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NEWS

KY. DERBY CELEBRATED LOCALLY WITH EVENT

The 145th running of the Kentucky Derby is Saturday, with post time at 5:50 p.m. Coverage on NBC of the Greatest 2 Minutes in Sports begins at 1:30 p.m. The Derby is the longest continuously held major sporting in America.



Locally, before the horses begin the 1.25-mile sprint at Churchill Downs, Crittenden County Public Library and Historical Society are celebrating the Derby with a Kentucky Chautauqua presentation on the life of Roscoe Tarleton Goose. He won the 1913 Kentucky Derby on the back of Donerail at 91:1, the longest odds of a Derby winner to date.

Eddie Price portrays the Kentucky jockey. The program is free and begins at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be offered.

EVENING OF THE ARTS FEATURES STUDENTS

Local high school students will showcase their artistic talents at Evening of the Arts tonight (Thursday) at Fohs Hall. Sponsored by Crittenden County High School Crosswalk and Community Arts Foundation, it will feature a "Toy Story" skit, characters from Walt Disney, Barbie and Ken and more. There will also be performances by the school band and individuals and students' artwork on display. Evening of the Arts was started in 2013.

The show begins at 6 p.m., and the community is invited to see local teens as they showcase their talents in music, drama, speech and art.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **Marion City Council** will meet in special session at 5:15 p.m. Monday for additional work on the budget.
- **Marion Tourism Commission** will meet at 4:30 p.m. next Wednesday at the Welcome Center.
- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will meet at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 23 at the courthouse. The meeting has been moved from the usual third Thursday of the month.

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## Voting underway

### Absentee balloting for primary, city alcohol election starts; GOP numbers still rising

Eligible city voter totals

For the May 21 election in Marion, there are 35 fewer voters than in early February, when it became certain the latest alcohol referendum would appear on the ballot. In March 2016, city voters rejected legalizing liquor by the drink in the incorporated limits by a vote of 298-245.

POLLING LOCATION (PRECINCT)	2016 VOTE YES	2016 VOTE NO	CURRENT VOTERS
Absentee.....	7	21	
Courthouse (No. 1).....	84	61	785
Emmanuel Baptist Church (No. 2).....	40	68	337
Marion Baptist Church (No. 3).....	58	91	614
Marion Ed-Tech Center (No. 4).....	41	44	331
St. William Catholic Church (No. 6).....	15	13	107
TOTALS.....	245	298	2,174

STAFF REPORT

The stage is set for this month's primary election in Crittenden County, with registration for statewide constitutional office runoffs and Marion's alcohol referendum closed and voter numbers released. Absentee voting has already begun in Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford's office.

At 3,416 in number, Republicans account for just more than half (51.1 percent) of the county's registered voters as of April 15. There will be 2,715 Democrats, or

40.5 percent of the electorate, eligible to vote in May 21 balloting to select party nominees for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, auditor of public accounts and treasurer.

Another 8.4 percent of the county's registered voters will be ineligible to cast a ballot for candidates, as they are registered Independent, other or with third parties that include Libertarian, Constitution, Green and Socialist



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## Amped up!

Saturday's blend of rock and opera by The Tapestry at Fohs Hall was quite unlike anything heard from inside the building in its 93-year history. In fact, no night in Crittenden County has ever rocked quite like the three-hour show fronted by Marion native Corey Crider. For his regular work, Crider performs as baritone in opera productions around the world. But in his side gig with The Tapestry, he transforms into a rock and roll frontman for the nine-member band with four operatic vocalists and five musicians that include two blazing guitarists. "Remove the Veil!" was an original performance that features a blend of opera and classic rock. The setlist included works from Broadway's "Hamilton," opera classic "Carmen," classical composers and rock legends like Pink Floyd, Styx, Guns 'N' Roses, Led Zeppelin, Van Halen and The Eagles. Above, Crider gives way to guitarist Nick Bulger of the Evansville, Ind., band Forthright as soprano Michelle Crider (left), wife of Corey Crider, and mezzo-soprano Bridget Cappel of Texas provide vocals. Because the performance, complete with an impressive light show, was somewhat cost prohibitive, Becky Tyner-Belt with host Community Arts Foundation believes those who missed the show missed a piece of local history and an extraordinary rock show. "Marion and Crittenden County were just given the opportunity to attend a world-class artistic performance at Fohs Hall that they may never see again in our town."

## Local credit union to open in fall

STAFF REPORT

Main Street is going Wall Street again.

For the second time in less than two years, there are going to be new banking-type opportunities on Main Street in Marion.

C-Plant Federal Credit Union, headquartered in Paducah, will be opening a branch here sometime in the autumn. The branch will be at 411 S. Main St., where Belt Auction-Realty is currently located.

After almost 40 years, Belt's will be moving its office to 125 E. Carlisle St. in Marion across from Marion Post Office. Belt's had been at its home on South Main Street, between Gum and Elm streets, since 1982. Belt's plans to do some remodeling at its new location before occupying it on Carlisle Street.

Sharon Belt said late last week that she and her husband, Raymond, who have operated a real es-

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## Country club converting to semi-private

STAFF REPORT

Changes are coming this spring to the local country club.

Starting next week, there will be a new name and new approach to providing recreation for the community.

The name is changing to Marion Golf & Pool to reflect a less exclusive facility. It will officially become semi-private, meaning there will be greater opportunities for non-members. Each Tuesday and Thursday, the golf course will be open to anyone, with reduced green fees.

Since its construction in the 1960s, Marion Country Club's nine-hole golf course was accessible to local residents only by annual membership. The pool has always been more accommodating to the community at large, offering evening rentals and public days during the summer.

To reflect the semi-private status,

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## Final PSC ruling sees KU base rate increase by \$4.27

STAFF REPORT

New base rates have been set for Kentucky Utilities Co. (KU) customers at a lower rate than was sought by the utility from the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC). Approval will still see the average KU residential customer paying about \$4.27 more per month.

The rate approved in orders issued Tuesday is the product of a partial settlement between KU – as well as sister PPL Corp. utility Louisville Gas & Electric Co. – and other parties to the case and PSC decisions on matters left unresolved by a March 1 settlement agreement. Notably, the PSC barred certain utility employee retirement benefits from being reflected in rates.

An average base rate

### KU rate adjustment

The below chart shows current residential base rates from Kentucky Utilities Co. , residential base rates proposed by KU and those that became effective Wednesday as ordered by the Kentucky Public Service Commission. The average bill is based on usage of 1,139 kWh per month. The base rate does not include environmental surcharges, fuel cost adjustments, expiring tax credits and other items.

	CURRENT	APPLIED FOR	PSC ORDER AS OF MAY 1
Service charge.....	\$12.25/mo.	53¢/day	53¢/day
Cost per kWh.....	9.047¢	9.552¢	9.082¢
Average base bill.....	\$115.30	\$124.70	\$119.57

increase for the typical KU customer will be coupled with a slight increase in the electric usage charge. The overall resulting change is 20 cents less than was expected in March before the PSC ruled Tuesday on unresolved matters in the rate settlement.

In addition to the adjustments to base rates, monthly bills will be affected by the expiration of credits reflecting the impact of the federal corporate income tax rate reduction that took effect in 2018, about \$3.84 for

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# RHG rebrands hospital, brings in new CEO

STAFF REPORT

Rural Hospital Group (RHG) has brought in a twice-retired health care administrator to lead the local hospital as it kicks off a rebranding and new public relations campaign promoting the facility, specialists and services.

Don Buchanan, 72, was hired in mid-April as RHG's the new chief executive officer at Crittenden Community Hospital, replacing Dan Hiben, who was hired as CEO last spring when the Kansas City, Mo.-health care group was only managing the local hospital. A certified public accountant, Buchanan has worked in health care since 1975.

"Don brings a lot of experience," said RHG Regional Vice President of Marketing and Development Terry Nichols, who has been on site in Marion since his company took over management of then-

Crittenden Health Systems in October 2017. "He knows rural medicine."

A relationship with Nichols and RHG ownership that dates back a dozen years helped convince Buchanan to come to Crittenden County to head the 48-bed acute care hospital purchased late last year by RHG. In fact, it was RHG CEO Larry Arthur who first dragged Buchanan out of retirement in 2008.

"I love to interact with people at hospitals," said Buchanan, whose two children followed him into health care as a clinical oncologist and plastic surgeon, "and this seems to be a pretty good place."

Prior to his current role as Crittenden Community Hospital CEO, the Aurora, Mo., native led Haskel County Community Hospital, a critical access facility in Stigler, Okla. Since leaving his accounting practice in Aurora for his first health care job as a controller at his hometown hospital, Buchanan has held several different roles at rural facilities in Oklahoma, Montana and North Carolina.

He is all too familiar with the current struggles of rural health care and ever-changing and burdensome regulations and reimbursements from the federal government.

"I got out when I saw the writing on the wall for community hospitals," he said of his initial retirement in 2008.

But a desire to help make small hospitals viable in a climate where expenses are up and reimbursements from insurance, Medicaid and Medicare are becoming

more difficult to get has kept Buchanan engaged. He believes facilities like Crittenden Community Hospital are key to the survival, literally and figuratively, of the areas they serve.

"If you lose a hospital in a small town, it devastates the community," he said. "You lose industry. Your graduates leave to find work."

Nichols said 92 hospitals in the United States have closed in the last 10 years, and RHG does not plan to add the facility in Marion to that growing list.

Buchanan said it is too early for him to offer a full analysis of the local hospital, but he sees positive things.

"It appears to be a really good organization," he said.

Buchanan, who graduated from now-Missouri Southern State University, plans to rent a home in

Crittenden County. His wife, Deborah, continues to live at their home in Branson, Mo.

The CEO takes over as RHG begins to officially rebrand the local hospital as Crittenden Community Hospital and kicks off a coinciding PR push to highlight services and specialists associated with the organization.

