Kirk 53-7   | 400 meters: 5. Eli Moss (58.15), 9. Noah Perkins (1:01.05)                               | 4x800 relay: 1. Crittenden (Gavin Davidson, Sawyer Towery, Preston Morgeson, Aaron Lucas) 8:50.77 *State Qualifier |
| 800 meters: 6. Jaelyn Duncan (2:50.20), 10. Southern Pate   | Long Jump: 7. Trinity Hayes 13-7½  | High Jump: 5. Grace Driskill 4-  |   | 800 meters: 10. Tyson Steele (2:34.11)   | Long Jump: 7. Branan Lamey 17-9, 9. Doug Conger 16-4   |
|   |  |  | Boys Results, May 12  | 1600 meters: 2. Aaron Lucas (4:56.68) *State Qualifier                                   | High Jump: 9. Sawyer Towery 5-4, 10. Devin Ford 5-2  |
|   |  |  | Team Totals: Mayfield (162), Murray (133), Fulton Co. (82), University Heights (47.5), Lyon (38), Crittenden (35), St. Mary (21), Dawson (16), Ballard (13), Livingston (9.5) | 4x100 relay: 2. Crittenden (Eli Moss, Gavin Davidson, Branan Lamey, Devon Nesbitt) 45.81 | Triple Jump: 9. Branan Lamey 34-7, 11. Tyson Steele 33-0   |
|   |  |  | 110 hurdles: 6. Devin Ford (18.82)  | *State Qualifier   | Shot Put: 10. Adam Beavers 31-10, 12. Brock Langston 31-5½   |
|   |  |  | 300 hurdles: 9. Devin Ford (47.51), 13. Zack Weathers   | 4x200 relay: 7. Crittenden (Doug Conger, Tristan Davidson, Zack Weathers, Parker         | Discus: 6. Adam Beavers 104-1, 10. Ross Crider 89-6  |

DISTRICTS START MONDAY



Marion-Crittenden County Park will host next week's 5th District tournaments for Softball and Baseball

Clean on Defense...

Defense will be key for Crittenden getting to the regional softball tournament. Coach Stephen Smith says his club's offense has been steady but fielding has been a bit too inconsistent. "If we get behind our pitcher and play clean, we can be successful," Smith said of his girls' Fifth District Tournament matchup on Tuesday at Marion against Lyon County. The Lady Rockets are 2-1 against Lyon this season.

SOFTBALL

Crittenden County beat Livingston Central Tuesday night on the road, but the game was of no consequence in the district race as the Lady Rockets will be the No. 2 seed heading into Monday's Fifth District Tournament at Marion. See pairings elsewhere on this page.  
On Friday, Crittenden needed only five innings to win 16-3 at Paducah Tilghman.  
Freshman Chandler Moss had a terrific game at the plate, driving in four runs on three hits to lead Crittenden.  
Senior Kaitlyn Hicks got the victory, lasting three innings, allowing three runs on four hits. Sophomore Jenna Potter threw two scoreless innings in relief, surrendering three hits. Crittenden County 502 18 - 16 11 0 Paducah Tilghman 102 00 - 3 7 6 WP - K.Hicks. LP - Miller. 2B: Champion. RBI: Book (2), Champion, Moss (4), Potter, El.Smith, Em.Smith (2).  
LAST THURSDAY vs. TRIGG  
The Lady Rockets entered Thursday night looking for the regular-season sweep over Trigg County and potentially locking up the one-seed in the district tournament. It was not meant to be, however, as Crittenden fell at home 9-8 in extra innings.  
The teams traded punches in the opening inning as the Lady Rockets scored five runs after allowing three to Trigg. Going into the seventh, Crittenden held a 6-3 advantage, but Trigg's bats came to life and four runs later the Lady Rockets were down by one. After back-to-back singles in the bottom of the seventh, sophomore Emmie

