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NEWS

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI 2018 CLASS SELECTED

The latest class of Crittenden County Distinguished Alumni has been selected and will be inducted in September in conjunction with football homecoming. The 2018 class of inductees will be:

- Jared Ordway, Crittenden County High School Class of 1989: Vice president of research and development at Orion Genomics, a St. Louis-area based biotechnology company.
- Corey Crider, Crittenden County High School Class of 1994: Professional baritone opera singer.
- Barry W. Enoch, Marion High School Class of 1954: Highly decorated Navy SEAL who was among the initial group of SEALs. He died in 2012.

LIBRARY CLOSED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Crittenden County Public Library will be closed next Wednesday for in-service staff training. It will reopen at 9 a.m. Thursday, as normal. No fines will accrue when the facility is closed.

BASS TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT CHS CHARITY

A bass tournament scheduled for May 19 in western Kentucky will benefit Crittenden Health Systems Community Healthcare Foundation. The Kentucky/Barkley Lake Open Buddy Bass Tournament offers 100 percent payback and door prizes. The entry fee is \$90 per boat.

Winners will be based on total weight of bass measuring 15 inches or more.

Early registraton ends May 15. For more information, contact tournament directors Bob Campbell at (270) 965-5022 or Barrett Belt at (270) 704-2200.

COMING UP...

- The Crittenden Press' primary election guide will appear in the May 10 edition of the newspaper. All candidates on the May 22 ballot have been invited to respond to a questionnaire to give voters a better idea of where candidates stand on issues.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Marion Tourism Commission will meet at 5 p.m. next Thursday at the Welcome Center. The only item on the agenda will be the 2018-19 budget.



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CHS inks EMS manager

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

Crittenden EMS will have a new manager beginning June 1.

Last week, Crittenden Health Systems (CHS) and Com-Care Inc. signed an agreement that transfers management of the local ambulance service to the Hartford, Ky.-based medical transport provider when Baptist Health pulls out at midnight May 31. The contract to run EMS will be subsidized by \$250,000 in public funds from Crittenden Fiscal Court and \$100,000 from the local hospital.

CHS Board Chairman Charlie

Hunt, who oversaw contract negotiations with an ambulance service provider for the second

time in two and a half years – alongside new CHS CEO Dan Hiben – said the agreement is year-to-year, renewable annually. However, hospital officials are looking for a longer partnership than the one they shared with Baptist Health.

"We hope to have a longterm relationship with Com-Care," Hunt said Monday.

He said providing a quality,

reliable ambulance service was the centerpiece of discussions with Com-Care, just as they

were with Baptist Health in 2015 after CHS decided to shed management of Crittenden EMS. At that time, the hospital was losing hundreds of thousands of dollars from its annual budget to keep the ambulance service running.

Baptist Health cited similar financial issues as the reason for their decision in November of last year to end their manage-

ment agreement with CHS at the end of this month. Hunt said Baptist Health reported annual losses beyond the \$350,000 safety net, of sorts, provided for in their contract.

That agreement included a \$150,000 annual subsidy from the fiscal court, as well as CHS and Baptist Health splitting up to \$200,000 in potential losses beyond that. That essentially spotted Baptist Health as much as \$250,000 for potential losses through \$350,000. Losses above \$350,000, however, were born

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County budget shifts money, avoids tax hike Page 3



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Pledge to Protect

About 400 people attended the Pledge to Protect event at Crittenden County Elementary School last week. Daphne Maddux, executive director of the CASA Program of Hopkins, Webster and Crittenden Counties Inc., shared information about the court-appointed special advocate initiative. Families were treated to a free barbecue meal along with inflatables, face paint and children's painting projects from Viki's Create & Paint in Marion. Above, Marlee Sosh (right) works on her painting project.

Decker, 64, found dead in mowing accident

STAFF REPORT

Investigators believe longtime golf course owner Neil Decker had been dead for several hours when golfers found him pinned underneath a lawnmower Monday afternoon.

Decker, 64, of Marion was pronounced dead at the scene shortly before 2 p.m. after a 911 call alerted emergency responders that a man was found at the golf course on Wilson Farm Road, trapped under a mower.

For more than 30 years in a rural setting about 4 miles from Marion, Decker had operated Duke's Racquet Club Rough Country Golf Course, complete with tennis courts, a gymnasium, racquetball courts, a basketball court, billiards and weightlifting. Over time, it had been a popular place for competitive racquetball, tennis and golf tournaments and an event center for parties and family gatherings.

Decker was well known in the community, having served as a substitute teacher and field technician for the Natural Resources Conservation Services.

Coroner Brad Gilbert said it appears



Decker

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Board renews superintendent's contract

Half-time aged instructor restored

By ALEXA BLACK
and DARYL K. TABOR
STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Board of Education is ready to make Vince Clark the school district's longest serving superintendent since Dr. Dennis Lacy retired after 18 years in 2000.

At last Thursday's board meeting, Clark's contract was renewed for another four years through the end of the 2022 ac-

ademic year. The longtime school district employee was named superintendent in 2014 when Dr. Rachel Yarbrough resigned after six years to take the same position in her native Webster County.

"The job of superintendent is tough. There are so many issues surrounding it, and it's always evolving," said board member Ryan McDaniel in commending Clark. "You have to be adaptable

to make it work, and Vince certainly does a good job of it."

Clark has been employed by the school district since 1991, when he was hired as a second-year teacher. After almost three decades, he is still where he wants to be.

"I think I'm the one that is blessed. I have spent my entire career in Crittenden County – with the exception of my first year – and I am very grateful to be a part of this community," he

said after the unanimous board decision to renew his contract. "I

can't honestly say that 20 years ago I would've seen myself sitting here and having these opportunities."

Clark, as well as all 200 or so employees in the district, will be getting a pay bump. The superintendent's annual salary will move to \$115,000, up \$8,000 from his

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Clark

Water district awaits court's contract ruling

STAFF REPORT

Three years after Ledbetter Water District filed a lawsuit to get out of fulfilling a water purchase contract with the Crittenden-Livingston Water District, the case was heard by the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

On April 24, Crittenden-Livingston Water District went to court in Lexington, appealing a 2017 ruling by Circuit Judge C.A.

Woodall III granting declaratory judgement in a legal battle between two water districts. Woodall's ruling effectively voided Crittenden-Livingston Water District's 40-year contract to sell potable water to Ledbetter.

Bart Frazer, attorney for the two-county water district headquartered in Salem, said there is too much at stake to let the

judge's ruling be the final word. Frazer provided oral arguments before the appeals court last week.

Ledbetter has continued to honor its contract until the case is finalized through the appeals process. A ruling from the appeals court is expected by mid June.

Frazer argued last week before the three-judge appeals

panel. He claims a case where a dissimilar ruling was made with regard to a like contract between a Bullitt County fire district and county fire department is grounds for reversal in the water case.

Woodall's lower court order says the contract is unenforceable.


In its original claim, Ledbetter

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Ancestry DNA proves usefulness

Glad to know that Ancestry DNA has some type of usefulness. Apparently, through familial DNA ferreted from one of the ancestral gene databases used largely by genealogists, a serial rapist and killer has been nabbed decades after he terrorized California. Beyond catching criminals, not sure how beneficial the DNA results are to the common person seeking family information. At least, it wasn't for me. More about my experience later.

For now, let's take a look at this case and understanding that your family can unwittingly turn you in through DNA and whether



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About Town

DNA is constitutionally protected. In general, a person cannot be compelled to have his gums swabbed for DNA testing unless there's other evidence to justify the collection. However, if you lick the top of a beer bottle and leave it setting on a bar, that genetic material is fair game for anyone who might seize it. Additionally, technology is such that investigators can now use DNA from close relatives to ascertain whether there's a pretty good likelihood that a suspect might be a match to DNA evidence they have from a crime scene. That's how the so-called Golden State Killer was caught last week.

A few weeks ago, I watched a series on TV that traced the story of one of the nation's most infamous unsolved mysteries. It was a series of burglaries, rapes and murders during the 1970s and 1980s terrorized Californians before ending abruptly. Investigators were unsure whether the perpetrator had died, was in prison or simply quit – something serial criminals apparently rarely do. Four decades after the crime spree, with far better DNA technology and widespread use of it, genetic material belonging to Joseph DeAngelo's relatives marked a path directly to the 72-year-old's middle class home in California. Authorities said they were able to link the suspect to the string of crimes by using a genealogy service's database of genetic material. Closely related DNA and good police work began tying clues to-

gether. On a hunch, investigators trailed the suspect for days waiting for him to leave his own DNA on something discarded in either trash or elsewhere – they won't say precisely. Nonetheless, their theories panned out and a vexing criminal case may have been solved. Through it all, questions are now being raised about whether folks who pay for DNA testing for genealogy reasons – through companies like 23 & Me and Ancestry – realize that their chromosome fingerprints are available to gumshoes working cold case files. It's an interesting study for individual rights advocates and for those working to solve heinous crimes. I would encourage everyone to look more into this intriguing case and how it may have been solved. On the other hand, I would discourage any-

one from expecting too much genealogy information from a personal test kit. Chances are you will not learn that George Washington was somewhere on your family tree or that the Prince of Wales is carrying your bloodline. What you will get – at least through the Ancestry flavor – is a persistent barrage of marketing mail aimed at getting you to pay their inflated monthly fee to continue viewing genealogical information that for the most part can be unearthed elsewhere for free, if you have a little time. In short, I was not impressed by the DNA testing service used for my background search. It was under the Christmas tree and I don't mean to belittle the thought of the gift, but it's more about a company building a marketing platform than providing information with redeeming value.

Gov. Bevin vetoes bipartisan legislation

Several pieces of legislation from the final two days of the legislative session will not become law in mid-July as anticipated. The Governor vetoed bills on issues such as investments by local governments, campaign finance, voter registration, and elections – a move that even surprised the members of his own party who sponsored and supported the measures. Unlike vetoes to the two-year spending plan and the tax/revenue measure, the General Assembly cannot override the vetoes to these half-dozen bills because the session ended April 14. His veto period ended at midnight Thursday, April 26. Among the measures blocked by his vetoes were three bills to change election law. House Bill 97 would have



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moved up the filing deadline for political candidates to early January in election years. The deadline is currently in late January. The Governor's veto message said this would cause confusion. He added, "The existing process serves us well, and has done so for years." House Bill 273 would have prevented voters from removing their names from the state's voter registration list and then re-adding themselves as "newly-registered voters" in the next primary. In his veto message, the Governor said this measure prevented some voters from having a voice in primary elections. "Voters who wish to change political parties when they recognize their current party no longer reflects their values should not face undue burdens and narrow timetables imposed by the state

in order to exercise their right to vote." House Bill 274, which was requested by the county clerks, would have moved up the deadline to ask for an absentee ballot by one week. The Governor's veto message said he did not support "additional burdens that may impede a citizen's ability" to vote. Also vetoed was House Bill 75, which would have expanded the number and manner of investment options for local governments to use to invest money. The Kentucky League of Cities backed the bill and worked with investment professionals on the bill's language. The Governor's veto message said the bill creates restrictions that "unnecessarily limit" investment opportunities and "should be rewritten in conjunction with actual investment professionals." J.D. Chaney, deputy executive director with the Kentucky League of Cities, disagrees. An Associated Press article reported him saying the bill expands the number and manner

of investment options by local governments. Part of the HB 75 mandated that schools give students in grades 10-12 the opportunity to take the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery tests. The Governor did not find fault with that section and said he would "gladly sign it into law if reenacted by the General Assembly without being attached to a bill that is bad for Kentucky." The Governor used his red pen to veto House Bill 130 that would have allowed lawmakers to act on executive branch regulations between legislative sessions. The Governor's veto message said the measure "serves as a solution for a problem that does not exist" and that extending the regulatory process could endanger federal funds and slow down Kentucky's "surge in economic development." The Governor also made line-item vetoes to remove parts of House Bill 201, which provides the financing and conditions for the operations,

maintenance, support and functioning of the state's Transportation Cabinet. He gave as reasons that the vetoes provide the Cabinet with more flexibility and that original language might have limited funding options. The General Assembly passed these bills in a bipartisan manner. The measures were thought to be non-controversial, prompting some Republican legislators to express their surprise and shock in media coverage of the Governor's vetoes. Nevertheless, his mighty red pen has struck them down so legislators will not be able to address them again until the next session. Though the 2018 Legislative Session is behind us, I still want to hear from you. We will return to Frankfort soon for interim meetings to prepare us for the 2019 session. Please share your input on any issues by calling the LRC message line at (800) 372-7181 or by emailing me at Dorsey.Ridley@lrc.ky.gov.