Though the hospital's name was legally changed from Crittenden Health Systems as of Jan. 1, following RHG's purchase of the longtime public facility the month before, its new private ownership has sought to slowly transition

to the name Crittenden Community Hospital publicly. Last week, RHG revealed at new logo – a deep blue "CCH" in serif typeface with a red heartbeat extending across the "H" and "Crittenden Community Hospital" in italic font below.

The hospital also began advertising its monthly schedule of specialists at the Marion facility. (See opposite page for advertising.) Next week, it will launch a series of ads highlighting services that include general surgery, a 24-hour emergency room, a walk-in clinic, an outpatient specialty clinic, acute care and swing beds, wound care, cataract surgery, infusion therapy, sleep studies and Holter monitoring, diagnostic imaging, a laboratory, cardiopulmonary services, cardiac rehabilitation and Marion Home Health Agency.



## County turns down request for new rescue squad truck

STAFF REPORT

Citing greater needs for public funds, Crittenden Fiscal Court last month rejected a \$34,000 bid submitted to provide a new response truck for Crittenden County Rescue Squad.

At the request of Rescue Chief Don Arflack, the county advertised for bids on a new Dodge 3500 crew cab four-wheel drive. But after bids were opened at the April 18 meeting, magistrates decided to forego replacing a 27-year-old Chevrolet truck. The fiscal court weighed the infrequent use of the rescue vehicles, some with as few as 10,000 miles added over a 20-year period, versus cost and other needs in county government.

"It's difficult to spend that much on a new truck when the courthouse needs a new roof and there are other needs," said Magistrate Todd Perryman, adding that he

continues to appreciate and support the emergency response group.

The fiscal court voted 5-1 against buying the truck, with Magistrate Greg Rushing the lone supporter.

Arflack at a previous meeting had asked for as much as \$57,000 for a new truck, rescue bed and equipment to outfit the vehicle.

However, when magistrates balked at the new truck last month, the rescue chief said the squad would be willing to foot the \$8,000 or so bill for a new response bed for the truck.

Since the bed for the old Chevy will not transfer to the Dodge, some magistrates suggested seeking bids for a new Chevrolet response truck to reduce the cost. However, Arflack said the price for a new Chevy similar to the Dodge was almost \$50,000.

"We are kind of discouraged that the fiscal court denied our request for help," Arflack said of the volunteer group. "This is the first time in over 23 years that we have asked them to purchase or assist with the purchase of a vehicle for us. While we understand the need to be prudent with tax dollars, we feel the rescue squad is a valuable asset to the county residents and therefore not a waste of their money."

The rescue squad relies on donations, a yearly fundraiser and help from the fiscal court, which pays utilities at squad headquarters and appropriates \$3,000 from the budget for a total of about \$7,000 annually. The rescue squad does not bill for services and no dues are assessed on tax bills like are done for the county fire departments.



Arflack



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## Commuter bus wrecks

A bus crash in the Rosebud area of Crittenden County on U.S. 60 East last Thursday afternoon resulted in a couple of very minor injuries. A westbound Miller Transportation passenger bus making its way from Evansville, Ind., to Paducah slipped off the roadway entering a curve and traveled about 100 yards across a ditch and through the front yard of Ronnie Watson's home just east of Rosebud Church. Passengers said the bus rocked back and forth several times before coming to rest across the driveway of the home. The bus became stuck in the mud and was forced to wait a couple of hours before a tow truck could get the vehicle back on the roadway to complete its regular run. Crittenden EMS responded, seeing a handful of patients and clearing them all. One was outfitted with a cervical collar for precautionary reasons. The bus was carrying 12 passengers, most of whom were headed home to the Paducah area from various locations.

## Kentucky crops in good shape

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky farmers appear to be in good shape so far this spring, at least as far as weather conditions, according to the weekly crop progress and condition report from the USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service in Louisville.

Both topsoil and subsoil have adequate moisture, each only 1 percent short of normal levels and less than a quarter of statewide acreage with a surplus. That has allowed

growers to be ahead of last year's planting pace and right on par with the five-year average.

Corn planted and emerged as of Sunday was at 28 percent and 12 percent, respectively. That is far ahead of last year's pace of 14 percent and 3 percent and almost identical with the average over the last five years.

Soybeans planted are at 4 percent, ahead of the 2 percent five-year average.

Winter wheat headed

was at 24 percent, slightly behind the five-year average of 26 percent and far outdistancing last year at this time, when only 5 percent had headed.

Specific crops seem to be fairing well, too, with:

- Hay at 88 percent fair to excellent.
- Livestock at 83 percent fair to excellent.
- Pastures at 85 percent fair to excellent.
- Strawberries at 97 percent fair to excellent.
- Wheat at 94 percent fair to excellent.



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## Crash knocks out power

A single-vehicle crash last Wednesday morning left about 1,000 residents of northwest Crittenden County, including Tolu and Sheridan, without power for a couple of hours, shut down Ky. 91 North at the site of the wreck just outside of Marion and sent the driver of truck to the hospital and subsequently jail. According to Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Ray Agent, Jamison Shaffer of Cave In Rock, Ill., was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after he was released from Crittenden Community Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Agent said, Shaffer was northbound in a white Chevy Z71 pickup when he dropped off the right shoulder of the road and overcorrected, which sent the vehicle rolling off the lefthand side of the roadway and clipping a feeder pole and dropping the power line across the roadway.

## Bald eagle found in Tolu area dies

A disabled bald eagle found on the Tolu area farm of Daniel and Hope Kemper has died.

The raptor was spotted in early April on the Ky. 135 property, essentially unable to fly. The Kempers contacted Raptor Rehabilitation of Kentucky, which rescued the eagle at took it for treatment at its Louisville facility.

The diagnosis was lead poisoning, which is becoming more common among raptors. The birds often ingest lead by eating fish, carrion or prey that may have been shot with lead. The heavy metal can cause an array of health problems for animals, including humans. But it is especially harmful to raptors like eagles, the largest of which weigh less than 15 pounds.

"We have gotten a lot of lead(-affected) birds this year," said Raptor Rehabilitation Director Eileen Wicker. "This (makes) two eagles and a hawk already for this year, and it's happening more and more. It's very hard to overcome, depressing to treat and so unnecessary."

## E-911 center in line for upgrades

Equipment for upgrades to the City of Marion's E-911 dispatch center has been received and should be installed by July 11, according to City Treasurer Layten Croft. The former coordinator of the center, who wrote the \$70,000 matching grant to fund the upgrades, said the new phone system should go further in saving lives by improving efficiency of the operation.

The city will be responsible for \$7,000 of the cost. But City Administrator Adam Ledford said the new system should realize \$800

## What's your opinion? Booze on the ballot

The Crittenden Press encourages our readers to share their opinion on the upcoming alcohol referendum for the City of Marion.

Letters to the Editor should be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday, May 10 for publication before the primary election on May 21. For verification purposes, letters should include the writer's home and e-mail addresses (if applicable), telephone number and signature. Phone numbers and addresses are required, but will not be published.

Letters should be written in good taste not exceed 300 words. Materials from other publications submitted as letters will not be printed.

Submit a letter by:

- Bringing it into our office at 125 E. Bellville St.
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or more in monthly savings through improved efficiencies, including energy consumption. In fewer than 10 months, it should pay for itself.

## Graduation event schedule OK'd

Crittenden County Board of Education has cemented the dates, times and location for graduation ceremonies for Crittenden

County High School Class of 2019. The following schedule was set at last Thursday's board meeting, with all events taking place inside Rocket Arena:

- Baccalaureate: 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 22.
- Class night: 6 p.m. Thursday, May 23.
- Commencement: 6 p.m. Friday, May 24.

May 24 is also the last day of classes for students in Crittenden County.

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# 2019 Backroads Festival presents ups, downs

STAFF REPORT

The 2019 Amish Tour and Backroads Festival had its ups and downs. Marion Tourism Director Michele Edwards said the two-day event was one of the slowest she has seen since the Commission was formed in 2004, but Saturday's Crittenden County Extension Homemakers Association Backroads Quilt Show was one of the most successful in its 30-year history.

"This year's quilt show was a huge success," said Janeen Tramble, Family and Consumer Science Agent with the local extension service.

There were a record 40 entries, a few of which are shown at bottom left.

The show drew dozens of visitors from across the Atlantic Ocean in Germany and five other states, including California. The Peoples Choice award-winning quilter was Zoraya Brown (top left) of Clay, whose quilt has different types of butterflies cross-stitched on the quilt with the names of the butterflies embroidered around the edge of the quilt and a border made of butterfly fabric.

Featured quilter Rose Eldridge had many of her quilts on display at the Homemakers' show at Marion City Hall.

Marion United Methodist Church had 124 quilts (above right) from its parishioners on display Friday and Saturday.

Friday's Woman's Club of Marion Quilt Show Favorite (above center show with Club President Nancy Hunt) was entered by Brooke and Andy Hunt of Crittenden County. They received the quilt 10 years ago for a wedding gift and it was made by his aunt, Margaret Scott from McLean County. Also pictured (at center left) at Friday's Woman's Club show are three women from St. Louis who made a return visit to Marion for the quilt displays.

"This was not their first time to visit Marion," said President Hunt. "They said they always enjoy seeing these quilts more than the ones in Paducah."

But Edwards said traffic inside the Welcome Center and at crafters on the Marion Commons was slower than usual. Saturday's weather was uncooperative and attendance at AQS Quilt Week in Paducah was reportedly down.


**Western KY Regional Blood Center, is asking for immediate donations of O negative blood. In an emergency, O negative blood may be given to anyone with any blood type. Blood supplies are less than a one day reserve!**

If you have not donated blood in the last 56 days and are feeling healthy and well, you are eligible to donate blood. Donors must weigh at least 115 pounds. Donors must be 17 years of age or 16 years olds may donate with parental consent. Please contact WKRBC by dialing toll-free (888)684-9296 for hours of operation.