Smith came around to score the game-tying run and send it to extra innings.  
Trigg later scored the winning run in the top of the ninth.  
Freshman Chandler Moss started the game for the Lady Rockets, lasting six and one-third innings, surrendering seven runs on 10 hits and striking out four. Senior Kaitlyn Hicks was tagged with the loss, throwing two and two-thirds innings in relief.  
The offense was led by three freshmen, Ashlyn Hicks, Matthia Long and Chandler Moss, who each collected two hits and an RBI on the night. Trigg County 300 000 401 - 8 13 8 Crittenden County 500 100 100 - 7 11 6 WP - Colbert. LP - K.Hicks. RBI: A.Hicks, Long, Moss, El.Smith.  
BASEBALL  
Crittenden began the final week of the regular season on Monday by edging out Hopkins County Central 2-0 at home in a defensive battle.  
The Rockets (9-16) were sharp defensively and have shown great improvement lately, posting a 4-3 record this month while looking to build momentum heading into the district tournament starting Monday in Marion. Crittenden, the fourth-seed, will play regular-season district champion Livingston Central in the opening game at 5:30 p.m., Monday.  
Freshman Caden McCalister had two of the team's seven hits on the night and scored both runs to lead Crittenden. Freshman Tyler Boone pitched the complete game shutout, allow-



Homecoming for Holloman

Last week Community Christian Academy came to Marion for a baseball game against Crittenden County. It was a homecoming of sorts for first-year CCA head coach Darrick Holloman. Holloman graduated from Crittenden County in 2003. He's currently a pastor in Mayfield. Here, he meets at home plate with Rocket coach Denis Hodge, umpires and Rocket captain Jayden Carlson.

ing only two hits over seven innings with six strikeouts and zero walks. He took a perfect game into the fifth inning. Senior centerfielder Logan Belt made a stellar over-the-shoulder catch to end the game and punctuate the team's defensive effort. Hopkins Central 000 000 0 - 0 2 1 Crittenden County 010 001 x - 2 7 0 WP - Boone. LP - Morphew. 2B: C.Belt. RBI: Adams.  
SENIOR DRIVES IN WINNER  
Saturday was Senior Recognition Day for the Rockets at Marion-Crittenden County Park and it was a senior who broke a 3-3 tie to give the baseball team the win in walk-off fashion as Crittenden defeated Webster 4-3 in eight innings.  
The Rockets won for the eighth time by taking an early lead as freshman Caden McCalister doubled in freshman Tyler Boone. Crittenden added another run in the fifth off of a double by sophomore Jayden Carlson, scoring senior Logan Belt, who started the inning by bunting his way on.  
Webster took the lead in the top of the sixth behind a variety of Rocket miscues, but Crittenden was able to tie the score in the bottom half of the inning as senior Cody Belt raced home on a passed ball. The biggest highlight for Cody Belt came in the eighth as he singled in the winning run on a line drive to center field bringing home Boone.  
Junior Ethan Dossett was credited for the victory, pitching two scoreless innings in relief, allowing zero hits and striking out two. Fellow junior Payton Riley started the game, lasting

six innings, allowing three runs on two hits and striking out four. Webster County 000 003 00 - 3 2 2 Crittenden County 100 011 01 - 4 6 2 WP - Dossett. LP - Buchanan. 2B: McCalister, J.Carolson, Adams. RBI: McCalister, C.Belt, J.Carolson.  
ROCKETS FALL FRIDAY  
Crittenden fell to one of the top-ranked teams in the region Friday, losing 12-4 at Madisonville.  
Freshman Ian Ellington took the loss for Crittenden, lasting three and two-thirds innings, allowing seven runs on 10 hits with one strikeout.  
Jayden Carlson, Briley Brown and Pate Robinson each saw time on the hill in relief. Adams and fellow freshman Caden McCalister each had two hits to pace the Rockets. Crittenden County 200 101 0 - 4 8 2 Madisonville 211 350 x - 12 11 2 WP - Gray. LP - Ellington. 2B: C.Belt, J.Carolson, L.Belt. RBI: Robinson, Adams (2), L.Belt.  
ROCKETS WIN AT HOME  
Last Tuesday, the Rockets were able to bounce back from a heartbreaking loss to St. Mary the previous night by shutting out Community Christian 10-0 at Marion. Tyler Boone went the distance for the win. He allowed just one hit and posted eight strikeouts.  
Senior Cody Belt led the team with two hits and an RBI while eight other players contributed with a hit each. Community Christian 000 00 - 0 1 0 Crittenden County 202 51 - 10 10 0 WP - Boone. LP - Kaufman. 2B: McCalister, J.Carolson. RBI: McCalister (2), M.Carolson, C.Belt, Mott (2), Robinson (2).