D.C. nonprofit grades area hospitals; some poorly

Hospital grades of interest

The Leapfrog Group, a nonprofit based in Washington, D.C., evaluated about 2,500 hospitals nationwide, including 46 in Kentucky. The hospitals in Crittenden and Livingston counties were not among those. Below are the ratings for hospitals of local interest.

- Baptist Health Madisonville.....	C
- Baptist Health Paducah.....	C
- Jackson Purchase Medical Center.....	A
- Jennie Stuart Medical Center.....	C
- Lourdes Hospital.....	D
- Methodist Hospital of Henderson.....	D
- Murray-Calloway County Hospital.....	A
- Owensboro Health.....	B
- UK Albert B. Chandler Hospital.....	B
- UK HealthCare Good Samaritan Hospital.....	B
- University of Louisville Hospital.....	D

FROM STAFF, WIRE REPORTS

A nonprofit group that rates hospitals has released its latest patient-safety grades, once again giving most Kentucky hospitals a B or C, but giving two heavily-used facilities in the area a D. Kentucky's overall ranking of 34th remained the same as the fall of 2017 report. The Leapfrog Group, a nonprofit based in Washington, D.C., evaluated about 2,500 hospitals nationwide, including 46 in Kentucky. Most of Kentucky's 129 hospitals were not rated because critical-access hospitals in rural areas don't have to report their quality measures. Neither Crittenden Health

Systems nor Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services reported. Murray-Calloway County Hospital and Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield earned top grades, an A. Meantime, nearby, Methodist Hospital of Henderson and Lourdes in Paducah were given a D for quality measures. Methodist rated poorly for communication to prevent errors. Lourdes had low rankings for infections, surgical complications and communication. Baptist Health in both Paducah and Madisonville and Jennie Stuart Medical Center in Hopkinsville received a C. Baptist Health

Leapfrog gave an A to 10 Kentucky hospitals, lower than the national average of 30 percent. It gave Bs to 17, Cs to 13 and Ds to six – two more than the fall report. None got a failing grade. The Leapfrog Group says its bi-annual analysis was developed under the guidance of the nation's leading patient-safety experts and is peer-reviewed. The report can be found at <https://goo.gl/JS51rd>. (Editor's note: Kentucky Health News, an independent news service of the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues, based in the School of Journalism and Media at the University of Kentucky.)

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claimed that under Kentucky law, a contract cannot exceed the length of those in elected positions who approve it. Additionally, Woodall found that the agreement between the two water utilities was indeed a franchise, and he said it had not been properly bid 17 years ago. Frazer says voiding the contract will have broad consequences for similar water districts and utilities all across Kentucky.

He said without such contracts, financing for expansions to water distribution systems would be almost impossible to secure. "If you remember, the financing for this water expansion was done over 40 years, hence the contract is 40 years," Frazer said. The contract entered into by both boards of directors in 2000 compels Ledbetter to purchase at least 3 million gallons of water a month from Crittenden-Livingston. The cost is almost \$8,000 a

month. The rate is \$2.58 per 1,000 gallons. When the two parties entered into the contract, the rate was \$1.83; however, the deal included a mechanism for increases based on the cost to produce potable water, and those increases have been subject to the approval of the Kentucky Public Service Commission. Crittenden-Livingston has filed a counterclaim, asking the court to make Ledbetter reimburse it for constructing the 8-inch supply line it built in the early 2000s from the Crit-

tenden-Livingston plant at Pinckneyville to Ledbetter. It is asking for \$255,000. Crittenden-Livingston leaders have said that the district is on sound financial footing, but losing Ledbetter might affect future rates for the rest of the district's customers. Besides Ledbetter, the rural water district has contracts with the cities of Salem, Grand Rivers and Smithland and Lyon County Water District. It also serves about 3,600 direct customers in its namesake counties.



Bart Frazer (left), attorney for Crittenden-Livingston Water District, provides arguments before the appeals court in a case involving a contract dispute with the Ledbetter water utility.

County budget shifts funds, skips tax hike

Budget proposal highlights

FUND	2018-19*	2017-18
General fund	\$1,343,425	\$959,644
Road fund.....	\$3,247,506	\$3,790,510
Jail fund.....	\$3,051,550	\$2,783,384
Local government economic assistance.....	\$350,615	\$710,550
TOTAL (including E-911, 911 wireless)	\$8,163,796	\$8,416,538
EXPENSE LINE ITEMS	2018-19*	2017-18
Ambulance subsidy.....	\$150,000	\$287,500
Narcotics task force	\$0	\$2,400
Drug coalition/PACS transportation	\$6,000	\$1,500
County food bank.....	\$4,000	\$4,000
PACS, food bank utilities	\$10,700	\$10,700
CCEDC	\$15,000	\$10,000
Soil conservation	\$10,000	\$15,000
Airport.....	\$3,000	\$3,500
Historical museum.....	\$1,000	\$400
Community Arts Foundation.....	\$1,000	\$400
Fohs Hall Inc	\$1,000	\$400
Blackford Walking Trail.....	\$400	\$400
REVENUE LINE ITEMS	2018-19*	2017-18
Real property tax	\$390,000	\$390,000
Personal property tax.....	\$25,000	\$25,000
Motor vehicle tax	\$75,000	\$70,000
Occupational/net profits tax.....	\$420,000	\$420,000
Insurance tax	\$150,000	\$130,000
Mineral tax.....	\$50,000	\$58,000
County road aid.....	\$977,906	\$966,008
Federal prisoner housing	\$850,000	\$156,000
Class D state prisoner payments.....	\$1,500,000	\$1,800,000

*Proposed budget

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

The proposed county budget for the coming fiscal year appears to do more with less.

The 2018-19 Crittenden Fiscal Court spending plan was introduced Monday, maintaining funding for all key services residents. It nearly doubles the ambulance service subsidy and covers increased employee compensations, but calls for no tax rate increases.

The overall \$8.16 million budget is \$252,742 less than the previous year, but gets the job done by essentially eliminating transfers into the jail fund. Two years ago, the fiscal court spent almost \$680,000 to balance the budget for Crittenden County Detention Center.

“It funds all services people expect,” said Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. “Just the fact we didn’t have to budget influx into the jail was huge.”

Newcom and magistrates are anticipating the jail to effectively pays its own way. Revenues have increased under Jailer Robbie Kirk to an average of \$200,000 monthly by housing more and more federal and state inmates.

The county’s biggest expense is the investment in its own workers. The fiscal court has budgeted for a 2.1 percent cost-of-living increase to non-elected employees, 2.6 percent more for health insurance and a huge jump in payments to the state retirement system. Altogether, the county will pay \$1,669,435 for non-elected workers’ wages and \$90,250 for health insurance. Mandated pension contributions will be \$605,020, compared to \$391,413 last year, a 54.6 percent increase.

The six magistrates will be compensated the same, a combined \$50,500.

Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent is giving his field deputies a \$2 per hour raise to bring them in line with what Marion Police Department pays patrolmen. But it is costing him \$46,000 in help to purchase a new patrol vehicle each year.

The most pressing needs for the county, maintaining and improving roads and bridges, cannot all be met. Only \$977,906 in County Road Aid from Frankfort is expected. It was \$1.55 million in 2013-14. That amount covers road department wages, materials

and equipment, in addition to construction.

A \$1.34 million general fund is backed primarily by tax receipts of \$390,000 from real property, \$420,000 from occupational/net profits and \$75,000 from motor vehicles. General fund expenses are up almost \$400,000 over the current spending plan that ends June 30. That includes \$137,500 more than the current \$150,000 subsidy for Crittenden EMS.

Because of a reduced presence locally, county has removed a \$2,400 allocation to Pennyrile Narcotics Task Force and shifted it to the Coalition for a Drug-Free Community for a total of \$3,000. It also offers \$4,000 to Crittenden County Food Bank, and gives a \$5,000 bump to Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. That \$15,000 allocation maintains the status quo gift to CCEDC, with the new money to help cover the entity’s fee to be a part of a new three-county economic development group.

The proposed budget has been sent to Frankfort for its blessing. A vote to approve could come as early as May 17. A copy can be found at The Press Online.

Comer: Farm Bill key to breaking welfare cycle

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

In his second town hall meeting in Crittenden County since becoming a congressman, James Comer said he believes now is the time to break the welfare cycle for able-bodied Americans. And a new Farm Bill is where that needs to start, the freshman Republican explained.

Comer, who represents western Kentucky on Capitol Hill, spent a few hours in Marion Tuesday hearing concerns and answering questions from constituents. He also visited with officials at Crittenden Health Systems about rural health care concerns. The town hall gathering alone lasted almost two hours, giving many of the 40 or so people in attendance – from local and state leaders to veterans and farmers – an opportunity to have their voice heard.

“I love Crittenden County, because it reminds me of Monroe County,” Comer said of his home. “I know the chal-

lenges rural communities like ours face.”

The former Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture spent a good portion of time kicking off the town hall talking about a new Farm Bill that has cleared the U.S. House Agriculture Committee on which he serves. But the Farm Bill covers far more than the name might suggest.

“It’s about 25 percent agriculture related and 75 percent food related,” he explained.

The food and nutrition portion of the bill includes subsidies for free school meals like those served in Crittenden County as well as food stamps, known today as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. Comer said proposed SNAP work requirements for able-bodied recipients are part of a plan to break America’s entitlement dependency.

“The Farm Bill is the first step to welfare reform,” he told constituents.

The change, what Comer calls a “bridge” to get people off welfare,



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR/THE PRESS
First District Congressman James Comer, R-Tompkinsville, speaks with Paula Berry Tuesday morning during a town hall visit to Crittenden County.

would require SNAP recipients who are able to work to put in 20 hours to continue receiving benefits.

“It’s not fair to people who work every single day, struggle and pay taxes,” he said.