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## MAY SPECIALISTS SCHEDULE

### Medical Office Building



**General Surgery**  
Dr. Demetrius Patton  
Justin Lewis, PA  
Mondays, May 6, May 13, May 20  
1 p.m.-5 p.m.

**Oncology**  
Dr. Wederson Claudino  
Tuesdays, May 7, May 14,  
May 21, May 28  
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

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### Center Clinic in Hospital

**Cardiology**  
Dr. Sanjay Bose  
Thursday, May 2 and Thursday, May 16  
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Rashelle Perryman, APRN  
Wednesdays, May 8, May 15,  
May 22, May 29  
1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.


**Rheumatology**  
Dr. Cara Hammonds  
Tuesdays, May 7, May 14, May 21, May 28  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.


**Podiatry**  
Dr. David Dowell  
Wednesday, May 15, Wednesday, May 29  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Ear, Nose, and Throat**  
Dr. James Hawkins, Otolaryngologist  
Michael Hicks, Audiologist  
Thursday, May 9, Thursday, May 23  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Wound Care**  
Sharon Hodges, APRN  
Wednesdays, May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22, May 29  
1 p.m.-4 p.m.

**Cataract Surgery**  
Dr. Mark Gillespie  
Call for schedule dates





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## Are the following sufferings your choices for Crittenden moms, dads and children?



**FACTS ABOUT THE SUFFERING CAUSED BY ALCOHOL**

10 Year Study Finds Alcohol Causes Damage to our DNA causing cancer to 7 sites in our body:  
Mouth & Throat, Esophagus, Larynx (voice box), Liver, Colon, Rectum, Breast.

Alcohol kills more teens than all other drugs combined.

Alcohol has shortened the lifespan of those 88,000 human beings by 30 years.

Nearly 2,000 students die from alcohol-related injuries each year.

Nearly 100,000 students suffer from alcohol-related date rape.

Alcohol has caused half a million deaths from cancer in 2012

Alcohol is the third leading preventable cause of death in the U.S.

1.4 million incidents of alcohol related violence are committed against strangers yearly.

A shocking 690,000 students are assaulted by perpetrators who are under the influence of alcohol.

Alcohol is known to cause black outs, drowsiness and memory loss.

## CALLING ALL CHRISTIANS

Pray Alcohol Sales WILL NOT Be Legalized!

Could help from money hungry brewing companies be quietly flowing in to our May 21 election to support alcohol legalization?

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DEA agent Martin Redd was among specialists used to deliver a program that focused on opiod addiction in the community. It was presented by Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services during last week’s Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce community leadership breakfast.

# Opiod crisis brought home by Chamber’s breakfast program

STAFF REPORT

If you tink the so-called national “Opiod Crisis” is a big-city problem, you’d be wrong say healthcare providers from Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services (LHHS).

Liz Snodgrass, CEO the Salem-based hospital, presented an insightful program at Friday’s Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Breakfast. LHHS sponsored the event.

Snodgrass assembled a team of specialists, including a couple of staff members and DEA agent Martin Redd, the Diversion Program Manager from Louisville, who presented a truthful and first-hand look at the effects of the opiod crisis on our community.

Bryce Eichelberger, APRN, is an emergency room provider at LHHS. He is on the frontline against opiods and other drug addictions, Snodgrass said.

“Somebody in this room is connected in some way to a person who has dealt with opiods at some point,” Eichelberger.

While heroin and synthetic fentanyl are among the most notorious opiods killing people across the country, Eichelberger said painkillers can be just as big a problem.

He said people start out taking painkillers because of a medical issue and get hooked. They don’t mean to become an addict, he said, but their



Drug addiction counselor Amber Edwards and Livingston Hospital CEO Liz Snodgrass (right) helped deliver the message about opiod issues that affect this community.

bodies simply react to the euphoric feeling that opiod painkillers can provide.

“Many start using them to treat acute pain. They were not meant for longterm use,” he said.

“We see people all of the time who wouldn’t have ever thought they’d have become addicted,” Eichelberger added.

He and Amber Edwards, an addiction counselor for LHHS, both pointed out that addiction can trap anyone – an employee, a mother or a child. It reaches across socioeconomic groups and does not discriminate, they said.

“I’ve seen good parents become addicts,” she said.

“This is a very, very difficult

## Chamber Awards

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner will be its next major event. The program begins at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 16 at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. It will recognize its Person of the Year along with several other community awards. For reservations, call (270) 965-5015.

subject, but it hits home,” Snodgrass said in explaining to the breakfast crowd of almost 50 why the hospital administration felt compelled to bring this message to the Chamber event.

# Researchers seek barn owl nest reports

Wildlife biologists with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources need the public’s help in locating barn owl nesting sites to gain a deeper understanding of why the species is rare in the state.

Barn owls, with their distinctive heart-shaped faces and dark eyes, were plentiful across Kentucky as late as the 1960s. By 2016, however, there were only about 75 documented nesting locations statewide.

More common owl species are often confused with barn owls. Barn owls do not hoot like some owls species. Instead, they screech and hiss, especially when approached. Barn owls have no ear tufts. They are a medium-sized bird, measuring 14-20 inches tall. However, they can appear larger when in flight due to their 3½-foot wingspan. Barn owls have a whitish face and breast with whitish to pale cinnamon bodies.

Barn owls prefer open areas such as hayfields

and pastures; they are not usually found in the forest. They sometimes settle in older residential areas that have larger, cavity-prone trees. Although they often nest in hollow trees, barn owls also regularly nest in manmade structures such as old barns, silos, grain bins, chimneys, hay lofts and attics.

Barn owls nest year-round in Kentucky, although most of the nesting activity occurs from March through August. They do not build a nest of sticks and grass. Instead, they lay their eggs directly on the surface of the nest site they choose.

Barn owls are sensitive to disturbance, so if a nest is found, it’s best to leave it alone to avoid attracting attention to it. Researchers are careful to document nests without disturbing the owls.

Researchers are also asking for the public to report any dead barn owls, so that specimens can be collected for research.

Anyone with information about the location of a barn owl nest or a



Barn Owl

dead barn owl should contact Wildlife Biologist Kate Slankard at 1-800-858-1549. Observers can also email her at kate.slankard@ky.gov.

For the protection of owls and landowners, exact nesting locations and landowner information is strictly confidential and will not be released to the public. Information provided to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife for this study is used for research purposes only.

For more information about this species, go online to fw.ky.gov and search under the keywords, “barn owls.”



Mark Ward of Evarts caught a record bass on Good Friday. It was raining in Harlan County in the eastern part of the state, but finally cleared up just before he got off work. The water in Highsplint Lake grew a bit murky from the rain, but he saw a nice-sized bass in the shallows. He pitched a lizard and came out with a new Kentucky record bass, weighing 14 pounds, 9.5 ounces. The largemouth bass was 26.8 inches long with a girth of 22.5 inches. It fell for a 6-inch Junebug-colored lizard presented on bait-casting equipment.



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# Special athletes qualify

More than a dozen Crittenden County Special Olympics athletes competed Saturday at the Area 1 track and field competition at Murray State University. Local athletes who qualified for the state competition to be held in a few weeks are pictured with MSU Racer basketball team members who volunteered during competition are (kneeling, starting second from left) Tahla Trail, Hunter Miles, (standing, from left) Jessica Hunter, Austin Hazel, Ashleigh Freeman, Mandy McConnell, Justis Duncan, Hogan Hatfield, Amber Notestine, Jason Price, Andrew Holt, Katie Head and Destiny Suggs. Not pictured are David Walker and Sarah Valle. Collectively, the team won eight first-place ribbons, 12 second-place ribbons, seven third-place ribbons, two fourth-place ribbons and one fifth-place ribbon. The 2019 State Summer Games will be held May 31-June 2 at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

# Crittenden County absentee voting begins

**STAFF REPORT**  
Absentee voting is now underway for Kentucky's May 21 primary election, Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford reports. Both in-person and mail-in absentee voting is open. Voters may request an

absentee ballot application from their county clerk in person or via telephone, fax or email. The deadline to apply for a mail-in absentee ballot with the county clerk is May 14. Completed absentee ballots must be re-

turned by mail and received by the county clerk by 6 p.m. local time on Election Day. Individuals who do not qualify to vote by mail-in absentee ballot may still be eligible to vote early in person prior to Election Day. In-person absentee voting closes on May 20, the day before the primary election. Contact Byford's office at (270) 965-3403 to see if you are eligible to vote absentee, either in person or by mail.

## RATES

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KU customers. Those tax impacts now will be reflected in base rates. KU has about 553,000 electric customers in 77 counties across Kentucky. KU serves all of Marion and portions of rural Crittenden County. In Tuesday's orders, the PSC said the rates it approved are "fair, just and reasonable." The new rates took effect Wednesday. KU will receive an additional \$55.88 million in revenue per year, less than half the \$112.46 million requested by the utility, and about \$2.46 million less than allowed by a March 1 settlement agreement that left a handful of issues unresolved. In its application to adjust rates, KU cited increased operating costs, including investments made to improve reliability and safety. The company also cited the need to maintain the rate of return for their shareholders and investors. In its orders, the PSC found that KU should not be allowed to recover from ratepayers the cost of certain company contributions to the retirement savings funds of employees who are also participating in other company-funded pension plans. Disallowance of those costs lowered the amount of revenue granted KU from the figures in the settlement. KU's last base rate increases took effect in June 2017.