**Freshman baseball team**  
Crittenden County's freshmen baseball team completed its season on Saturday with a doubleheader split at Webster County. The Rockets finished with an 8-7 record plus two ties this season. The team was made up largely of middle school players. Pictured are (front from left) Hayden Adamson, Casey Cates, Evan Belt, Seth Blackburn, Jeremiah Foster, Levi Piper, Briley Berry, coach Courtney Omer, (back) coach Devin Belt, Case Gobin, Logan Bailey, Ben Evans, Bryson Baker, Maddox Carlson, Tanner Beverly, Seth Guess and coach Alex Kirby.



Seven Rocket football players participated in the West Kentucky Conference Showcase at McCracken County High School Friday. The combine was for 2019 high school seniors. Players were evaluated for recruiting purposes and for setting the roster for next year's senior all star game. Crittenden County players attending were (from left) Brock Langston, Hunter Boone, Ethan Dossett, Devon Nesbitt, Sean O'Leary, Branen Lamey and Parker Johnson.



Youth softball and baseball is in full swing at Marion-Crittenden County Park with games being played on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights. Pictured here are Caylee Tinsley throwing ball from the outfield to the infield while Olivia Hinchee comes in to help with the cutoff.

# Pelphrey regrets missing mate's funeral

John Pelphrey knows he's led a blessed life – but he does have one major regret that likely will never go away.

He was Mr. Basketball in 1987 after leading Paintsville to the state tournament. He signed with Kentucky and coach Eddie Sutton before the program was hit by NCAA probation. He became one of “The Unforgettable” for new coach Rick Pitino. He played in 114 games at UK and averaged 11.5 points per game. He was part of that epic overtime loss to Duke in the 1992 NCAA Tournament East Region final.

He was an assistant coach at Oklahoma State, Marshall and Florida before becoming head coach at South Alabama and then Arkansas. After being let go at Arkansas, he returned to Florida as an assistant and the last two years has been an assistant at Alabama.

But he has one regret – and it's a big one.

When Joey Couch, his former Paintsville teammate and long-time friend, passed away in December, he was unable to attend the funeral because of his work schedule.

“I was coming home from watching my daughter play and (former Paintsville) coach (Bill Mike) Runyon called. I knew it wasn't something good for him to be calling,” said Pelphrey. “Even now, it's hard to believe. Just a lot of emotion, sadness, heaviness.

“Everybody loved Big Joe and he loved everybody. Every tournament that we used to play in, he would get the sportsmanship award and I was always wondering why that was, so I started paying attention. He would knock people down all the time. He was a football player, a rough and tumble guy. But every time he knocked somebody down he would pick them up and say, ‘Are you okay buddy?’ That's just Joey.”

Couch came to Kentucky to play football. He was not a priority recruiting target for Kentucky but became an all-SEC lineman.

“The experiences that we had together, it's hard to explain. Paintsville wasn't a basketball school. To be able to stay

together and to accomplish the things we did together ... you know Joey scored over 2,000 points in high school. He had over 1,000 rebounds. When Joey came to Paintsville, he was as good or better than any of us,” Pelphrey said.

“There is so much where our lives are intertwined. It's probably the first time for me, and we all experience death, but that was traumatic.”

Pelphrey struggles to explain what made Couch so special to him. Couch was the only one allowed to call Pelphrey “Big Red” because of his red hair. Pelphrey never let anyone else get away with calling him that.

“Just never had to question where he stood with you when it comes to being a friend or loving and caring about the (Paintsville) Tigers or the Wildcats,” Pelphrey said. “You lose somebody like that, it is just hard to put into words what it is.