The stipulation would

slight 51-49 majority, the Farm Bill faces and uphill battle. Sixty votes are required for passage.

On the ag side, the Farm Bill, Comer said, includes few changes. It still includes crop insurance, but would lower Conservation Reserve Program, or CRP, payments.

Affordable health care, school safety, education and workforce development were also topics of discussion at the Marion Ed-Tech Center.

A supporter of repeal and replace of the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, Comer expects a protracted battle to achieve that Republican goal. Meantime, he said a hastened effort to lower prescription drug costs is vital for Americans struggling to meet health care needs.

“I have a huge distrust of the drug companies,” he said. “I think most people do.”

To lower the cost of medicines, he favors opening up the border to legally purchasing less expensive Canadian pharmaceuticals, as well as cutting in

the half the eight years it takes for the Food and Drug Administration to approve generic versions of high-priced medicines.

Two measures focused on making schools safer are on the verge of implementation, the congressman told Vince Clark, superintendent of Crittenden County Schools. The Stop School Violence Act would make school districts eligible for federal grants to bolster safety at facilities in the way they see best for local students. Efforts to improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System are also being worked out. Comer hopes, both will be available by the start of the 2018-19 school year.

The congressman advocated tax cuts for working class Americans, but counters that reduced revenue calls for reduced spending. To do that, he wants to reduce the welfare roll, cut foreign aid to all but the staunchest American allies like Israel and reform Medicare and Medicaid programs.

CCHS SBDM seeking parent reps

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County High School School-Based Decision Making Council parent elections will be May 17.

Any parent who has a child enrolled and/or pre-registered at the high school for the upcoming 2018-19 school year may run for a seat on the school council and vote to elect the parent council

members. The council has two parent members and three teachers who are elected to serve each year.

Parents can vote from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the high school office. Voting will also be open from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the high school library for final votes and announcement of winners. In the event of a tie, only those in attendance at the

5:30 p.m. meeting will be able to vote to break the tie.

Candidates must be nominated for the office of parent member on an official nomination form. All nominations must be made in writing on the approved form, which is available at the high school office. The form shall be signed by the nominee indicating, if

elected, that he or she is willing to serve and meets eligibility requirements. All requirements can be found on the nomination form.

Nominations are due by 4 p.m. Monday, and should be turned into the high school office.

Contact the high school office at (270) 965-2248 for more information.

UK wheat field day set for Tuesday in Princeton

By KATIE PRATT
UK AG COMMUNICATIONS

The University of Kentucky Wheat Science Group will host its annual field day Tuesday at the UK Research and Education Center farm in Princeton.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. The tour starts at 8:45 a.m.

Specialists with the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment’s

Grain and Forage Center of Excellence host the meeting to help producers learn about the latest research and trends in wheat production.

Topics include reasons to keep wheat in the rotation, insecticide-treated seed, herbicide resistance update, wheat as a cover crop, management-related growth stages, wheat economic outlook, the economics of harvesting

wheat straw and fungicide management of Fusarium head blight. Participants will also get to see and learn about UK’s wheat variety trials.

Attendees can receive three hours in continuing education units for Certified Crop Advisers. These include two hours for crop management and one hour for pest management. Pesticide applicators can receive two general and one

specific hours in categories 1A, 10 and 12.

The Kentucky Small Grain Growers Association will provide a free lunch to attendees immediately following the field day.

The UK Research and Education Center Farm is located at 1205 Hopkinsville St. in Princeton.

For more information on the Wheat Field Day, contact Colette Laurent at (270) 365-7541, ext. 264.

Crase schools’ new payroll, benefits clerk

STAFF REPORT

With more than two decades if experience in the insurance field, Kelley Crase has been named Crittenden County Schools’ next payroll and benefits clerk. She replaces Margie Lanham, who is retiring in June.



Crase

Currently with Riddle Insurance in Madisonville, Crase said she has extensive experience in coordinating employee benefits and payroll obligations. Self-described as “very detailed oriented,” Crase said she values relationships with employees.

“I’m very service driven,” she said. “I’m very much a team player, and I

look forward to becoming a part of the Rocket family.”

A Crittenden County resident since 2000, Crase has worked out of the county for the past 12 years, and says she is most thankful for an opportunity to return home to Marion.

“I look forward to getting to know the people and develop partnerships and friendships through my new role in the district,” she said.

Crase has three sons in Crittenden County schools. Gabriel is in second grade at the elementary school, while sons Wyatt and Ethan are in sixth and eighth grades at the middle school.

Unseasonable weather has crops far behind 2017 pace

STAFF REPORT

Only 1 percent of Kentucky’s second-leading grain crop has been planted this spring, its top and third grain crops are far off last year’s pace.

According to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) in Louisville, through Sunday only 15 percent of this year’s corn crop is in the ground, compared to 40 percent at this time last year. Only 3 percent of the crop has emerged.

Meantime, soybean planting is just now underway, and winter wheat

headed is only a fraction of last year’s percentage at the end of April – only 5 percent compared to 72 in 2017.

Unseasonable cool and damp conditions are to blame.

But the fickle weather has done little to hurt the condition of existing crops. Livestock and wheat are 95 percent fair to excellent, while strawberries are 97 percent fair to excellent, with just over half the crop (51 percent) rated as good.

Meantime, hay and pastures are both suffering from 14 percent poor to very poor conditions.

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Dems preview their candidates

Crittenden County's Democratic Party offered a preview of its election-year candidates Saturday, including two men seeking the party's nomination for a November congressional race. About 50 people turned out for a ribeye sandwich dinner to benefit the local party's scholarship fund and to hear candidates share their platform for the election. At right, 1st District congressional candidate Paul Walker (left), an English professor at Murray State University, shares a moment with (starting second from left) Marcie Greenwell, who helped organize the event; state Sen. Dorsey Ridley, who is seeking re-election; and Abigail Barnes, an attorney from Livingston County seeking the House District 4 seat in Frankfort. At left, Princeton musician and congressional candidate Alonzo Pennington speaks with Crittenden County Magistrate Danny Fowler. Both Pennington and Walker cited a war on public education and lack of affordable health care as two of their top concerns, while Pennington added the area's crumbling infrastructure as a worry.

State police raffling Charger R/T

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky State Police are taking a walk on the wild side this year to support their Trooper Island Camp for underprivileged children. The agency is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a new 2018 Dodge Charger R/T 392 ScatPack, a four-door, five passenger ride that combines legendary muscle car heritage with safety and comfort features suitable for family duty.

Cloaked in a destroyer grey exterior and a black interior, it features an iconic design with a low, lean profile, scalloped body sides and an imposing crosshair grille. Built to run, its V8 SRT Hemi MDS engine delivers 485 hp and 475 pound-feet of torque – enough performance for any job from navigating superhighways to driving the kids to school. Paired with an eight-speed automatic transmission, the vehicle blends classic hot-rod performance with modern sensibility. (A full list of features and equipment can be found on the KSP



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Kentucky State Police is raffling a 2018 Dodge Charger R/T 392 ScatPack to benefit Trooper Island, a free summer camp for underprivileged children in the state.

website at KentuckyStatePolice.org. Edmunds.com described the 2018 Charger as “an unapologetic American sedan with massive power and brash style. It looks cool and makes cool noises.” Kelly Blue Book called it “a modern sedan that displays rowdy, All-American bravado backed up with plenty of horsepower. It looks tough. It looks mean. It looks you right in the eye.”

Tickets are \$10 each and are available at The

Crittenden Press, any KSP post or commercial vehicle enforcement region office located throughout the state. Tickets can also be purchased online by debit or credit card payment at TrooperIsland.org.

Only 20,000 tickets will be sold. The winning ticket will be drawn on Aug. 26 at the Kentucky State Fair. Ticket holders do not have to be present at the drawing to win. Raffle winner is responsible for all tax and license fees.

Trooper Island is a free

summer camp for underprivileged boys and girls age 10-12 operated by the Kentucky State Police on Dale Hollow Lake in Clinton County. It is financed entirely by donations, no public funds are used. Each year, the camp hosts approximately 700 children, providing good food, fresh air, recreation, guidance and structured, esteem-building activities designed to build good citizenship and positive relationships with law enforcement officers.

EMS

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solely by the health care giant.

But CHS had to sweeten the pot to ink Com-Care to a deal. Last month, magistrates voted to increase the subsidy to a quarter-million dollars annually to keep a local ambulance service along with CHS pledging \$100,000. Com-Care won't be responsible for any deficit spending until losses go beyond \$350,000.

“When people are hurt and ambulances save lives, it's something the fiscal court understands,” Hunt said. “And they made the decision to keep

it here.”

The county is also kicking in \$37,500 to fund the immediate purchase of an ambulance to supplement an aging fleet of four vehicles.

“A couple are in question as to whether they are reliable,” Hunt said of the existing fleet.

Ownership of the ambulances will remain local. If Com-Care decides to relinquish management at any time, the vehicles will remain with Crittenden EMS.

Hunt said there will always be at least two crews available for EMS calls in Crittenden County. In addition to an around-the-clock team, a second crew will be staffed locally for 12 daytime hours, five days a

week.

And when a second crew is not staffed in Marion, Caldwell County EMS, which Com-Care also operates, will provide backup. The neighboring ambulance service will also be available when both local teams are on the clock.

“When we have two crews (on locally), its like we have three,” Hunt said.

In addition to EMS in Crittenden and Caldwell, Com-Care runs the ambulance services in Ohio, Todd and Logan counties.

For Crittenden County taxpayers, the increased monthly subsidy of \$20,833.33 from the fiscal

court will not mean a bump in taxes. The additional money in the budget will be found through the elimination of transfers into the Crittenden County Detention Center budget.

In 2012, the fiscal court enacted a 0.5 percent occupational tax, in part, to subsidize CHS by \$12,500 monthly to manage EMS. When Baptist Health took over in late 2015, they received the same subsidy.

Com-Care is currently looking to hire EMTs and paramedics. (See ad on Page 11.)

DECKER

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that Decker had been mowing at the facility, near the tennis courts beside the clubhouse when the Bad Boy zero-turn mower flipped over.

“He was going up an incline, and it got too steep and rolled back

over on him,” the coroner said.

Decker also lived on the property. The coroner believes Decker may have even died the day before.

Decker was found with a cell phone in his pocket, but never placed a call for help.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time Tuesday.

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Theatere drew hundreds in its prime years

Gone are the good ole days that Marion had it's own movie theatre. Let's go back in time and learn of Marion's new theatre and how it moved into the future. From the archives of The Crittenden Press we find these new items.

January 29, 1926 – Announcement has been made that a new picture house will be opened in Marion before many weeks have elapsed.

W. W. Runyan has leased the building now occupied by the Crittenden Press and will remodel it into a modern moving picture theatre, with a new front, raised floor, ventilation and seats. He plans on being able to open the new house about Feb. 22.

Mr. Runyan states that he will play only the cream of the film industry, giving his patrons clean, enjoyable pictures at all times. He has already contracted for several of the productions of one of the greatest companies in the film world.

The new picture magnate is well known in Crittenden County. He was formerly an executive of the Kentucky Fluorspar Co. and has been in the automobile business in Marion several years, and will continue to distribute the Hudson, Essex, Jewett and Star cars in the county. He is a member of the Marion Kiwanis Club and prominent in business circles here.