## VOTING

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Workers. Kentucky's primaries are closed, meaning voters can cast ballots for only fellow party members. Third parties do not hold primaries in the state. But any registered voter living inside the City of Marion will be eligible to weigh in on the city-wide vote to consider the sale of alcohol – package and liquor by the drink – within the incorporated limits. Altogether, 2,174 Marion voters, regardless of party, are qualified to decide the fate of alcohol sales. Crittenden County has transitioned from a blue territory to red in terms of registration since Democrat Barack Obama was first elected in November 2008. There has been a total swing of 1,208 party votes in favor of the GOP since that election, when Democrats in the county outweighed their counterparts 3,320-2,694. With Republicans adding 613 voters over the last 10-plus years and the Democratic Party losing an almost equal 595, Crittenden County has shifted to the right, politically. Nine of the county's 12 voting precincts, including all five inside the City of Marion, have a GOP majority. The Shady Grove and Rosebud precincts are the only two with more Democrats than Republicans. Frances No. 7, which

## Voter registration stats in county as of April 15, 2019

As of April 15, when voter registration books were closed for the May 21 primary election in Kentucky, there were 6,691 registered voters in Crittenden County, 20 fewer than were eligible to vote in the 2016 presidential election. However, Republicans continue to grow their majority in the county – 51.1 percent versus 40.5 percent Democratic registration. Third party registration – other, Independent or one of five other parties – is at 8.4 percent. Those voters are ineligible to vote this month in Kentucky's closed primary, except Marion voters casting a ballot in the alcohol referendum

PRECINCT NO.	DEM	GOP	OTHER	IND	VAR
Marion 2	215	278	33	19	2
Rosebud 11	206	196	27	12	1
<b>District 1</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3</b>
Sheridan 9	278	418	30	13	1
Tolu 10	194	231	18	10	0
<b>District 2</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>
Marion 1	378	409	59	26	3
Fords Ferry 5	79	95	10	2	4
<b>District 3</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>
Marion 4	282	431	44	19	1
Frances 8	106	124	17	13	0
<b>District 4</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1</b>
Frances 7	271	271	33	11	2
Marion 6	240	389	34	13	1
<b>District 5</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>
Marion 3	313	438	60	28	0
Shady Grove 12	153	136	11	5	0
<b>District 6</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>
Countywide	2,715	3,416	376	171	13

IND=Independent; VAR=various other parties, including Libertarian (8, registered county voters), Green (2), Constitution (2), Reform (0) and Socialist Workers (1) parties.

votes at Mexico Baptist Church, has an equal number of each party. Statewide, Democrats remain the majority party, with 49.2 percent of the 3,417,499 registration total, while Republicans account for an even 40 percent

## Animal shelter report

Half of the 48 dogs taken in during the month of March at Crittenden County Animal Shelter came from Crittenden County. Livingston and Lyon counties also utilize the facility. Meantime, eight cats were taken in during March, according to the monthly report submitted to Crittenden Fiscal Court last month by Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd.

INFLOW	STRAY	SURRENDER	TOTAL
Crittenden dogs	13	10	23
Crittenden cats			6
Livingston dogs	9	9	16
Livingston cats			0
Lyon dogs	9	1	6
Lyon cats			2
OUTFLOW	TOTAL		
Dogs to rescue	28		
Dogs reclaimed by owners	8		
Dogs, pups adopted	10		
Cats to rescue	3		
Cats adopted	6		
FOOD, LITTER	AMOUNT	VALUE	
Dog food donated	1,210 lbs.	\$431.00	
Cat food donated*	157 lbs.	\$43.00	

The shelter brought in \$1,635 in March through fees for adoption, reclamation and donations.

## In Loving Memory of Roger Franklin Boone

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# Feminist plan to humiliate men

Feminism is an evil plan to humiliate men. It aims to feminize them, to destroy their role as men in the image of God and it undermines the role God made for them.

How sad it is for those who let these evils de-ment their minds. One day they will suffer the same conse-quences, in this world or in the next.

How I miss my dear hus-band who was all man, and a kind, precious one.

How I thank God for all my dear brothers who not only honored their parents but protected their sisters.

I thank God for the many good men I'm ac-quainted with in this county, and all who died for me in those horrible wars.

How tragic it would be for all our men to be de-stroyed, then these poor silly feminists would see just how important men are.

This national evil has men running down men, and apologizing for not only being men but for the race into which they were born. How very stu-pid!

It is so easy for young

people to be traumatized by grownups, as the mil-liennials are today.

The feminist move-ment is causing men to turn from women and to other men. While they do this harm to men, they are developing other evils, destroying the God-made plan for women, who used to be honored, respected and protected precious moth-ers like mine.

Results are broken people, broken homes, and a broken country. These are all plans of the arch enemy of God and all of mankind.

The year of 1963 was a very fateful year. Betty Friedan wrote the book "The Feminine Mys-tique," downing Ameri-can treatment of all women and making fun of any women homemak-ers. She demanded that the home become man's roll and women were to be set loose for the work-place.

The year 1963 saw another very misguided feminist, Gloria Steinem. She equated all women with the Playboy Bunny, as chattel for men.

Women had already gotten the taste of the workplace, toiling away from home in three de-structive wars while men were away fighting for freedom.

The statement that mothers rock the cradles

of the world, still holds, but the results coming out of many of those cradles are very damaged, angry children. They are slaves to drugs, hate and suicide.

The year 1963 also saw prayer taken out of schools. Ten years later, a lot of those unfortu-nate children did not even live to get out of these kinds of mothers' wombs.

The year 1963 was when 45 Goals of Com-munism To Take Over America were read be-fore The House and later the Senate. The commu-nists in Russia were de-termined to see those 45 goals met in this beloved nation. Khrushchev was a violent Russian dicta-tor from 1953-64, who said communism would take over America with-out firing a shot.

The anti-Christian, atheistic communists goals have all been met.

For years, I have warned from the pulpit, in this column and on the streets of these goals of the communists. One of their goals was that all the schools in Amer-ica be quietly taken over by communism, hence the mind control and history-ignorant millen-nials of our present day grief.

One was for commu-nism to take over the media.

One was communism to take over one or both of the political parties.

One was for divorce to be made easy, to break up the homes.

One was for children to be raised by the gov-ernment or away from the home.

One was for children to be taught by commu-nist teachers.

Not only have these aforementioned goals been met, but so have all of the other 45.

Now we have at least 20 communist believ-ers – each calling them-selves socialist – running for president of this blood-bought nation.

You cannot be a so-cialist or communist and be a Christian. However, many of these wolves will hide behind the cross until they get all of us hung on one.

All of the above-men-tioned evils and changes in our nation were set forth by those with a plan. They have lead to our present-day national dangers, and their plans for continued destruc-tion are ongoing.

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

## Faith-Based Events & Outreach

### Sugar Grove Cemetery group meets

Sugar Grove Cemetery Association will meet after morning worship service on Sunday at Sugar Grove Church.

### Local church outreach programs

- 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 1-3 p.m. the third Thursday each month in the church's Coleman Hall.
- 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. It is located at the back of the church's Family Life Center

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SECTION 8  
HOUSING



# Southern Baptist agenda is varied

By SHAWN HENDRICKS  
BAPTIST PRESS

Keeping the focus on the "Gospel Above All" theme is Southern Baptist Convention President J.D. Greear's main goal going into SBC's annual meeting in Birmingham, Ala., June 11-12.

But following a year of transition among five SBC entities searching for new leadership and the convention responding to reports of sexual abuse, Greear noted there will be other issues demanding attention.

He acknowledged that confronting sexual abuse is among them.

"I look forward to seeing our convention continue in the unqualified declaration that we abhor abuse of any kind," said Greear, who is spearheading a Sexual Abuse Presidential Advisory Study. "We will demonstrate this conviction with new processes – informed by Christian counselors, victims and

victim advocates – that ensure not only that our churches and institutions are safe, but also that those who have been hurt experience the healing love of Christ."

Southern Baptists, Greear noted, should not lose sight of "the only thing that can unite us and move us in mission -- the Gospel." He also will be promoting the "Who's Your One?" evangelism campaign in partnership with the North American Mission Board.

"Churches all across the nation have already gotten involved," he said of the campaign, "asking every church member to identify one person in their lives that they can pray for, share the Gospel with, and invite to church. I'm excited to share stories and pray over these efforts at our annual meeting."

Other personal meeting highlights, Greear said, will include the International Mission Board's Sending Celebration, Crossover

and a more streamlined program that will forgo any evening sessions. The meeting will also feature three-panel discussions: "Undivided: Your Church and Racial Reconciliation," "Gospel Above All: Keeping Secondary Issues Secondary;" and "Indispensable Partners: The Value of Women in God's Mission."

Ronnie Floyd, president-elect of the Executive Committee, also is looking forward to the meeting and helping lead Southern Baptists to tighten their focus on the Gospel.

"While I have been involved at every level of Southern Baptist life," he said, "it will definitely be a great privilege to be there in my new role.

"I look forward to speaking to our Southern Baptist Convention about reaching the world for Jesus Christ," he said. "I believe the time is now to prioritize, elevate and accelerate our pace to present the Gospel to every person."

# WORSHIP

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—Matthew 18:20

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-Matthew 18:20

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& youth service: 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
Worship service: 11 a.m.



## Hurricane Church

Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West  
Bro. John Robertson, Pastor  
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Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

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DEATHS

Rushing

Doreen Ann Rushing, 56, of Madisonville died Sunday, April 28, 2019, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

She is survived by her mother, Shirley Stiller Rushing; three sisters, Debra "Debbie" Rushing of Jefferson County, Cynthia (Roger) Waters and Dana (Victor) Hill of Lyon County; three brothers, Ronald "Rolo" (Doris) Rushing of Caldwell County, Charlie (Mellisa) Rushing of Caldwell County and Howard "Little Howard" (Neechie) Rushing of McCracken County; and several nieces and nephews.