“Somebody told me a story and I had forgot about it, but Joey used to carry a bag of dog food around in the back of his car and if he saw a stray dog, he would give it a handful of food. He just had an unbelievable heart. If he saw you coming it was going to be a hug and huge smile. That big heart never changed.

“You are going to be hard pressed to find anybody who crossed paths with the guy who didn't have a similar story or feel the same way. Just a great, great loss. We will never get over it. A lot of us will be able to learn to deal with it, but that is something you never get over.”

Couch had some personal struggles in his life but had put his life back together. He moved back to Paintsville and his friends were thrilled with how he had progressed when he suddenly died at age 49 of a heart attack.

“We all have a story and all stuff to deal with. He battled through some stuff just like we all do. He had actually tracked my dad down and helped him with some insurance,” Pelphrey said.



Larry Vaught  
UK Sports Columnist  
Vaught's Views

“My dad needs the insurance ... he needs to stop driving but that is another story. But Joey was just always kind and helpful to the very end. That's just who he was.

“I think we all have things we want to accomplish and things we want to do and sometimes that gets outside out of relationships unfortunately. But the true measure of the man ... the way people would look at him, feel about him. His riches were great. We miss him and that's never going to change.

“I don't have a lot of regrets in life at all. I've been fortunate and blessed. But me not being able to be there (at Couch's funeral) and pay my respects ... we all work for somebody and everybody has a boss now, but I regret not being able to be there for Joey. That's one regret that won't ever go away.”

Freshman Mallory Peyton of Madisonville will be playing in her first NCAA Tournament for Kentucky this week, but coach Rachel Lawson is not worried about her being overwhelmed.

Remember, in UK's final home series, she hit a grand slam home run in game one and then a three-run shot in game two to help UK beat then No. 12 South Carolina.

“I think Mallory has a lot of confidence. She is a gamer and has been in a lot of big game situations both in high school and travel ball,” the UK coach said. “She always gives you competitive at-bats.

“I don't worry about her confidence level at all. If she is calm and sees pitches, then you see great results from her. She is somebody I feel really good about when she is in the (batter's) box.”

She's hitting .232 with seven home runs. She has knocked in 23 runs in 46 games and has started 30 games going into this week's NCAA Tournament play.

“I have pretty high expectations for Mallory. I have seen her do so many incredible things in so many high pressure situations. I think she is just scratching the surface. She has a bright, bright future in the SEC,” Lawson said.

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Former University of

Kentucky All-American Mike Pratt played professional basketball and also coached at that level. He has numerous NBA contacts today and through his job as analyst for the UK Basketball Radio Network he's able to evaluate UK players not only in games, but also in practice.

Jarred Vanderbilt is one of three UK players who put his name into the NBA draft but did not hire an agent to leave a path where he could return to UK for a second season.

Because of injuries, he played in just 14 games last season but averaged 5.9 points, 7.9 rebounds and 1.0 assists per game while shooting 42 percent from the field.

“Vanderbilt is set up physically to play in the NBA, but he has got to redo his whole shot,” Pratt said. “He's fun to watch play and I love his effort. He can really rebound. He seeks the ball and rebounds in and out of his zone.

“The downside to him is how bad are his wheels. If I was a NBA team, I would not guarantee him money but would sign him with some clause about his wheels.”

Those wheels went bad at times both of Vanderbilt's final two high school seasons. In the last three years, he has not played a full season because of various leg injuries.

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Rachel Lawson is a coach who always has high expectations for her softball players. That's why she can only recall one player in her 11 years at UK exceeding her expectations. That was outfielder Bailey Vick of McCracken County last year when she was a freshman.

“She was not somebody I expected all of that from. She was so academic oriented, I was not sure what direction she would go. She decided to come to UK late and we weren't sure what would happen,” Lawson said.

“She had an outstanding year last year and she has been an anchor for us in the outfield. I think Bailey Vick is probably the one player over the last 11 years at Kentucky that exceeded my expectations last year.”