Mr. Runyan has been very successful here and his many friends will watch with interest his embarkation into another field of endeavor, knowing that whatever he undertakes to do will be done well.

February 5, 1926 – W. W. Runyan has announced that he will open his new theatre on Main Street in the building formerly occupied by the Press on the evening of Friday, Feb. 19. (This first building housing the new theatre was where the former Robard's Drug Store was located on main st.

Work of remodeling the building for this theatre is being pushed rapidly to completion and Mr. Runyan says he will have everything in reading for the big opening night.

February 19, 1926 – W. W. Runyan has announced that the name of the new theatre which is now nearing completion in the building on Main Street will be "The Kentucky Theatre."

The Kentucky Theatre will be quite an addition to the business section of Marion, and from the looks of the programs as announced in the near future there will be good pictures to be found there.

Mr. Runyan states

that he will have everything in readiness for the big opening Friday night of this week, February 19th, with one of Harold Bell Wright's pictures as the attraction. The title of the picture is "A Son of His Father" and this is said to be one of the greatest by this popular author.

June 18, 1926 – Manager Runyan, of the Kentucky Theatre, announces that in addition to the bookings he



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

now has of the new releases of the two greatest distributors of moving picture films, First National and Paramount, he has already arrange for his fall and winter schedule.

Mr. Runyan states that he has only booked the latest of their products, and though they cost more than twice as much as the older products can be bought for, he believes that the theatre goers of Marion want to see good pictures and want to see them while they are new.

The Kentucky Theatre is one of the nicest little playhouses anywhere in town of the size of Marion, and is well ventilated, with cooling breezes stirred by a battery of electric fans.

March 4, 1927 – A deal was finalized this week whereby W. P. Hogard assumes management of the Kentucky Theatre.

The Kentucky began operation about a year ago under the management of W. W. Runyan and has proven a popular picture house. Mr. Runyan's policy of showing the best attraction has won a large following for the theatre.

Under the new management the same class of pictures will continue to be shown, Paramount and First National predomination; with an occasional special feature from other distributors.

In September of that same year, Mr. J. H. Orme, who had formally been a well-know drug-gist in Marion, had returned from a short time living in California and decided he wanted to return to the drug store business. He took over the lease of the Kentucky Theatre building, and by doing so the theatre had to be moved across the street into a building owned by Mary Cameron. (next door to where the theatre was located for the next years it was in business.)

In 1936, W. E. Horsefield, of Morganfield, purchased the Kentucky Theatre, from Mrs. W. W. Runyan and Miss Frances Gray.

In May of 1940 C. W. Grady saw the need of a new building to house this popular attraction, and he starting making plans to begin construction of a new theatre building. It was to be located on the lot adjacent to the present building housing the theatre.

Architectural plans call for one of the most modern structures including a complete air conditioning system and seating capacity of 500. Excavations for elevation of lower floor is to be accentuated in order that complete and unobstructed vision can be had from each seat. Seating and lighting will be the best obtainable and additional projection equipment is to be installed. The upper floor is to contain balcony and machines. The building is to be all brick and steel construction with exits stationed at every possible angle for safety.

W. E. Horsefield, lessee of the present building is to occupy the new structure, which will in all probability continue to be known as the Kentucky Theater. Construction of Marion's new theatre began in August 1940. Sylvan Clark was the successful bidder.

In December of that year, the new Kentucky Theatre had it's grand opening on Christmas night. Modern in all respects, the building was the outstanding structure in the western portion of the state. All the mechanical equipment is the very latest. W. E. Horsefield, operator of the new cinema told the press that the same policy of bringing all of the best pictures to Marion will be the same and no increase in admission. With the coming of the summer season the building will be completely air-conditioned.

This newly constructed theatre didn't get to stay new for long as in December 1943 this beautiful new facility was struck by another of Marion's disastrous fires. The theatre was totally destroyed by unknown origin. So intense was the heat that the I beams supporting the roof became twisted and bent allowing the roof to cave. The two machines, sound equipment, screen, seats, and all other equipment in the building were a total loss. The walls were cracked due to intense heat, facade ruined and the electric sign beyond repair.

C. W. Grady, owner of the building, said that he had insured the structure at the time of completion and said if possible the building would be replaced as soon as possible.

The Kentucky Theater was built back within a year and was again showing movies in October of 1944. The large neon sign that hung about the entrance was



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY TOMMY WOODWARD
This vintage picture of the old Kentucky Theatre on Main Street will bring back many memories for area citizens. It was the entertainment place to go for many years. Picture shared by Tommy Woodward, made by his father Werdie Woodward.

the largest sign of it's kind in Marion. It was well lighted for everyone to see. The seating capacity was 484 and on Saturday nights it would be standing room only. There were two showings of the movie and both showings the theater would be packed. Just think, almost a thousand people to attend the two showings on a Saturday afternoon and night. The line to purchase a ticket would be lined up to reach the end of the block in front of the Farmers Bank. The ushers would have a hard time holding the second group of people back until the theater could be emptied of it's first group of viewers.

I think there are a lot of us that have so many memories about the theater. What an exciting time for a young girl to go to the movies on a Saturday afternoon. Walking down that aisle, finding you a good seat. It was a grand place, the decorative light sconces on the wall, the screen with its velvet curtain and gold trim, and the seats with the little aisle lights on the side. Can't you just smell that popcorn; nothing in the world tasted like that buttered popcorn you got at the movies. Then the lights

would dim, the wall lights would be turned low and the velvet curtain would be drawn from the large stage to reveal the big movie screen, time for the movie to begin.

Movies were different back then in the mid and late 1950s, parents could let their children go to the movies on a Saturday afternoon and not worry about what they would be seeing. Mr. Harry Gass, owner of the theater at this time, was conscientious and made sure the movies were suitable for the whole family to see. Showtime always started with a good Loony Tunes cartoon, just a good ole' simple funny cartoon with lots of action.

The movie might be a good shootem up western with Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, or one of the other good, honest cowboys, then came a time of the War movies, which were always a bit frightening to me, and then they would be the science fiction movies, which I would go home scared to death for days, afraid of going in a dark room for fear one of the aliens would be there. Remember "It" and the "Body Snatchers?" and how about the trip up the dark stairs to the bathroom and perhaps a peek

in the balcony to see if you knew anyone that was there?

Later this same theater would be a favorite place to go on a date on Saturday night or with a group of friends on Sunday afternoon. But always a safe, fun place to go and not far from home.

TVs, movies on tapes, and the allure of going to a bigger town to see a movie, possibly hurt our home town theater and by the late 1970s it wasn't being used as it once was. It closed its glass-swinging doors in 1978. Two of the big attractions shown that last year were Star Wars and Grease.

The theater building went on sale in Dec. 1980, and Larry Orr purchased the building in May 1982. Today it is the office of Williams, Faughn and Associates.

When the Kentucky Theater closed its doors, Marion lost a piece of its hometown history and we lost an old childhood friend.

(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.)

INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Crittenden County Property Assessment roll will be open from Monday, May 7 through Monday, May 21, 2018 for the 2018 Tax Year. Under the supervision of the P.V.A. or one of the Deputies, any person may inspect the assessment roll.

This is the January 1, 2018 assessment on which state, county, school and other districts taxes will be due this fall.

The assessment roll is in the office of the P.V.A. in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturdays during this period.

Any property owner desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period.

Any property owner still aggrieved by an assessment on real property after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The property owner can appeal his assessment by filing in person or sending a letter or other written petition stating the reasons for appeal, identifying the property and stating the taxpayer's opinion of the fair cash value of the property.

The appeal must be filed with the County Clerk's office no later than one working day following the conclusion of the inspection period.

Any property owner failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by a designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property owners shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a property owner does not agree with the assessed value of personal property:

- 1) Property owner must list under protest (for certification) what they believe to be the fair cash value of their property.
- 2) Personal property owners must file a written protest directly with the Department of Property Taxation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- 3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- 4) The final decision of the Revenue Cabinet may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

(The Crittenden County PVA Office is responsible for the assessment of property; however we do not set tax rates or collect taxes.)

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CHS bass event May 19

Crittenden Health Systems' Community Health Foundation is hosting a bass tournament May 19. Take off is between 6 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Lyon County Ramp in Kut-tawa.

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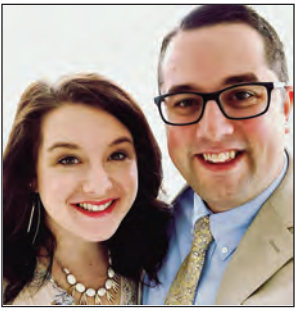
Seven Springs brings in new Baptist minister

By MIMI BYRN
STAFF WRITER

The congregation of Seven Springs Baptist Church in Marion voted Austin Weist to be the new pastor of the church after Bobby Garland stepped down from this position last year due to health issues.

Weist trusted Christ as his savior when he was 15 years old while attending a revival service. He received a bachelor's degree in pastoral theology from Shawnee Baptist College in Louisville. While there, he met his wife Angela, and they married in 2012. He and Angela have two children, Grace, 3, and Natalie, 1.

Weist has served as an assistant pastor for 10 years. His goal while at Seven Springs Baptist Church is to preach Christ, reach the community with the gospel and to see growth both spiritually and numerically in the church. His



Angela and Austin Weist

first Sunday as pastor was March 11.

"God had really been dealing in my heart about pastoring a church since last November, Weist said. "Previously, I had been an assistant pastor in my hometown of Bowling Green, and more recently, I was the assistant pastor and Christian school administrator at Maranatha Baptist Church in Oak Grove, Ky.

"The previous pastor of Seven Springs, Bro. Bobby Garland, had me come and preach a week-long revival for him in

2015 and then in 2017. That's how I got to know the congregation before they voted me in as their pastor."

The desire of the church is to see folks saved and growing in their relationship to Christ.

"We love serving the Lord at Seven Springs Baptist Church," Weist proclaims. "This church is full of history. In talking to some of our older members, I heard about how God has blessed this ministry in days gone by. I believe He can do it again! God has already been blessing the ministry here, and we see visitors just about every week."

Sunday school for all ages at begins at 10 a.m., followed by morning worship at 11 a.m. Sunday evening service begins at 6 p.m., and a Wednesday service starts at 7 p.m.

"Also, on Wednesdays, we have an exciting program just for children," said Weist.

Weist said his family is very supportive.

"I couldn't ask for a more godly wife that encourages me as we serve the Lord together," he said.

The pastor was presented with a certificate from the Salem Springlake Health and Rehab Center last week, along with several others, for their willingness to volunteer in the facility. The church also has a service at the rehab center in Marion on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

"I love the Lord Jesus and it is an honor serving Him with my life," Weist said. "I am so undeserving of His mercy and grace, but so thankful that He saved my soul from hell. There is nothing more exciting to me than to see folks saved and growing in their walk with Christ.

"The Bible says in John 3:16, 'For God so loved

the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' Everlasting life can be yours today if you put your trust in Christ."

The church has a livestream on their Facebook page, "Seven Springs Baptist Church" every Sunday morning. The church is located on Dry Branch Road in southern Crittenden County.