Rushing was preceded in death by her father, Howard L. Rushing; four brothers, Richard Rushing, Joe "Joe Joe" Rushing, Robert "Bobby" Rushing and Daniel Rushing; and niece, Rhonda Rushing

Funeral services were Wednesday at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton with Revs. Roger Waters and Vic Hill officiating. Burial was in Crayne Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Cox

James Oliver Cox, 71, of Marion died Friday, April 26, 2019, at his residence.

Prior to retirement, he had been employed by Turner & Conyer Lumber Co.

Cox is survived by two sons, James Allen (Carrie) Cox and Timothy Daniel Cox, both of Astatula, Fla.; three grandchildren, Jamie Cox and Matthew Cox, both of Astatula, and Cory McClanahan of Apopka, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Louise Branham Cox; his wife, Dorothy Marie Mitchell Cox; two sisters; and one brother.

Funeral services were scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Visitation was from 5 p.m. until funeral time at the funeral home.



Cox

State sends \$676,000 for county road paving

STAFF REPORT

During last month's Crittenden Fiscal Court meeting, Mark Welch, a field representative with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) Department of Rural and Municipal Aid, announced \$676,289 in discretionary funds for vital resurfacing work on nine county roads.

Resurfacing repairs address existing surface cracks, potholes, raveling and base failures. The more than half-million dollar investment supports Gov. Matt Bevin's commitment to prioritize transportation infrastructure projects and increase economic opportunity across the Commonwealth.

"The Bevin administration continues to focus on taking care of what we

have at both the state and local level to address critical infrastructure needs that improve safety and support job creation and retention," said KyTC Secretary Greg Thomas. "This funding builds upon existing transportation investments and allows the Cabinet to collaborate with local governments to identify projects that will have large impacts to communities."

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom identified these roads as being among the most critical in the county.

"Through the gracious award of funds needed to pave nearly nine miles of county roads this spring, we can begin to provide safer travel to the citizens and visitors of our county that utilize these roads," said Newcom. "I can't ex-

press the impact this award will have toward helping with past due repairs to our roads. I am very grateful and thankful for the understanding of need expressed by Governor Bevin and our entire Transportation Cabinet partners."

Projects submitted to the Department of Rural and Municipal Aid for discretionary fund consideration were evaluated by the KYTC district staff to assess the condition of roads and determine the most critical needs based on factors such as safety, economic impact, and traffic volumes.

"I'd like to thank the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Gov. Bevin for investing in roadways

here in our district," said Sen. Robby Mills. "I look forward to improved quality and safety conditions for drivers in Crittenden County."

State Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, echoed appreciation for the 10 miles of pavement improvements expected on nine county roads that provide access to 51 homes and businesses.

"This is great news for our community and I appreciate the governor's commitment to our area," said Bechler. "These roads are in bad shape and in great need of resurfacing to make them as safe as possible. I hope to see more investment in our roads and infrastructure; after all, we have to replace tomorrow what we



Bechler

don't maintain today."

The Crittenden County Court is responsible for administering the work, and KyTC will reimburse the county for the projects.

Resurfacing work will address:

- Crayne Cemetery: Mile-point 5.29-4.49.
- Seven Springs: Mile-point 0.0-0.273.
- Zion Cemetery Road: Mile-point 0.00-1.200.
- Aunt Jane Tabernacle Road: Mile-point 1.1-1.8 and mile-point 3.678-4.078.
- Zion Church Road: Mile-point 0.0-3.09.
- Axel Creek Road: Mile-point 2.63-2.13.
- Lilly Dale Road: Mile-point 0.0-0.25.
- Fords Ferry Road: Mile-point 0.95-2.25.
- Piney Fork School Road: Mile-point 0.0-1.599.



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Senator visits schools

Kentucky state Sen. Robby Mills, R-Henderson, visited Crittenden County Schools Tuesday as part of a late April and May swing through the six counties he represents in Frankfort in order to open lines of communication with each school district. Mills was elected to the seat last November and spent most of the first quarter of 2019 in session at the Capitol. "I want to be more than just a name or face to the school districts and communities," Mills said. While in Marion, the senator visited with small groups of students at all three schools, toured each facility and met with community leaders at a luncheon. Above, Mills (right) listens to elementary school student council member Brayden Pointdexter speak as Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark and CCES Principal Jenni Gilkey look on. Mills also plans to visit in May with all six fiscal courts in his district, which includes Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Union, Webster and Henderson counties.

Jobless rate down from March 2018

STAFF REPORT

The county jobless rates for March fell in Crittenden County from the previous year, but rose slightly from the prior month. In fact, the county was one of 94 in Kentucky that saw a decrease in the unemployment rate from the third month of 2018 to March 2019, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics.

For March 2019, the jobless rate in Crittenden County was 5.6 percent, down 0.4 points from March 2018. All surrounding counties also saw a drop from February 2018.

However, the local unemployment rate was up from 5.4 percent in February 2019. Rates over that period also rose in Caldwell, Union and Webster counties.

Woodford County

March county unemployment			
AREA	MAR. 2019	FEB. 2019	MAR. 2018
U.S. ....	3.9%	4.1%	
Kentucky.....	4.4%	4.3%	4.7%
Pennyrile Region.....	5.2%	5.1%	5.8%
COUNTIES			
Woodford (1) .....	3.3%	3.0%	3.3%
Webster.....	4.2%	3.8%	5.4%
Caldwell .....	5.1%	4.8%	5.2%
Union .....	5.1%	4.8%	5.7%
Lyon .....	5.2%	5.4%	5.9%
Crittenden .....	5.6%	5.4%	6.0%
Livingston.....	6.5%	7.3%	8.2%
Magoffin (120) .....	12.3%	13.3%	14.7%

recorded the lowest jobless rate in Kentucky at 3.3 percent. Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate at 12.3 percent.

Kentucky's county unemployment rates and employment levels are not seasonally adjusted because of small sample

sizes. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends.

Board of ed OKs security construction

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Board of Education last Thursday approved a \$229,000 construction agreement with Princeton Lumber Co. for summer construction of a secure entrance remodeling at both the middle and high schools. With fees and other associated expenses, the overall cost of the project is almost \$305,000.

The work will add layers of security at the entrances to either school, requiring visitors to be buzzed into the office from exterior and buzzed out of the office before entering the hallways of the schools. Superintendent of School Vince Clark said the reconstruction at the high school will be quite extensive.

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MCC grads walk May 10

Madisonville Community College's 2019 commencement ceremonies begin at 5:30 p.m., May 10 at the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts on the North Campus. The 5:30 p.m. ceremony includes associate in arts, associate in science and nursing program graduates. The second ceremony begins at 7:30 p.m., and includes associate in applied science, diploma graduates and students completing certificates of 15 hours and above from all other academic programs. The commencement addresses will be delivered by Dr. Aaron Thompson, the newly appointed president of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.

WKCTC has graduation May 11

More than 1,000 West Kentucky Community and Technical College students are eligible to participate in one of two of the college's spring commencement ceremonies May 11 at the Luther F. Carson Four Rivers Center.

The ceremonies will be at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. The commencement keynote speaker will be Bob Wilson, director of pupil personnel for the Ballard County School District.

Calendar

- Voting for new parent members on the Crittenden County **Elementary School SBDM** will take place during school hours Monday or during the PTO meeting at 5:30 p.m., Monday night.
- A special **Kentucky Chautauqua performance** about the Kentucky Derby will be presented at 1 p.m., Saturday at Crittenden County Public Library. Eddie Price will portray Roscoe Tarleton Goose, who won the 1913 Kentucky Derby on the back of Donerail at 91:1, the longest odds of a Derby winner to date.
- West Kentucky Regional Blood Center **Blood Drive** at Crittenden Health System, from noon-5:30 p.m., April 8 in Crittenden Health System Education Building. T-shirts for each blood donor. West Kentucky Regional Blood Center will donate \$5 to Crittenden County Senior Citizen Center for each pint of blood collected.
- **Fredonia Valley Heritage Society**, together with Kentucky Chautauqua, will present Lilley Cornett: A Voice for the Forest at 7 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Fredonia Lions Club Building.
- Crittenden County **High School SBDM** elections for two new parent members will be held on May 7.

Extension

- **Challengers** will meet at noon, May 8 at the Extension Annex.
- Crittenden County FFA members and Ag Agent Dee Heimgartner will present “**Container Flower Gardens**” at 9:30 a.m., May 11 at the CCHS FFA Greenhouse. There will be a \$10 charge. Participants will learn how to create combinations for container flower gardens and will take home a planter. Call the Crittenden County Extension Office to register at (270) 965-5236.

4-H events

- May 4-H events include:
  - Rockology will meet from 3-4:30 p.m., May 16 at the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum.



Rocket Role Models

Resilience was the character trait that led to these Crittenden Elementary School students being selected as April rocket Role Models. Pictured (front from left) are Trace Belt, Kinley Freeman, Jasely Guess, Aiden Carroll, Zoey James, Waylon Wood, (second row) Jase Fletcher, Hunter Collins, Jared Rogers, Axle Wood, Olivia Mattingly, Aubry Odom, Alivia Sullivan, Parker Cooper, Colt Hayes, Emarie Cox, Macandliss Chittenden, Kevin Little, (third row) Charlie Rogers, Ciara Hackney-Todd, Brayden Duncan, Blake Gonzales, Ayanna Matthews, Jett Reddick, Olivia Humfleet, Junior Cowsert, Mason Damron, Wyatt Kentfield and (back) Hunter Young, Donte Bell, Logan Martin, Olivia Hinchee, Mollie Blazina, Aubrey Grau, Aly Yates and Allie Day.



Mosley-James

Amy Mosley and Ryan James will be united in marriage May 11 at Cave Springs Baptist Church.

Mosley is a 2018 graduate of Crittenden County High School, is a student at Madisonville Community College and is employed by Planters Bank in Sturgis.

James a 2016 graduate of Crittenden County High School and is employed by Ivy Construction.