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# Final election tune-up

A candidate forum Tuesday evening at Marion Ed-Tech Center offered a final chance for political hopefuls to get out their message publicly before next week’s primary election. The event organized by Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, who is facing a challenger next Tuesday, was the mostly lightly attended of the five forums he has hosted throughout the county. In fact, only three in the crowd of about two dozen were either not running for office or a family member of a candidate. “If this is any indication of the election, a single vote may win a race,” Newcom joked of the disappointing turnout. The night offered a preview of the only contested race for countywide office in November’s general election, county attorney. That race will feature three-term Democratic incumbent Rebecca Johnson (second from left) and Republican Bart Frazer (center foreground).

## BUDGET

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employee retirement contributions and an 11.7 percent increase in health care premiums. The rise in payments for benefits, though, will cost employees. For the third consecutive year, there will be no raises, and new hires starting in 2019 will be offered a reduction in family plan health insurance subsidies.

Currently, the city pays 100 percent of employee premiums and 75 percent for family members. Starting Jan. 1, the family rate would drop to 25 percent.

Non-essential travel and training for staff has also been cut out.

For city residents, autumn leaf collection will be eliminated and a free dump day program will be discontinued. Use of the street sweeper will also be reduced in order to prolong the life of the aging piece of equipment.

Ledford said changes in state regulations have made the popular leaf-gathering program cost prohibitive, adding about \$2,000 in costs for environmental monitoring of collected leaves and maintaining a certified operator on collection routes.

There is also a proposed 40 percent reduction in funding to the airport, and allocations to Crittenden

County Food Bank and the home-delivered meals program at Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center would be cut in half.

That is where Monday’s discussion centered.

Councilwoman Phyllis Sykes proposed removing all \$3,600 in funding to the two feeding programs and reallocating it to the street department for maintenance of crumbling asphalt or even keeping leaf collection.

“It’s not that I want people to be hungry,” the retired elementary school teacher said, adding that her motion was based on discussions with constituents. “It’s not that at all. I don’t think it’s the city’s responsibility to give to the food bank. There are other sources for help. Pot-holes are what I hear about the most.”

Sykes made a similar proposal last year, when \$7,200 was set aside for the hunger-fighting programs. And like last year, her motion was voted down 5-1.

Councilman Donnie Arflack turned his attention to \$6,000 set aside for Marion-Crittenden County Airport, a drop from \$10,000 in the current budget. He said he supports the facility, but questioned why the city plans to pay twice the amount the Crittenden Fiscal Court has proposed to the airport

in its Fiscal Year 2019 spending plan when only a third of the county’s population lives in the city.

“I’m paying double,” he said. “Why am I, as a city taxpayer, paying more than anyone else? I’m paying my part as a county taxpayer.”

Jim Johnson, airport board chairman, said the facility needs only a couple more years of help from the city and county before it becomes completely self-sufficient. Another hangar construction project soon to get underway and a proposed extension of the paved runway to 5,000 feet to accommodate larger jets would bring the airport to where it needs to be. Expansion, though, requires some local money to match state and federal grants.

The budget also has set aside as much as \$38,000 for a new city police vehicle. That money would be taken from a fund established when the council voted a few years ago to pay off the new fire station. The money that would have gone toward monthly payments has been socked away in special account.

But moving forward, the budget calls for discontinuing that practice. Ledford’s note to council members said that \$60,000 “is limiting our financial flexibility and is needed to balance the revenue/expense budget.”

But Arflack and Coun-

cilman Darrin Tabor don’t like that idea. After the meeting, they voiced their opposition, reasoning that fund was established for special purposes, like the purchase of a new cruiser for the police department.

Also in the budget, if near the end of the next fiscal year money is still available, as much as \$10,000 would be used to begin replacing the city’s three dozen or so fire hydrants that do not work.

In other action, the city council:

- Approved an updated comprehensive plan for the city, something required every four years. The plan serves as a guide for Marion Planning and Zoning Commission for the physical development and economic and social well being of the city. Next up for the six-member board will be updating zoning regulations, followed by the zoning map. Commissioners are Chairman Joe Hunt, Gary Baulos, Jerry Belt, Paul Belt, Randy Dunn and William Frazer.