Local Faith-Based Events & Church Outreach

Pleasant Hill annual May Meeting

Pleasant Hill Church of Regular Baptist will hold its 117th annual May Meeting beginning with evening services at 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday and concluding with Sunday school and morning worship from 10 to noon Sunday. The community is invited to attend. Traditional songs and hymns will be sung. There will be special music for each service along with congregational hymns. A dinner will follow the Sunday service. Elder H. Wade Paris, D.M. of Missouri will be the speaker for the services. Dr. Paris has conducted services for the past fourteen years at the May meeting.

Pantry is available at First Baptist

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

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Family breakups can destroy souls

Why did I remarry my husband after I was born again? Because the Bible told me to!

Being divorced I began to search the Bible to see what to do.

It told me to remarry my husband, if he wanted to, or I was to remain unmarried for the rest of my life, or be guilty of adultery. 1 Cor. 7:10,11; Mark 10:11,12.

My husband wanted us to remarry, so I told God I would, even if I lived in hell the rest of my life.

We were remarried on our 10th anniversary, and it was 13 years before he was saved.

How I praise God I obeyed the Lord, not just for my own obedience, but on his deathbed the doctor asked him if God were to take his life where would he go, and Kenny said "To Heaven."

That was worth everything else that was ever involved.

Broken homes and loose living is destroying lives by the millions.

So many children hardly know their parents, even if they know who they are.

Anger, drug abuse, suicide,



Lucy Tedrick
Guest Columnist
Religious and Political Views

youth killing youth, poor performance in schools, same-sex evils, all built on the foundation of babies being murdered before they can get out of their mother's womb, low or no morals, home only address, is fulfilling Abraham Lincoln's warning, "So goes the home, so goes the nation."

God spoke before him, warning a nation that forsakes Him will be destroyed.

How the heart of Americans should be grieved when we see the broken lives of millions of our young, and the spiritual disinterest of many of our college graduates and most of the Millennial generation.

God made everything that is beautiful, and then made man and woman to enjoy it all, telling them they would need the book of instructions in order to make it all turn out beautiful for them.

Satan, God and man's enemy, got into the mix because the one that was to be the Mother, refused to obey the instructions, and caused her first son to murder her second son.

More than 55 million little innocent babies who were depending on their mothers to protect them have been murdered by the mothers.

Oh, if all children could have had a mother like mine. She was left with 11 children at home to finish raising when dad was taken from us. She informed a well-meaning friend who offered to take the most of us to an orphanage that "If my children starve to death, I will starve with them, you are not getting my kids."

She gave her life for all of us, and never complained about all the long, hard hours of work, worry, trying to make ends meet and saw all of us grow up and make our own way. And she lived to see all of us call her Blessed.

If all would turn to Jesus for sins to be forgiven, and then begin to follow His book of instructions on how to have a good, useful, happy, beautiful life, the man-made sorrows would be overwhelmed with God's love and help.

Trust me. I know.

How true the scripture is "Great peace have they which love God's Law." Ps.119:165.

•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.

MARION SECOND BAPTIST
Homecoming
The Cumberland Thunder
of the Lake
Cumberland Region
of KY

IN CONCERT
at Marion Second Baptist Church
May 6, 2018
for the Homecoming celebration.
10 a.m. Concert
11 a.m. Worship Hour
Potluck Meal to Follow
YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS MORNING OF GOSPEL MUSIC.
730 E. Depot Street, Marion KY

WORSHIP
with us this week
For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
—Matthew 18:20

Unity General Baptist Church
4691 U.S. 641 • Crayne, Ky.
Barry Hix, pastor • (270) 365-5836 or (270) 625-1248
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.

Marion Baptist Church
College & Depot streets, Marion • (270) 965-5232
Dr. Mike Jones, pastor
Limitless worship 6 p.m.
Early worship service 8:15 a.m.
Life groups/Sunday school 9:30 a.m.
Late worship service 10:45 a.m.
Awana 5:45 p.m.
Discipleship class 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday nursery, preschool, Centershot & youth 5:45 p.m.
Wednesday prayer service 6:15 p.m.

Tolu United Methodist Church
Bro. Selby Coomer, Pastor *We invite you to be our guest*
Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The People of The United Methodist Church
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night Youth 6:30 p.m.

Barnett Chapel General Baptist
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Barnett Chapel Rd., Marion, Ky.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Mike Jacobs, pastor
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Barnett Chapel...where everyone is welcome.

St. William Catholic Church
Sunday Mass 11 a.m. 860 S. Main St. Marion, Ky. (270) 965-2477
Father Ryan Harpole

SEVEN SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
219 Seven Springs Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064
Sun. School for all ages: 10 a.m.
Sun. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. • Wed.: 7 p.m.
Bro. Austin Weist, pastor
- We are an Independent Baptist Church seeking to know Christ, and to make Him known to the community around us. -

Marion Church of God
334 Fords Ferry Road, Marion, Ky.
Sun. School 10 a.m. • Morning Service 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6 p.m. • Wed. Evening 6 p.m.
"Where salvation makes you a member." Lucy Tedrick, pastor

Mexico Baptist Church
Minister of Youth Robert Kirby | Minister of Music Mike Crabtree
Pastor: Tim Burdon
Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

Visit one of our area churches for worship and fellowship
...It might just be the best time you've spent this week
"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
-Matthew 18:20

Marion Church of Christ
546 West Elm Street • (270) 965-9450
Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.
- The end of your search for a friendly church -

DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor: Larry Davidson "Whatever It Takes"
Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Approx. 5 miles from the intersection of Hwy. 60 & Hwy. 297
Phone: (270) 965-2220

FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
224 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky.
Dee Ann Thompson, pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship Service: 6 p.m.

Tyners Chapel Church
Located on Ky. 855 North
Sunday: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 6 p.m.
Pastor: Charles Tabor

Emmanuel Baptist Church
108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities: 6 p.m.
Captured by a vision... Curtis Prewitt, pastor

PINEY FORK
CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Pastor Junior Martin
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Bible study 6 p.m.
A new beginning, going forward and looking to the future Ky. 506 | Marion, Ky.

Crayne Community Church
Crayne Cemetery Road, Crayne, Ky.
Bro. Tommy Hodge, pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Crooked Creek Baptist Church
261 Crooked Creek Church Rd., Marion, Ky.
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Mark Girten

Sugar Grove
cumberland presbyterian
585 Sugar Grove Church Rd., Marion, Ky.
(270) 704-2455
Sun. School: 10 a.m. | Sun. Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Frances Community Church
Bro. Butch Gray • Bro. A.C. Hodge
Wed. night prayer meeting & youth service: 7 p.m.
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Worship service: 11 a.m.

growing in grace
2 Peter 3:18
PLEASANT GROVE General Baptist Church
Located on Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem
Sunday School 10 a.m. | Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. | Wed. 7 p.m.

Marion United Methodist Church
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.
The People of the United Methodist Church
WED: Bible Study 5:30 p.m.
SUN: Sun. School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 p.m.
Bro. David COMBS
South College St.

Hurricane Church
Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West
Bro. John Robertson, Pastor
Sun. School, 10 am. • Worship, 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Martin

Bonnie June Martin, 84, of Marion died Monday, April 30, 2018, at Crittenden Health Systems.

She was a member of Cave Springs General Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Jesse Logan Martin Jr. of Marion; children Larry (Kathy) Martin of Smith Mills, Ky., Donna (Barry) Workman of Marion, John (Sharon) Martin of Marion and James Anthony "Tony" (Miranda) Martin of Marion; a sister, Linnie Shelton of Evansville, Ind.; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John A. and Mary Conger; a brother, Wendell Gray "Bo" Conger; and sisters Suzanne James and Mary Louise Shaffer.

Services are scheduled for 3 p.m. today (Thursday, May 3) at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, with interment in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m. today service time at the funeral home.

Driver

Ralph Raymond Driver, 80, of Knox, Ind., and a Crittenden County native, died Wednesday, April 11, 2018. He born on May 13, 1937, in Dycusburg.

Driver worked in construction and automobile repair. He was a member of the Highway Gospel Church of God in Hamlet, Ind., where he was active in the church band.

He is survived by his wife, Ronna Lou (Cowser) Driver; four sons, Ralph Raymond (Denise) Jr. of Plymouth, Ind., Michael Lynn (Sheena) of Portage, Ind., Roger Nolan (Mary Anne) of Demotte, Ind., and William Lee (Becky) of South Haven, Ind.; four daughters, Sharon Jo Roth of Monterey, Ind., Linda Chirrie Baton of South Haven, Ind., Tammy Elaine Quinn of Chesterton, Ind., and Sandra Louise (Allen) Beckett of North Judson, Ind.; two brothers, Faron Driver of Marion and Kamen Driver of Farmington, Ky.; six sisters, Becky Conger, Detra Campbell and Geraldine Neighbors, all of Marion, and Viva Tinsley of Hopkinsville, Brenda Roberts of Old Hickory, Tenn., and Starr (Tom) Lewellyn of Coldwater, Ky.; 31 grandchildren; 68 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Driver was preceded in death by a wife, Joyce (Burchell); a wife, Brenda (Bridget) Duhon; his parents, Allie Ray (Porter) and Nellie Gladys (Knight) Driver; a brother, Clifton Garth Driver; and four sisters, Verna Ray Driver, Thelma Lee Sexton, Glyna Ruth Sanders and Gloria Fern Blackmon.

Funeral services were Monday, April 16 at the Highway Chapel Church of God. Burial was at Highland Cemetery in North Judson, Ind.

Fox

William C. "Bill" Fox, 83, of Marion died Sunday, April 29, 2018, at Crittenden Health Systems.

He was a member and deacon of Marion Baptist Church, multiple Past Master of Bigham Lodge No. 256, owner of Henry & Henry Monument Co. and chairman of the Marion Cemetery Association for many years.

Fox is survived by his wife of 67 years, Joan Henry Fox of Marion; a daughter, Dianne (Virgil) Newcom of Marion; a son, Wm. A. "Billy" (Charlotte) Fox of Marion; grandchildren, Perry (Tina) Newcom of Marion, Angie (Randy) Head of Henderson, Julia (Tim) Dean of Ithaca, N.Y., Mandy (Kent) Curnel of Marion and Abby Fox of Marion; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; a brother, Jimmy (Jennifer) Fox of Paducah; a sister, Elizabeth Campbell of Kissimmee, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Collin Fox and Edith Winters Fox Russell; brothers Tommy and Doug Fox; and sister Lois Hicks.

Services were Wednesday, May 2 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, with interment in Mapleview Cemetery.

Masonic rites were held at Tuesday, May 1 at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to the Marion Cemetery Association, Marion Baptist Church, Bigham Lodge No. 256 or the charity of your choice.

Sullenger

Betty French Sullenger, 89, of Marion died Monday, April 30, 2018, at Crittenden County Health and Rehab. She was born June 12, 1928, in Princeton.

Sullenger was a graduate of Butler High School in Princeton. She was a member of Marion United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school and was active in United Methodist Women. She was also a member of the Crittenden County Cancer Society and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan (Joe) Yarbrough of Marion; grandchildren Wheeler Yarbrough of Ft. Thomas, Ky., and Alexandra (Kevin) Bruenderman of Louisville; great-grandchildren Henry and Lauren Bruenderman of Louisville; and a brother, Houston French of Raleigh, N.C.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas Sullenger, and her parents, Frank and Touxie French.