Mosley is the daughter of George L. and Betty Joyce Mosley of Sturgis. She is the granddaughter of the late Louis and Helen Mosley of Dekoven and the late Betty Baker of Morganfield.

James is the son of Pat and Debbie James of Marion and the grandson of Kathleen Geary of Centertown, Ky., and the late Gordon D. Geary and the late Denver Perry and Viola James of Marion.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend the ceremony at 2:30 p.m., with a reception to follow.



Rocket recognition

Crittenden County Middle School math teacher Ashley Frederick was named at last Thursday's board of education meeting Rocket Way Employee of the Month for April. CCMS Principal Kara Turley praised Frederick for her dedication to the job and her students. "I am so thankful she is here," Turley said. "Her lesson plans are all tailored to kids and what they need. I appreciate her so much."



Tom Crider discusses a history of food production in the U.S. while addressing the Woman's Club of Marion.

Crider shares USDA inspector experiences

Tom Crider, a retired USDA Food Inspector, provided the program for the Woman's Club of Marion on April 10.

Crider discussed the past 100 years of food production in the United States. He stressed we have gone from households growing and preparing all their own food to today where our food can come from the other side of the world.

A resident of Crittenden County, Crider worked for the government in several states and entertained the club with stories near and far.

A highlight of the meeting was the flower arrangements made from flowers from Ethel Tucker's yard. Tucker, who died recently, was to be a member of the hostess committee. Others on the committee say Tucker would be pleased she was able to fulfill her responsibilities with the committee using her flowers. Tucker's recipes were also used for the refreshments.

Band has 2 upcoming local performances

Several opportunities exist to see the Crittenden County High Sholom band perform. After a full school year of band competitions and participation by the pep band at football and basketball games, the band is winding down the school year with several concerts.

First, the band will perform at Arts Night at Fohs Hall Thursday (tonight), followed by a spring band concert for the public to attend at 6 p.m., May 7 at Rocket Arena.

The Fohs Hall event features the band performing selections "Aladdin", "Beauty and the Beast," and "I just Can't Wait to be King."

The Disney selections are being performed by the band students, who range in age from seventh through twelfth grade. They are under the direction of Lindsay Byrd.

Submit local events

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

Senior Center

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

Menu and activities include:

Thursday - Menu is beef pot roast, mashed potatoes with brown gravy, squash casserole, wheat roll and peach cobbler.

Friday - Menu is tuna and noodles, seasoned turnips, brownies, wheat roll and margarine. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

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

Tuesday – Menu is sloppy Joe on whole wheat bun, hartshorn casserole, baked pork 'n beans, baked apples and raisins.

May 8 – Menu is chili con carne, pimiento cheese on wheat bread and Mandarin oranges. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

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

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

Library has ongoing activities

The following activities are ongoing at Crittenden County Public Library:

- Lego Club meets from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Crittenden County Public Library. K-4 students can join Children and Youth Services Director Kathleen Guess in the library meeting room for creative Lego building.
- Story Hour with Youth Services Director Kathleen Guess begins at 10 a.m. every Friday at Crittenden County Public Library. Bring your preschool-age children to the library to listen to stories and do early literacy activities.
- Tech Help with Carol is from 10 a.m. to noon each Thursday at Crittenden County Public Library. Need help figuring out how to use your computer or how to download eBooks and digital audiobooks? Get help from Carol Harrison in the meeting room on Thursday mornings.

**LOVE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**  
*will have its annual meeting*  
**Saturday, May 11**  
**2 p.m. at the Cemetery**  
Donations may be made at Farmers Bank or People's Bank or mailed to  
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Charlene Armstrong, Treasurer

**THANK YOU**  
The family of Billy Ray Lynn would like to send a heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent gifts, food, cards, flowers and paid their respects for our sweet Dad, granddaddy, brother, brother-in-law and also to the staff of Crittenden Community Hospital. Thank you to the doctors, nurse practioners, nurse aides, ER workers and essentially the whole hospital who worked together to give our dad the best care he could have during his last week. We are so blessed to have our hospital and recieved excellent care with both our mother and now our dad. We love and appreciate you all.

*Allen Lynn, Paula Station, Chad Perryman  
Casey Winstead, Morgan Lynn, Lilly Perryman,  
Trace Derrington, Brooke Winstead, Davis Perryman*



HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Upcoming Games

**CRITTENDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

**THURSDAY**  
Baseball at Hopkins Central  
Softball at Union County

**FRIDAY**  
Softball at Ballard Memorial  
Fresh Softball hosts Christian Co.

**SATURDAY**  
Baseball hosts Mayfield  
Baseball hosts UHA  
Fresh Baseball at Webster Co.  
Fresh Baseball vs Hoptown

**MONDAY**  
Baseball at Dawson Springs  
Softball hosts Henderson County  
Fresh Softball hosts Trigg County

**TUESDAY**  
Baseball hosts Madisonville  
Softball at Paducah Tilghman

BASEBALL

Registration deadline

Anyone interested in playing co-ed youth baseball at Fredonia can register starting at 6 p.m., Friday or from 2-4 p.m., on Sundays on May 12, 19 or 26 at the park. There will be a division for T-ball ages 4-6 and co-ed little league for ages 7-10. For more information, call Bayley McDonald at (270) 601-0973.

Youth umpire jobs

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

SOFTBALL

Benefit co-ed tourney

There will be a benefit softball tournament Saturday at Buddy Rogers Ball Park in Fredonia and at the Tolu field. Proceeds from the event will go toward updating lights at the Fredonia field. It will be a co-ed, strong-arm tournament. No more than 12 teams will be accepted. Cost is \$250 per team. To register, call Bayley McDonald at (270) 601-0973. There will be a concert on Friday to kickoff the fundraising event, and there is another co-ed softball tournament planned for June 1.

GOLF

Deer Lakes 4-Person

Deer Lakes Golf Course will host the Crittenden County Fire Department 4-Person Benefit Scramble on Saturday, May 18 at the 18-hole course in Salem. There will be a 9 a.m., shotgun start. Contact the pro shop to register at (270) 988-4653.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

Coyote Night	Feb. 1 - May 31
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Spring Turkey	Apr. 13 - May 5

Turkey harvest concern

With only a few days to go, Crittenden County turkey hunters have bagged 296 birds this spring. The three-week season ends Sunday. Crittenden County's turkey harvest plummeted to its lowest mark in almost 20 years in 2018. Last year's take of 288 birds is the lowest since the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources began tracking such information on its website. Unofficial harvest results collected by this newspaper in the mid 1990s indicate a harvest of 178 in 1995. Before 2018, the lowest county figure in the previous 19 seasons was 351 in 2000. The most was 566 in 2012, but harvest numbers have steadily declined since that peak. Wildlife biologists did a carcass survey here last spring to see if there were any latent reasons for the harvest decline, but so far no definitive results have been made public. Hunters this spring have already eclipsed last year's low-water mark, but based on another low harvest, hunters remain concerned.

BASEBALL

Crittenden County has played some of its best baseball of the season over the past week, winning five out of seven games and coming within two runs of winning seven in a row.

District wins over Lyon and Trigg counties capped a full week of games, which included three contests that were played in less than 24 hours over the weekend. With so many games in a short period of time, it taxed the Rocket pitching staff, which was thin already with three would-be starters either hurt or absent from the games last weekend.

The Rocket defense, which struggled earlier in the season, is coming together. Twice in the past few games it has turned four double plays in a single game, including Monday at Webster County when Crittenden won 10-2 at Dixon. Up the middle, CCHS was strong and on offense Caden McCalister drove in two runs. Trace Adams, Payton Riley, Maddox Carlson and Ben Evans had two hits apiece and Erik O'Leary, Braxton Winders and Jayden Carlson also got in on the hit parade. Riley stole two bases and remains among the state leaders in that category. He's second in the region in stolen bases with 23 on the season.

Carlson hits first homer, but Rockets fall 10-9

Ten free passes by Rocket pitching and a dozen Bradford, Tenn., hits provided a volatile mixture in the second game of a CCHS doubleheader on Saturday at Mayfield.

Despite their troubles in trying to stop the Red Devil offense, Crittenden was able to keep pace on the scoreboard thanks to a three-run homer by Jayden Carlson and extra-base hits by Ian Ellington and Maddox Carlson. Payton Riley, Trace Adams and Ellington had two hits apiece. Jayden Carlson drove in four runs in the contest.

Crittenden led most of the game, but a seven-run Bradford fifth put the Rockets in a late bind. CCHS scored two runs in the last inning and was threatening to win it, but hit into a bases-loaded double play to end the game with a 10-9 loss.

Rockets beat Mayfield

Sophomore Trace Adams and junior Jayden Carlson drove in two runs apiece as the Rockets touched Mayfield pitchers for 15 hits in a come-from-behind win on the road Saturday.

Senior Payton Riley had four hits and two stolen bases. Adams and the Carlson brothers – Jayden and Maddox – had three hits apiece. Ben Evans, Riley and Maddox Carlson also drove in a run each.

Evans pitched 4½ innings in relief of starter Jayden Carlson who left in the third and got his first varsity victory. He struck out four and walked none while allowing two hits.

Crittenden trailed 4-1 after three innings but scored seven in the final three frames to win 10-4 going away.

Heartbreaking loss at UHA

The Rockets lost an 8-7 heartbreaker at University Heights Friday night. After going scoreless for six innings, Crittenden scored seven runs in the top of the sevenths to take the lead 7-3, but the Blazers won it in walk-off fashion in the home half of the



Photo by Scott Brown/YourSportsEdge

Rocket junior Jayden Carlson hit his first career varsity home run Saturday in a one-run loss to Bradford, Tenn.