- Introduced an ordinance to establish permitting for special commercial traffic to use Country Club Drive. Earlier this year, the city council enacted a ban on commercial traffic they blame for destroying the underbuilt half-mile city street. Signs indicating the ban were placed last week, with enforcement now underway. The \$250 permit would allow oversized loads one-time use of Country Club Drive as a U.S. 641-U.S. 60 West connector, bypassing the need for special traffic control in order for them make the turn at either Main Street stoplight.

## MPD activity report

Traffic citations and warnings were way up last month for Marion Police Department compared to April 2017. Below is an activity report for the city’s police department, reflecting information from April 2018 compared with figures from April 2017 as well as year-to-date totals for 2018. The following data are provided by Police Chief Ray O’Neal.

| CATEGORY                      | APRIL 2017 | APRIL 2018 | YTD 2018 |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Miles driven/patrolled .....  | 2,359      | 1,902      | 12,168   |
| Criminal investigations ..... | 25         | 19         | 72       |
| Domestics .....               | 11         | 7          | 35       |
| Felony Arrests.....           | 11         | 3          | 4        |
| Misdemeanor arrests.....      | 7          | 10         | 25       |
| Non-criminal arrests.....     | 4          | 10         | 42       |
| DUI arrests.....              | 0          | 0          | 3        |
| Criminal summons served.....  | 4          | 2          | 7        |
| Traffic citations .....       | 9          | 35         | 86       |
| Traffic warnings.....         | 3          | 19         | 39       |
| Other citations .....         | 10         | 28         | 104      |
| Parking tickets .....         | 0          | 0          | 1        |
| Traffic accidents.....        | 5          | 4          | 22       |
| Security checks/alarms.....   | 63         | 61         | 193      |
| Calls for service.....        | 218        | 223        | 761      |

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## TOURISM

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source here in this county these guys love. They’re eating, staying and spending.”

According to the state’s 2017 Tourism Economic Fact Sheet for Crittenden County, an equivalent of 69 jobs were supported by tourism last year, with \$1.93 million in worker income. That is also a growth over the year before.

An average of \$15,253 is spent on tourism – as defined by the Kentucky Department of Tourism – daily in Crittenden County.

Meantime, the City of Marion collected \$222,935 in revenue from its 3 percent tax on dining and lodging, which goes to fund Marion Tourism Commission. In fact, \$2.62 million in local taxes have been generated for the Commission since the levy was instituted in 2004.

Edwards is concerned a possible reduction in ferry service resulting from inadequate state funding could hurt the local econ-

omy, though more from a reduction in commerce than tourism losses.

“I don’t even want to think about it,” she said when asked by Councilman Dwight Sherer about the concern. “That’s a huge impact on this town. I just think its terrible. I think it will really, really hurt us.”

Edwards presented a \$250,470 spending plan to the council for 2018-19. More than two-thirds of \$64,000 in allocations is earmarked for Marion-Crittenden County Park for lights, maintenance and general operation. Part of the \$43,000 total is contingency, possibly for adding a frisbee golf course or other upgrade to the facility. Since 2004, \$321,642 in Tourism money has been given to the park.

There is also \$5,000 budgeted for the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum; \$7,000 for Marion Main Street Inc., which is losing its funding from the City of Marion; \$3,500 for the Community Arts Foundation; \$2,000 to Fohs Hall Inc.; \$1,000 to Crittenden

County Historical Museum; and \$2,500 for repairs to the gazebo on the court square.

Fourteen thousand dollars is budgeted for events like the county fair, Backroads Festival, another murder mystery, big buck and coyote contests, Highway 60 Yard Sale, the Christmas parade, the mineral show and more.

Another \$47,858 is set aside for advertising to promote local tourism.

General expenses tally half of the total spending for the new fiscal year that starts July 1. Edwards’ salary accounts for \$37,133, with an additional \$21,199 in benefits. Tourism pays \$18,000 annually for office rental at Marion Welcome Center to the city. In fact, since 2004, the city has received \$230,000 in rental income from Tourism.

Of the \$238,200 expected next year for Tourism in local tax revenue, only \$1,000 is anticipated from the 3 percent levy on lodging inside the city. The balance would come from restaurants.

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