Graveside services are scheduled for 11 a.m. today (Thursday, May 3) at Mapleview Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Marion United Methodist Church Stained Glass Restoration Fund.

Obituary policy

Most obituaries in The Crittenden Press are published at no charge. But, extended obituaries are available for a small fee. Ask your funeral director about fee-based obituaries.



PHOTO BY BRILEY BROWN

Gone fishing

Great weather greeted students in Angela Starnes' physical education classes at Crittenden County Elementary School this week as they participated in a fishing outing at the home of Eddie and Serena Dickerson. Starnes bused students to the Dickerson's during their normal physical education time and were assisted by Crittenden County High School students like Mason Hunt, who is assisting Zeke Smith and Kaylee Carder with angling.

Experimental signal being placed at Morganfield bypass

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) has started installation work on an intersection conflict warning system (ICWS) at the U.S. 60-Bypass/Sam McElroy Expressway intersection with Ky. 56 at Morganfield.

The system – intended to reduce the number of crashes at the site – is expected to go into service in about 45 days.

Over the years, traffic

engineers have added intersection warning beacons, oversized stop signs, "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" signs and other safety measures to the intersection in an effort to drive down the crash rate.

"We've conducted extensive traffic studies to help evaluate traffic flow at this intersection," said KyTC District 2 Traffic Engineer Kenny Potts. "In spite of a number of counter measures that have worked well at other intersections, this location has continued to have crashes. ICWS, while still considered experimental, has been used with success at some similar sites. We think this warning system has the potential to drive down the crash rate at this location."

ICWS uses traffic loops similar to those used to sense vehicles at traffic signals. However, instead of activating a signal, they activate flashing beacons to alert other motorists that cross traffic is approaching.

Once the ICWS begins operating, the existing overhead warning beacons will be removed. Motorists are asked to be alert for personnel and bucket trucks working in and around the intersection during the installation process.

According to a check of police crash reports over the last three years for the

Morganfield site, the intersection has had seven reported crashes. Four of those crashes involved injuries, with 10 total injuries and one fatality. Almost all of the reported crashes involved motorists on Ky. 56 pulling into the path of vehicles traveling on the U.S. 60-Bypass.

Studies of the site determined there was insufficient traffic volume to justify a traffic signal at the rural location.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day,
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.
During the illness and passing of
our beloved mother,
Birtie Thomas.

The Thomas Family

Our Family
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Marion Baptist Church
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FAMILY LIFE CENTER
Open to the Public
9am to 3pm
Monday thru Friday
Walking Track
Weight Room
Gymnasium

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who visited, called, sent cards and provided transportation on my long & continued road to recovery since January 21.

Thank you to the EMT, to the doctors at Deaconess Gateway, to all the churches for their prayers, to the class of 66, to Bro. Junior, Pam & Bernice and to my circle of sisters. Thank you to my church, Emmanuel Baptist and Bro. Curtis.

Thank you to my daughter Angie and granddaughter Azia. Most of all, I thank my Lord for watching over me that night and all my life. May God bless each one.

Love, Peggy

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Graduation
May 25 at CCHS

Crittenden County High School graduation festivities will begin May 23 with Baccalaureate. Class Night will be held May 24 and Commencement May 25. All events will begin at 6 p.m., at Rocket Arena.

Blazina earns school honor

Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark last week presented instructional coach and public relations coordinator Tiffany Blazina with the Rocket Way Employee of the Month award for April.



Blazina

"There are so many good things going on in our schools, and Tiffany really helps with all of it," Clark said. "We recognize her for her many contributions as the curriculum coach, among other things. It's a true gift that she has to do all she does."

Relay team hosts recognition event

Marion Baptist Church Relay for Life will host a recognition service at 6 p.m., Sunday for those who are fighting cancer and family members who have lost someone to cancer. A meal of baked spaghetti and sub sandwiches will kick off the event at the Family Life Center. The event is for the public. There is no cost for the meal; however, donations for the American Cancer Society will be accepted. Those attending can add a name to the list that evening.

Caldwell Springs hosts fish fry

Caldwell Springs Volunteer Fire Department will host a Fish Fry from noon-2 p.m., May 19 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. For more information contact Beverly Davidson (270) 704-0793.

Calendar

- **Crittenden County High School SBDM** will meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday at the high school.
- Crittenden County Public Library will host its next **Trivia Night** at 7 p.m., Friday. Since there are several Star Wars movies coming to theatres this year, the theme for the next trivia night is May the 4th Be With You – Star Wars Edition.
- Children's Book Week is being celebrated this week at the Crittenden County Public Library with the goal of inspiring a life-long love of reading in children and teens across America. Free activity posters and bookmarks are available to young library patrons, who may also vote for their favorite Children's and Teen Choice Book Awards.
- Sue Parrent will present a class titled "**Know the Limits,**" at 2 p.m., May 10 at the Extension Office. This class will focus on empty calories and added sugars, sodium and salt in your diet. Call (270) 965-5236 to register.
- **After Hours** Homemakers will meet at 5 p.m., May 15 at the Extension Office.
- **Crochet Corner** will meet at noon, May 16 at the Extension Office.



Chase Gezelman is Crittenden County's second Pathway Academy of Virtual Education (PAVE) this spring. Pictured with Gezelman is instructor Sean Thompson.

Gezelman second recent PAVE grad

Crittenden County's Pathway Academy of Virtual Education (PAVE) presented its second graduate in two months at the April 26 board of education meeting. Sean Thompson, director of the school district's alternative learning center, praised graduate Chase Gezelman. "I just want to point out what I've seen in Chase, and that's the commitment to his future. He came to us to be in PAVE, and said he wanted more than what he had going for himself. So to see him complete this is just huge," Thompson said. PAVE is a program offered by Crittenden County School to support students who would like to earn their high school diploma while working online, either at home, or on the Crittenden County High School campus. Students who enroll in PAVE are offered many of the same classes as traditional students. Superintendent of schools Vince Clark and other board members congratulated Gezelman. "Tonight makes me think back to 2008, when we began creating PAVE, and we've come such a long way," Superintendent Vince Clark recalled. "This program is for students to obtain their diploma in a non-traditional way, as not every student learns the same way. I'm proud (Gezelman) took the initiative, and that type of work ethic and attitude will take him where he needs to go in life."

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 catfish, navy beans, cole slaw, ambrosia fruit salad, cornbread with margarine. Bible trivia will begin at 10:30 a.m.
– Friday: Menu is Mexican lasagna, buttered broccoli, garlic breadstick and Jell-O cake. A derby party will be held, and Bingo sponsored by Lifeline begins at 10:30 a.m.
– Monday: Menu is frankfurter with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, black eyed peas, peach cobbler and cornbread with margarine. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.
– Tuesday: Menu is spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli salad, garlic breadstick and apple crisp.
– May 9: Menu is oven fried chicken, new buttered potatoes, buttered broccoli, wheat roll and pears. Bingo will begin at 10:30 a.m.
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 Pennrylle 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.

Heritage Society meets Thursday

The Fredonia Valley Heritage Society will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday (today) at Fredonia American Legion Post 103 at the Buddy Rogers Park on Dorroh Street in Fredonia.
Linda Johnson Higgins and Robert Ward will be speaking on "Current Events with the Trail of Tears," including some exciting news. Also on the agenda will be refreshments and business meeting.
The Fredonia Valley Heritage Society is for anyone interested in learning more about the heritage and history of the Fredonia Valley and for those who want to see the history of our community preserved for future generations.
The society is in the process of compiling its third publication, featuring veterans from the Fredonia Valley. It should be available for purchase within a few weeks.
Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every odd numbered month.
Contact Pam Faughn at pamfaughn@att.net for more information.



Julie Singleton and Heath Watson

Singleton, Watson to wed May 12

Mr. Heath Watson and Ms. Julie Singleton of Hardin announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.
Mr. Watson is the son of Phylis and Alan Dority of Dexter, formerly of Marion, and the late Donald Watson. He is a 1985 graduate of Crittenden County High School.
Ms. Singleton is the daughter of Gary and Rozella Singleton of Henderson, formerly of Marion, and the late Judy Singleton. She is a 1991 graduate of Crittenden County High School.
Together they have three children, Ashley Nicole Riley, George Samuel Powers and Kaylea Elizabeth Singleton.
The couple will exchange vows May 12 in a private ceremony at the family home of the bride's grandparents in the Rosebud community.



Scout writing winners

Woman's Club of Marion recently recognized winners in the local youth writing contest. Both participants received 25 \$1 coins. Paul Combs (left) won in the Youth Short Story grades 6-8 division. The title of his entry was "The Journal of William Smith." Benjamin Potter won the Grade K-2 poetry division with his entry titled "Papaws Wooden Shoes." Both entries have been entered in the state competition, and the results from that judging will be announced later this month.



Press with veterans

Bernice Tolbert of Marion (center) took The Press to the April 6 retirement ceremony of her son Jason Hurley, Senior Master Sgt., who served in the U.S. Air Force for 26 years. The ceremony at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumpter, S.C., also happened to be held on his birthday. Also pictured are retired U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Scott Hurley (right) and retired Master Sgt. Brent Tolbert, United States Marine Corps. Together, the three have 67 years combined service in three branches of the U.S. military.

Reading program chance to win \$1,000

Summer Reading Program participants at Crittenden County Public Library could come away with far more than a jump on their literacy skills.
The Kentucky Education Savings Plan Trust (KESPT) and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives will launch Rock, Read and Save for College!, a special opportunity for families who participate in the 2018 Summer Reading Program at all participating libraries in the commonwealth starting this week. Locally, Summer Reading doesn't start until June 5.
Rock, Read and Save for College! encourages Kentucky children to participate in the Summer Reading at their

local libraries and offers a chance to win a \$1,000 KESPT 529 savings plan account. Each winner's local library will also receive \$500 for future reading programs.
Awards will be given randomly to eight winners across the state. Parents, grandparents and guardians can enter on behalf of a child, age 18 or younger, by completing an entry form at the local library. Entries must be postmarked by Aug. 17 and received by Aug. 22.
"Our goal is to increase awareness of Kentucky's 529 education savings plan with families across the state, and the libraries are an excellent partner," said David Lawhorn, KESPT program manager. "The

Summer Reading Program is a fun way to encourage children to read and families to start saving for education expenses."
This year's Summer Reading theme is Libraries Rock!, with local registration beginning May 29 at CCPL. Special music-themed events are planned for each Tuesday of the program, beginning with the June 5 opening and running through July 10. Participants will make instruments, learn about opera and a ukelele and have a chance to see Classy and Grassy perform live.
"We'll be using the Wonderopolis online program as well as having kids track reading to earn tickets for chances win prizes," said CCPL

Director Brandie Ledford. Libraries across Kentucky offer a Summer Reading Program every year as part of the national Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) – a consortium of states working together to provide high-quality summer reading program materials for children at the lowest cost possible for their public libraries. Libraries enhance the experience by designing costumes, hosting games and obstacle courses, creating art projects and science and engineering experiments, and more.
"Research shows that children who participate in Summer Reading Programs at public libraries keep their brains active and enter school in the fall ready to learn," says

Krista King-Oaks, youth services consultant at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. "We're excited to offer Rock, Read and Save for College! as part of Summer Reading to encourage more families to not only practice mental fitness, but also financial fitness in starting early with a college savings plan."
KESPT is the Commonwealth's official 529 Plan, which helps parents, grandparents and friends save for a loved one's education with tax advantages. It is administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) and managed by TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing, Inc. Visit KySaves.com for more information.