Photo by Scott Brown/YourSportsEdge

Crittenden County first baseman Maddox Carlson makes settles under a popup on the infield while second baseman Logan Bailey rushes toward first to cover the bag during the Rockets' key Fifth District win Thursday at Lyon County.

last inning.

CCHS had trouble solving UHA starter Luke Welch's curve ball, but finally ran him off the hill in the last inning with a mixture of walks and hits. Junior Jayden Carlson's triple was the key hit and he drove in two runs. Sophomore Braxton Winders also knocked in a couple. Ben Evans, Erik O'Leary and Ian Ellington also had last-inning RBIs.

Freshman Maddox Carlson got his first varsity start and pitched well for five innings. He yielded no earned runs, striking out two and walking four. The bullpen was unable to hold the late lead. O'Leary was pinned with the loss.

Rockets beat Lyon Co.

Crittenden County beat Lyon County 11-8 last Thursday at Eddyville in perhaps one of its biggest regular-season wins in several years.

The Rockets got three hits and three RBIs apiece from senior Payton Riley and sophomore Trace Adams. Freshman Ben Evans also had three hits and knocked in two runs. Sophomore Caden McCalister had two hits and junior Erik O'Leary, sophomore Braxton Winders and Evans each scored twice.

Riley got the start, but ran into early trouble as Lyon used a four-run second inning to build a 7-1 lead after four.

The flood gates opened in the fifth inning, however, as Crittenden rallied for eight runs on six hits and three Lyon errors.

Senior Briley Brown pitched 2½ innings in relief and got the victory, his team-best third of the season. O'Leary got the save, throwing 1½ scoreless innings to close it out.

It was the Rockets' first win over Lyon in regular season play since March 2015. Crit-

tenden, which won five district championships in the previous decade, hasn't captured one since 2012. In fact, this is the first season since 2014 that the Rocket boys have won more than one regular season game against Fifth District teams.

This spring, Crittenden was winless through its first round of district play, but on the second strip through the league, the Rockets are 2-0 after wins against Trigg and Lyon last week.

Lyon, the All A Classic First Region and Western Sub-State champion, was on an 11-game winning streak and had the best record of any team in the Second Region when the Rockets knocked them off last week.

It's likely that Lyon will still capture the regular-season district crown and the No. 1 seed for postseason. The Rockets have a chance to finish second if they can knock off Livingston Central next week in a makeup game at Smithland.

SOFTBALL

Lady Rockets beat Hoptown

Jenna Potter threw a two-hitter as the Lady Rockets jumped on Hopkinsville early and cruised to their 11th victory of the season Monday at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

Potter threw seven innings and struck out eight, walking



PHOTO BY ELLIE MCGOWAN

Lady Rocket slugger Brandy Book had 31 RBIs through games played Monday. She's among the top run-producers in the state.

SECOND REGION

Records Across the Region  
Thru Monday's games

BASEBALL	Overall	District
Lyon County	16-7	4-1
Henderson County	14-10	3-0
Hopkinsville	13-6	3-2
Union County	13-10	1-3
Christian County	12-6	5-0
Madisonville	12-9	5-1
Crittenden County	11-9	2-3
Trigg County	10-9	2-3
University Heights	10-10	3-3
Livingston Central	6-10	1-2
Hopkins Central	6-14	3-2
Webster County	6-18	1-2
Fort Campbell	2-10	0-6
Dawson Springs	2-15	0-6

SOFTBALL	Overall	District
Christian County	21-4	3-0
Webster County	20-4	4-0
Lyon County	17-9	3-1
Henderson County	16-4	2-2
Madisonville	12-7	5-0
Trigg County	12-12	3-2
Crittenden County	11-9	2-2
Livingston Central	10-7	0-4
Caldwell County	10-10	3-2
Hopkinsville	9-16	2-1
Hopkins Central	6-14	1-3
Union County	4-13	0-4
University Heights	2-9	2-3
Fort Campbell	2-13	0-3
Dawson Springs	0-10	0-4



Photo by Scott Brown/YourSportsEdge

Jenna Potter is handling the bulk of the pitching duties for CCHS this season.

just four.

Senior slugger Brandy Book hit her fourth home run of the season and sophomore Ashlyn Hicks doubled. Book drove in two runs and remains among the state leaders in RBIs. She had 31 after Monday's game.

Kalli Champion singled, scored and drove in a run. Also gathering hits for CCHS were Potter, Emmie Smith and Jessie Potter.

Lady Rockets fall at Graves

The Lady Rockets got behind early and couldn't keep pace in 5-3 loss at Graves County on Friday.

Graves County scored three in the first inning and pulled off the win despite making six errors.

Jenna Potter allowed five runs on 10 hits. She struck out one and walked two in the loss.

Ellie Smith led the Lady Rockets with two hits and an RBI. Potter and Ashlyn Hicks had Crittenden's only other hits. Both were singles.



# CRITTENDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

## Calloway Quad Meet

Crittenden County results from the Toyota Hopkinsville Invitational on April 13 at Stadium of Champions.

### Girls Team Scores

Calloway County 131, Murray 76, Mayfield 45.50, Graves County 45, Crittenden County 39.50, Henry County (TN) 18, St. Mary 1.

### Boys Team Scores

Murray 98, Calloway County 76, Crittenden County 66, Graves County 58, Mayfield 43, St. Mary 18, Henry County (TN) 11.

### Event 1 Girls 4x800 Meter Relay

3 Crittenden County 'A' 12:33.80 4  
1) Fulkerson, Kara 8 2) Fulkerson, Courtney 9  
3) Hayes, Lilly 10 4) Perryman, Kenlee 12  
4 Crittenden County 'B' x14:18.54  
1) Long, Leah 9 2) Peek, Raegan 7  
3) Bozeman, Alyssa 9 4) Newman, Ally 10

### Event 2 Boys 4x800 Meter Relay

1 Crittenden County 'A' 9:05.03 8  
1) Davidson, Gavin 11 2) Towery, Sawyer 12  
3) Burt, Jamie 11 4) Kirk, Michael 11  
5 Crittenden County 'B' x11:42.33  
1) Watts, Andrew J 9 2) McDaniel, Bennett 7  
3) Alchison, Noah 7 4) Bozeman, Nathan 7

### Event 3 Girls 100 Meter Hurdles

1 Phillips, Ella 10 Calloway Cou 17.40 8  
2 Lencki, JadyN 11 Calloway Cou 17.68 6  
3 Flowers, McKenzie 9 Calloway Cou x19.52  
4 Tabor, Ryleigh 9 Crittenden C 20.91 4

### Event 4 Boys 110 Meter Hurdles

4 Ford, Devin 12 Crittenden C 18.41 1 2  
**Event 5 Girls 100 Meter Dash**  
5 Driskill, Grace 9 Crittenden C 14.37 1 1  
11 Curnel, Courtne 11 Crittenden C 15.24 2  
17 Long, Hannah 7 Crittenden C x17.03 3

### Event 6 Boys 100 Meter Dash

3 Moss, Eli 10 Crittenden C 11.96 1 4  
5 Davidson, Gavin 11 Crittenden C 12.02 2 1  
8 Nesbitt, Devon 12 Crittenden C x12.07 1  
9 Lamey, Branan 12 Crittenden C x12.09 1  
**Event 7 Girls 4x200 Meter Relay**

4 Crittenden County 'A' 2:09.25 2  
1) Curnel, Courtne 11 2) Maness, Payton 7  
3) Tabor, Ryleigh 9 4) Hutchings, Natalie 11  
5 Crittenden County 'B' x2:19.23  
1) Bozeman, Alyssa 9 2) Gilchrist, Lauren 11  
3) Long, Leah 9 4) Sosh, Emma 9  
**Event 8 Boys 4x200 Meter Relay**  
4 Crittenden County 'A' 1:44.86 4  
1) Conger, Doug 11 2) Nesbitt, Kaleb 8  
3) Weathers, Zack 11 4) Perkins, Noah 10  
5 Crittenden County 'B' x2:07.11  
1) Bozeman, Nathan 7 2) Alchison, Noah 7  
3) Saries, Isaac 8 4) Impastato, Sammy 8  
**Event 9 Girls 1600 Meter Run**  
4 Fulkerson, Kara 8 Crittenden C 6:38.98 2  
**Event 10 Boys 1600 Meter Run**  
2 Morgeson, Preston 8 Crittenden C 4:58.91 6  
11 Kirk, Michael 11 Crittenden C 5:27.21  
15 Burt, Jamie 11 Crittenden C x5:35.81  
17 Watts, Andrew J 9 Crittenden C x5:48.44

### Event 11 Girls 4x100 Meter Relay

5 Crittenden County 'A' 59.71 1 2  
1) Curnel, Courtne 11 2) Driskill, Grace 9  
3) Maness, Payton 7 4) Hutchings, Natalie 11  
9 Crittenden County 'B' x1:08.30 2  
1) Newman, Ally 10 2) Bozeman, Alyssa 9  
3) Sosh, Emma 9 4) Long, Hannah 7

### Event 12 Boys 4x100 Meter Relay

4 Crittenden County 'A' 46.31 1 4  
1) Moss, Eli 10 2) Lamey, Branan 12  
3) Davidson, Gavin 11 4) Conger, Doug 11  
8 Crittenden County 'B' x59.41 1  
1) Bozeman, Nathan 7 2) Hardesty, Jordan 8  
3) Impastato, Sammy 8 4) Templeton, Quinn 10  
-- Graves County 'A' DNF 1  
1) Thompson, Riley 11 2) McKee, Clint 9  
3) Stevenson, Tyler 12 4) Goatley, Cody 11  
5) Cooley, Bryce 11 6) Chapman, Koby 10  
7) Hernandez, Eduarao 10 8) Key, Quinton 12

### Event 13 Girls 400 Meter Dash

2 Driskill, Grace 9 Crittenden C 1:06.82 1 6  
11 Bozeman, Alyssa 9 Crittenden C 1:26.41 2  
12 Peek, Raegan 7 Crittenden C x1:30.67 3  
14 Long, Hannah 7 Crittenden C x1:46.83 3

### Event 14 Boys 400 Meter Dash

2 Moss, Eli 10 Crittenden C 55.10 1 6  
7 Perkins, Noah 10 Crittenden C 58.80 1  
10 Weathers, Zack 11 Crittenden C x1:00.69 2  
**Event 16 Boys 300 Meter Hurdles**  
4 Ford, Devin 12 Crittenden C 47.91 2  
7 Weathers, Zack 11 Crittenden C 1:01.56  
**Event 17 Girls 800 Meter Run**  
3 Fulkerson, Kara 8 Crittenden C 2:51.33 4  
8 Fulkerson, Courtney 9 Crittenden C 3:05.52  
13 Hayes, Lilly 10 Crittenden C x3:22.15  
**Event 18 Boys 800 Meter Run**  
2 Davidson, Gavin 11 Crittenden C 2:13.14 6  
3 Towery, Sawyer 12 Crittenden C 2:14.06 4  
6 Burt, Jamie 11 Crittenden C x2:20.10  
13 Perkins, Rowen 8 Crittenden C x2:32.71

### Event 19 Girls 200 Meter Dash

5 Curnel, Courtne 11 Crittenden C 32.27 1 2  
7 Newman, Ally 10 Crittenden C 32.98 2 1

### Event 20 Boys 200 Meter Dash

13 Perkins, Noah 10 Crittenden C 26.83 2

### Event 22 Boys 3200 Meter Run

3 Morgeson, Preston 8 Crittenden C 10:58.90 4

### Event 23 Girls 4x400 Meter Relay

3 Crittenden County 'B' x5:35.71  
1) Fulkerson, Courtney 9 2) Gilchrist, Lauren 11  
3) Long, Leah 9 4) Sosh, Emma 9

### Event 24 Boys 4x400 Meter Relay

2 Crittenden County 'A' 3:58.51 6  
1) Ford, Devin 12 2) Perkins, Noah 10  
3) Conger, Doug 11 4) Moss, Eli 10  
4 Crittenden County 'B' x4:44.95  
1) Towery, Sawyer 12 2) McDaniel, Bennett 7  
3) Saries, Isaac 8 4) Bozeman, Nathan 7  
**Event 25 Girls High Jump**  
4 Hutchings, Natalie 11 Crittenden C 4-08.00 1.50

### Event 26 Boys High Jump

5 Towery, Sawyer 12 Crittenden C 5-04.00 1

### Event 29 Girls Long Jump

8 Hayes, Trinity 11 Crittenden C 12-06.00  
13 Newman, Ally 10 Crittenden C 8-10.00

### Event 30 Boys Long Jump

4 Lamey, Branan 12 Crittenden C 18-09.50 2  
7 Conger, Doug 11 Crittenden C 17-08.00



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Crittenden's Natalie Hutchings finished fourth last week in the high jump at the Calloway County meet.

**Event 31 Girls Triple Jump**  
4 Perryman, Kenlee 12 Crittenden C 31-06.50 4  
7 Hayes, Trinity 11 Crittenden C 25-11.00  
**Event 32 Boys Triple Jump**  
4 Lamey, Branan 12 Crittenden C 37-01.00 2

### Event 33 Girls Discus Throw

9 Ross, Kyonna 11 Crittenden C 72-04 2  
10 Gilchrist, Lauren 11 Crittenden C 68-05 1  
14 Kirk, Abby 10 Crittenden C x58-07 2  
15 West, Emily 10 Crittenden C x58-01 2  
**Event 34 Boys Discus Throw**  
13 Gibson, Jake 12 Crittenden C 87-05 2

17 West, Dillan 11 Crittenden C 84-11 2  
18 Gobin, Riley 11 Crittenden C x84-04 2  
**Event 35 Girls Shot Put**  
7 Ross, Kyonna 11 Crittenden C 23-10.00  
9 Gilchrist, Lauren 11 Crittenden C 22-09.00  
13 Kirk, Abby 10 Crittenden C x21-00.50  
14 West, Emily 10 Crittenden C x20-04.75  
**Event 36 Boys Shot Put**  
3 Johnson, Parker 12 Crittenden C 38-03.75 1 4  
13 Hayes, Jagger 11 Crittenden C 33-05.00 2  
17 Gobin, Riley 11 Crittenden C x30-08.00 2  
19 Holliman, Deacon 8 Crittenden C x29-08.50 2

# Harmon still plans on bringing state title to Marshall

Zion Harmon still has a lot of lofty goals for himself and plans to spend the next two seasons playing at Marshall County High School. The point guard helped Bowling Green win the 2017 state title and then led the state in scoring the next year as a freshman at Adair County after transferring.

He transferred to Marshall for his junior season but was ruled ineligible by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and eventually played on weekends for Bella Vista Prep, a private school in Arizona. He kept attending classes at Marshall County and got permission from the KHSAA to do so without jeopardizing his eligibility for his junior and senior seasons. Bella Vista won the Grind Session World's Championship, which was played at Marshall County.

Harmon, one of the top rated point guards nationally in the 2021 recruiting class, has not changed his goal for playing at Marshall.

"We will definitely bring a state title to Marshall County," Mike Harmon, Zion's father said.

"I still want him to have chance to go after scoring records and win Mr. Basketball in Kentucky as a senior. Want him to have a chance to be a McDonald's All-American.

"All God wants him to have, we want him to have. It's not all about basketball, but he works and has goals like winning a state title, being Mr. Basketball."

His dad played quarterback at Kentucky after a record-setting high school career at Morgan County. He grew up a Kentucky fan and his former high school coach, Mark Perry, is now on Kentucky coach Mark Stoops' staff.

Still, Lexington Catholic quarterback Beau Allen has not let his father's legacy or the proximity to the UK campus to overly impact his recruiting. He has offers from Michigan, West Virginia, Washington State, Georgia, Maryland, Duke and Penn State along with Kentucky and others.

The 6-2, 185-pound Lexington Catholic quarterback threw for 3,729 and 42 touchdowns during his junior season and also rushed for another 747 yards.

Allen expects to make a college choice in the next six weeks or so. He visited Washington State and then was at Kentucky last weekend. He expects to go to West Virginia where former UK offensive coordinator Neal Brown is the new head coach.

"I could decide earlier, but I don't want to rush anything," said Allen. "If I set a specific date, I might feel some pressure just to decide."

It was only a few months ago that his friend, Western Hills standout Wandale Robinson, set a recruiting date and announced for Kentucky. A few days later he switched his commitment to Nebraska.

Allen and Robinson had openly talked about playing together in college before Robinson eventually signed with Nebraska and will be a freshman this season.

"It was tough on him. I know how your mind feels some days about what you want to do and then the next day it can change," Allen said. "It's just something you really have to think about. I'm just going to go with the flow when the right time comes."

He says there is not one specific factor that will separate one team from the others for him.

"I am looking for where I will have the most fun and get along with the staff the best," Allen said. "It's just where I feel I best fit and there's really not one specific thing to determine that."



Zion Harmon

His father, Bill, threw for 6,440 yards and 42 touchdowns at Morgan County at a time when those were gaudy career numbers. He opted to sign with UK and coach Jerry Claiborne, a coach who preferred a running game, and played only sparingly at UK. Beau Allen's uncles, Hanky and Perry Allen, were also both prolific passers at Morgan County.

Perry, a former UK quarterback, left Lexington Catholic to become Brown's director of football administration at Troy after Allen's sophomore season. He moved with Brown to West Virginia before Stoops gave him a chance to return to Lexington as an offensive analyst.

"Coach Perry is good to talk with about everything in recruiting," Allen said. "I have been in contact with him. We talked often when he was at Troy and then West Virginia and now Kentucky."

Allen admits he has a "good bond" with Stoops and his staff.

"I have also grown up a Kentucky fan and followed the program for a long time," Allen said. "I

get a lot of encouragement from fans to say yes to Kentucky but it is not pressure. They are all good people and I appreciate that they care. It means a lot to me that they want me to go to Kentucky."

Allen knows he could become the "face" of UK's 2020 recruiting class if he committed early. He's rated as one of the top 10 players in Kentucky and a quarterback commitment always carries extra weight.

"I will welcome that opportunity for any school," he said. "I look forward to being a really strong recruiter and promoter of a great program that I pick. I do talk a little bit now to different players to see what they are thinking."

He's not sure what he'll do about attending camps this summer after he makes his college choice. He knows it could be "fun to be a recruiter" for the school he picks during summer camps but also admits his competitive nature would make him still want to do well in any camp he attended.

"I don't think there is ever a time not to compete as hard as you can and show all you have got," he said.

Benny Snell broke or tied 14 UK records and became the school's all-time leader rusher (3,873 yards) as well as the all-time leader in touchdowns (48), rushing touchdowns (48) and 100-yard rushing games (19) during his three sea-

sons at UK before opting to put his name into the NFL draft.

He was the first UK player ever to have three straight 1,000-yard rushing seasons. He ranked in the top 10 nationally in rushing in 2018 with 1,449 yards after being considered a "mid-level" recruit coming out of high school. Yet he's now the 12th all-time leading rusher in SEC history and trails only Herschel Walker (49) for most rushing touchdowns prior to his senior season in SEC history.

However, rather than look at what he did three years against Southeast-

ern Conference defenses, most NFL teams focused on what Snell did at the NFL combine where they didn't think he was quite fast enough or strong enough to be a big-time pro player. Pittsburgh took a different approach and drafted Snell in the fourth round with the 122nd overall pick.

Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said they did not "over analyze" Snell, the only SEC player other than Herschel Walker to rush for at least 1,000 yards and 14 touchdowns in their first three seasons.

"We just really liked Benny Snell," he said.

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