SPRING SPORTS
STANDINGS
BASEBALL

Up to date as of Monday

FIFTH DISTRICT

	ALL	DIST
Trigg County	10-7	4-1
Livingston Cent.	10-5	4-0
Lyon County	6-7	1-3
Crittenden Co.	5-13	0-5

SOFTBALL

FIFTH DISTRICT

	ALL	DIST
Crittenden Co.	14-5	3-1
Trigg County	14-8	2-1
Lyon County	12-9	2-2
Livingston Cent.	1-8	0-3

Upcoming Games

BASEBALL

Thursday
Rockets at Dawson Spr.

Friday
Rockets host UHA

Saturday
Freshmen host Union

Monday
Rockets at St. Mary

Tuesday
Rockets at Caldwell Co.

SOFTBALL

Friday
CCHS at Livingston

Saturday
CCHS hosts McLean Co.

Monday
CCHS at Union County

Tuesday
CCHS hosts Dawson

TRACK & FIELD

Friday
CCHS at Area 1
Championships
Ft. Campbell High School

Hunting Seasons

Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote Night	Feb. 1 - May 31
Spring Turkey	April 14 - May 6
Bullfrog	May 18 - Oct. 31

Turkeys too few

With only a few days left for turkey hunters, local gunners are finding mixed results. So far, only 241 birds have been taken in Crittenden County. It's been more than 20 years since this county has produced fewer than 300 turkeys in a season. Livingston's harvest was at 176 Monday.

Burns leads KY

As of Monday, Caldwell County senior pitcher Shane Burns led all hurlers in Kentucky with a 0.00 ERA in 33 innings. Crittenden County junior pitcher Briley Brown also has a 0.00 ERA this season, but has not thrown enough innings to qualify for the state leaderboard.

TOP HITTERS

ROCKETS BASEBALL

Player	Runs	Avg.	RBI
Caden McCalister	12	.429	4
Cody Belt	6	.412	9
Jayden Carlson	15	.327	12
Tyler Boone	9	.316	14
Gabe Mott	8	.289	3
Trace Adams	13	.265	8
Payton Riley	2	.265	5
Ethan Dossett	10	.238	8

Minimum 25 Plate Appearances
Statistics through Monday's games

LADY ROCKETS SOFTBALL

Player	Runs	Avg.	RBI
Chandler Moss	13	.463	12
Matthia Long	16	.389	19
Ashlyn Hicks	24	.365	17
Jenna Potter	17	.333	7
Brandy Book	12	.326	7
Ellie Smith	5	.322	12
Emmie Smith	16	.283	8
Jada Hayes	20	.264	23

Minimum 25 Plate Appearances
Statistics through last week's games

SOFTBALL

Being atop the Fifth District standings – albeit by only a half of a game – is quite a feather in the Lady Rockets' caps considering three of the four teams in the league are currently leading the Second Region, record wise.

Crittenden, Trigg County and Lyon County join Christian County (19-3) atop the region standings. Christian County is ranked No. 3 in Kentucky by MaxPreps and Madisonville is No. 6. Two other teams on Crittenden's schedule are ranked statewide – Marshall at 13th and Caldwell at 21st.

GIRLS CAPTURE DISTRICT LEAD

Seizing control of the top spot in the Fifth District, the Lady Rockets won 4-0 at Trigg County Monday. Crittenden wasted no time jumping out to an early lead behind back-to-back, two-out doubles from red hot freshman Matthia Long and sophomore Ellie Smith.

In the fifth, sophomore Jenna Potter extended the lead with an RBI single, scoring senior Kaitlyn Hicks. Two more runs in the top half of the seventh provided all the cushion pitcher Chandler Moss would need as she served up a three-up, three-down inning to secure the complete game shut out.

Moss allowed six hits and struck out two on the night to lead a great defensive performance by the Lady Rockets.

Kaitlyn Hicks led the offense with two hits in three at bats. Crittenden (14-5) entered the game 2-1 in district play while Trigg (14-8) had won both of its previous district games. Trigg pitcher Hannah Colbert came into the game No. 2 on Kentucky's strikeout leaders list and No. 24 in ERA in the state.

Crittenden County 100 010 2 - 4 6 0
Trigg County 000 000 0 - 0 6 2
WP - Moss. LP - Colbert. 2B: K.Hicks, Long, El.Smith.
RBI: Book, A.Hicks, Potter, El.Smith.

VICTORY AT LYON COUNTY ON FRIDAY

Crittenden traveled to Eddyville on Friday to face Lyon County for the third time this year, each having one win apiece. The Lady Rockets jumped on the Lady Lyons in the opening inning, scoring four behind a base-clearing three-run double by freshman Chandler Moss. In the fifth, freshman Matthia Long knocked in her second RBI on as many hits to increase the lead. Moss lasted all seven innings, allowing seven hits and two runs while striking out five in the win.

Crittenden County 400 010 0 - 5 5 5
Lyon County 110 000 0 - 2 7 2
WP - Moss. LP - Bingham. 2B: Moss. RBI: Long (2), Moss (3)

LAST THURSDAY DOWNED BY UNION

Last Thursday, the Lady Rockets were unable to get the offense going early as they fell to Union County at home 8-4. Crittenden (12-5) made a game of it late, scoring four in the final frame behind a two-run dinger by freshman Matthia Long, her second home run on the year. Long was 3-4 on the night with a pair of RBIs. Senior Kaitlyn Hicks got



PHOTO BY BEN DOBYNS
Lady Rocket freshman hurler Chandler Moss is starting to deal again on the mound after a brief hiatus rehabbing a cut finger, which is still taped on her throwing index finger.

the start on the mound, allowing one hit and two runs while striking out two over two and two-thirds innings. Freshman Chandler Moss threw four and a third innings in relief.

Union County 002 120 3 - 8 8 4
Crittenden County 000 000 4 - 4 7 2
WP - Blackburn. LP - K.Hicks. 2B: Moss. HR: Long.
RBI: Potter, A.Hicks, Long (2)

BASEBALL

Crittenden County's baseball club has shown great strides over the past couple of weeks, getting quality wins over Murray and St. Mary and taking Graves County and Madisonville deep into games before bowing out.

The Rockets completed their district slate on Tuesday at Lyon County. Results were unavailable at press time. The boys play at Dawson on Thursday and host University Heights on Friday. Next week, they travel to Caldwell County to face the No. 27 Tigers in a game that was originally supposed to be played in Marion. It had to be changed in order to help the Rockets make up some rained out district games.

MADISONVILLE GAME GETS AWAY

Crittenden hosted Madisonville Monday night at Marion-Crittenden County Park, falling short 5-1 in a great effort against one of the better teams in the region. The Rockets (5-13) kept the game close, trailing 2-1 in the top of the seventh but surrendered three runs there and the Maroons slipped away victorious. Senior Cody Belt singled in the only run for Crittenden in the sixth on one of his two base hits, scoring freshman Gabe Mott. Freshman Caden McCalister also had two hits on the night. Freshman Tyler Boone took the loss for the Rockets, lasting five and two-thirds innings, allowing two runs on seven hits, striking out four. Juniors Briley Brown and Pate Robinson, along with Mott, also saw time on the mound in relief.

Madisonville 001 001 3 - 5 10 1
Crittenden County 000 001 0 - 1 6 1
WP - Hogart. LP - Boone. RBI: C.Belt.



LATE MELTDOWN AGAINST GRAVES

On Saturday, Crittenden traveled to Graves County for a pair of games, falling to the host school in the opening game by a score of 15-6. Although the final outcome was lopsided, the Rockets were in the ballgame before allowing seven runs in the bottom of the sixth. The game was tied through five innings.

Crittenden faced 11 batters in the sixth inning, surrendering four straight hits and two walks before recording the first out.

After the CCHS defense allowed four runs in the third, Crittenden's offense came out hot in the fourth as it was able to string together five consecutive singles to cut the deficit to 4-3 before three straight strikeouts ended the rally with bases loaded. The Rockets added three more runs in the fifth to tie the score at 6-6, but the Eagles scored nine straight against the CCHS bullpen to close out the game.

Freshman Ian Ellington started the game, lasting two official innings, allowing three runs on three hits and striking out three. Senior Logan Belt followed with two innings in relief, allowing three runs on one hit and striking out three. Senior Cody Belt, junior Pate Robinson and eighth-grader Maddox Carlson also saw time on the hill. Cody Belt was tagged with the loss.

Freshman Tyler Boone was 3-4 on the game with an RBI to lead the Rockets. Fellow freshmen Gabe Mott and Caden McCalister also had multiple hits, as did Cody Belt who led the team with three RBIs and boosted his average to near .400 for the season.

Crittenden County 000 330 0 - 6 11 2
Graves County 004 227 x - 15 10 2
WP - Montgomery. LP - C.Belt. 2B: C.Belt. RBI: C.Belt (3), Dossett, Boone.

NIGHTCAP ON SATURDAY AT GRAVES

Later in the day, The Rockets won their fifth game of the season by destroying Murray 17-4, led by the bat of sophomore Jayden Carlson, who went 4-5 on the day with four RBIs.

Crittenden (5-12) jumped out to an early four-run advantage before seeing the score tied by the end of the second inning. In the third, the Rockets broke the game wide open as the first seven batters reached base safely. In the inning, Crittenden sent 11 to the plate, recording seven runs on four hits and three walks.

Later in the sixth, the Rockets padded the lead with six additional runs, capped off by a base-clearing double by Jayden Carlson with two outs. Senior Cody Belt added three hits on the day while three freshmen, Tyler Boone, Caden McCalister and Trace Adams, each had solid days at the plate. Junior Ethan Dossett went the distance and earned the victory on the hill for Crittenden, surrendering four runs on four hits over six innings, striking out three.

Crittenden County 407 006 0 - 17 14 2
Murray 310 000 0 - 4 4 0
WP - Dossett. LP - Holcomb. 2B: J.Carlson, Boone.
RBI: McCalister, C.Belt (2), Dossett (3), J.Carlson (4), L.Belt, Riley, Adams (3), Boone.

ROCKETS BEAT ST. MARY ON FRIDAY

The Rockets defeated St. Mary 5-1 at Marion Friday behind a stellar pitching performance from junior Payton Riley. He lasted five and a third innings, allowing two hits and one run while striking out three. In what would be described as a defensive game by fans of baseball, neither team saw many hits drop. Together the clubs combined for six hits on the night. Headed into the bottom of the fourth with the game knotted at 1-1, the Rockets drew five consecutive walks with two outs to break the tie. A two-run error followed to push the lead up to four and Crittenden was able to hold on for the victory by the same margin. Senior Cody Belt led the Rockets with two hits in three at bats. The win was the third straight for Crittenden.

St. Mary 000 100 0 - 1 3 3
Crittenden County 010 400 x - 5 3 1
WP - Riley. LP - Merrill. RBI: Riley.

Courtney named new CCMS football skipper



Rocket football coach Sean Thompson displays the new helmet style designed for Crittenden County's 2018 football season.

STAFF REPORT

Rocket football coach Sean Thompson continues to put his own mark on the high school football program.

Thompson, hired earlier this school year to replace longtime head coach Al Starnes, has named a new middle school skipper and this week unveiled a new look for the team's helmets in 2018.

A former teammate of Thompson's is being called up from the Junior Pro Football program to take over the reigns at Crittenden County Middle School. Jacob Courtney, a 2007 Crittenden County High School graduate, will become the head coach at CCMS, taking over for Bryan Qualls, who had coached the previous two seasons at the middle school level. Qualls, who guided CCMS to a 4-4 mark last year, will move up to the high school staff as receivers and strong safety coach.

Courtney has spent the last four years coaching at the youth league level. He had served the last two falls as youth league commissioner. Tanner Tabor will be taking over as little league commissioner.

As a player at CCHS, Courtney was a defensive end and he is 34th on the all-time tackles list with 185 for

CCHS FOOTBALL CALENDAR

May 30	HS Summer Conditioning
June 20-22	Youth Football Camp
June 25 - July 9	Dead Period
July 16	HS Practice begins
July 16	MS Practice begins
July 30	HS Pre-Season Camp Week

2018 Season

Aug. 6	Tentative Scrimmage Date
Aug. 10	Scrimmage Ft. Campbell (A)
Aug. 17	Stewart County
Aug. 24	Bye
Aug. 31	at Trigg County
Sept. 7	at Caldwell County
Sept. 14	Webster County
Sept. 21	Union County
Sept. 28	at Fulton City
Oct. 5	at Ballard Memorial
Oct. 12	Fulton County
Oct. 19	at Russellville
Nov. 2	Playoffs

his career and was a two-time All West Kentucky Conference selection.

Thompson said Courtney's success and clear understanding of the game has made him a natural choice to become the next middle school skipper.

"The parents and kids all love him and he has a passion for Crittenden County football," Thompson said.

Courtney, 29, recently became engaged and plans on getting married right before football season, then holding off on the honeymoon until after the season ends.

"Lot of things are going on right now," he said. "I'm excited to be coaching the middle school. The seventh graders are guys I started in little league with and I am looking forward to another two years with them."

The football team will be sporting a new helmet design this year. The matte-finished blue and black Riddell Speed Flex helmet will be punctuated with a glossy C – in 3D chrome.

Offseason weightlifting is already underway for football players not currently engaged in other sports. The summer conditioning program for grades 9-12 will begin on May 30 with daily workouts starting at 9 a.m.

Thompson said the middle schoolers will start practice with the high school team just like last season on Monday, July 16.



Courtney

Track Pumping Up for Regionals



PHOTOS BY BEN DOBYNS
Crittenden County track and field athletes like Tristen Davidson (left) and Gavin Davidson (above) will be at the Area Championships on Friday at Fort Campbell. It could be a good preview of the First Region championships, which are just around the corner on May 12 at Murray. The state meet is May 17 at Lexington.

Maggard could boost in-state recruiting

One extra benefit from having former Kentucky quarterback Freddie Maggard as the director of player development for the UK football team could be an uptick in in-state recruiting.

Kentucky did not have an in-state signee in its 2018 signing class. Three of the top five in-state players in the 2019 recruiting ranks – South Warren defensive lineman Jacob Lacey (Notre Dame), Trinity linebacker Stephen Herron (Michigan) and Scott County offensive lineman Bryan Hudson (Virginia Tech) – are already verbally committed to out-of-state schools.

Maggard will not directly be involved in recruiting but he’s well known across the state to high school coaches and players. His presence at UK could impact decisions in-state high school players make.

“Maybe coach (Mark) Stoops does not like the trend of UK football having trouble getting in-state players to commit,” former UK punter Jason Todd, an assistant coach at Lincoln County, said when asked about Maggard’s hire. “I know last season was the first time in over 70 years that UK football did not sign a player from the state of Kentucky.

“While Freddie was not hired as a recruiting coordinator, I think his presence will be beneficial when it comes to connecting the current UK program to the state’s players and coaches. I look forward to seeing the positive impact that Freddie will have on UK football.”

So does former UK player Grayson Smith. He’s glad current and former players will have someone to help “them transition to their professional life” and also serve as an advocate for the players.

“Obviously there is a recruiting caveat tied into the hire. Simply put, in-state recruiting has not gone well lately and Freddie will be able to provide ‘indirect’ support in that area probably without being counted against



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist
Vaught's Views



the coaching position allotment the way the NCAA counts,” Smith said. “So I would consider it a very creative and calculated shrewd move.”

So would I. It’s the type of creative thinking that UK basketball coach John Calipari does. No rule breaking, just taking advantage of a way to get an influential in-state presence on the football staff.

“Tell me what Mama and Daddy wouldn’t want a positive, disciplined man around their son. The quality character Freddie brings and his military background tell you all you need to know about what he would bring to the table,” former UK center David Hopewell, who came to UK from Alabama and was on the 10-1 1977 team, said.

“Freddie will also bring another set of eyes to the table on evaluating recruits and player breakdown on their progress. I believe the UK football staff loves and respects him already. More than anything I hope his winning thoughts and championship expectations will be contagious to every UK player and prospective player we bring in.”

Maggard Sept. 13 years with the National Guard as the community relations and outreach liaison. He also managed the Kentucky National Guard recruiting command’s marketing and advertising department for three years.

Some media speculation has P.J. Washington already leaning to stay in the draft even though mock drafts have him listed anywhere from 50th to 63rd — late in the second round.

“That’s all just speculation about what he’s going to do,” Paul Washington said. “I am amazed to see something almost every day about something P.J. is going to do or not do. I guess that is how some people make money and keep a job by throwing stuff out there.

“It’s frustrating to me. Where do they get that stuff? People believe it and form opinions based

on that misinformation. It’s crazy. It’s ridiculous. All that stuff is just opinions but the only opinion that matters right now is P.J.’s and he’s still trying to gather all the information he can.”

Three teams have already inquired about having P.J. Washington come in for a predraft workout.

Paul Washington noted that each year more and more players are taking advantage of the evaluation process before making a draft decision.

“We don’t do this every day. We will talk to Cal (John Calipari) and (UK assistant) Kenny Payne and others. We want to utilize the experience of the coaching staff. They do this every year with players. We don’t,” Paul Washington said.

Players who have not hired an agent have until May 30 — 10 days after the draft combine — to withdraw from the draft and return to school to maintain their eligibility.

“We’ve got the combine and we will make a decision after that,” Paul Washington said. “As of now, nothing has changed. Until you hear it from P.J., nothing is official no matter what you might read or hear from others. That’s just speculation because, believe me, nothing has changed.”

Former all-SEC punter Tim Masthay is starting a new career path — volunteer assistant coach for the Division III Centre College men’s soccer team.

Masthay had a successful six-year NFL career with the Green Bay Packers where he was on a Super Bowl winner. He averaged 44.2 yards per punt in his six seasons.

He came back to Lexington a little over a year ago with his wife, Amanda, and three children.

He was a four-sport standout at Murray High School and has had a passion for soccer his whole life. He’s also had a passion for being frugal.

During a 45-minute conversation with him recently, I asked him to remind me about how he ended up living in a closet his sophomore year at UK. That question arose after the told me he was “locked in a closet in case chaos came up with his kids” during our phone conversation.

“I really did basically live in a closet for a year,” Masthay laughed and said. “I had a friend on campus and I was over at his house. He knew I was looking for a place to live. He said, ‘We have this utility closet. I will charge you \$100 per month to live here.’”

Masthay accepted the offer that helped him save money out of his football scholarship check. By the time he graduated, he had saved more than enough money to buy an engagement ring for his wife, Amanda, and they were married before his NFL career took off.

“It’s just one of those great memories you have from college, but it really did let me save money to buy an engagement ring so that made it all worthwhile,” Masthay said.

Masthay also was just one of four UK players to twice earn all-SEC academic honors before his graduation in 2009.

The only two Kentucky players to return a punt for a touchdown in the last 10 years are Charles Walker and Randall Cobb.

Cobb is now a distinguished receiver with the Green Bay Packers while Walker went from walk-on to scholarship receiver in his four years at UK and is hoping for an invite to a NFL training camp.

Crittenden Track and Field Results

CCHS Track & Field Results		Girls Results, April 26		Boys Results, April 26	
Team	Totals:	Crittenden (63.67), Webster (44), Union (20.33)		Team Totals:	Crittenden (70), Union (30), Webster (30)
100 hurdles:	1.	Jessie Potter (18.7)		110 hurdles:	1. Devin Ford (16.8)
100 meters:	1.	Grace Driskill (14.0), 3. Addyson Faughn (14.5)		100 meters:	1. Devon Nesbitt (11.4), 2. Eli Moss (11.7)
200 meters:	3.	Addyson Faughn (31.3)		200 meters:	1. Devon Nesbitt (25.0), 2. Branen Lamey (26.2)
400 meters:	1.	Cortne Curnel (1:13.0), 4. Trinity Hayes (1:20.8)		400 meters:	1. Eli Moss (57.3), 3. Noah Perkins (1:02.6)
800 meters:	1.	Kate Keller (3:00.2), 2. Jaelyn Duncan (3:07.4), 3. Southern Pate (3:13.7)		800 meters:	1. Sawyer Towery (2:22.2)
1600 meters:	1.	Kate Keller (5:54.8), 5. Jaelyn Duncan (7:12.0)		1600 meters:	1. Aaron Lucas (5:16.7), 2. Preston Morgeson (5:21.7)
3200 meters:	1.	Kate Keller (15:13.8)		4x100 relay:	1. Crittenden (47.5), 2. Crittenden (51.5)
4x100 relay:	1.	Crittenden (56.6)		4x400 relay:	1. Crittenden (4:09.6), 2. Crittenden (4:19.7)
4x400 relay:	2.	Crittenden (5:04.0)		4x800 relay:	1. Crittenden (9:57.3)
4x800 relay:	2.	Crittenden (12:49.5)		Long Jump:	2. Branen Lamey 17-0, 4. Doug Conger 15-8½
Long Jump:	4.	Trinity Hayes 13-0		High Jump:	2. Devin Ford 5-6, 4. Sawyer Towery 5-2, 5. Tristan Davidson 4-8
High Jump:	1.	Grace Driskill 4-		Shot Put:	2. Adam Beavers 31-7, 3. Brock Langston 30-2½, 4. Dillan West 29-8½



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Notice is hereby given that on April 25, 2018 Karen McCoy of 301 Mexico Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed administratrix of Ronnie Taylor McCoy, deceased, whose address was 310 Mexico Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064. Rebecca Johnson, attorney.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the Crittenden District Court before the 25th day of October, 2018 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.

All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-42-c)

Notice is hereby given that on April 25, 2018 David Loveless of 103 Woodland

Dr., Benton, Ky. 42025 was appointed executor of Edna Grace Loveless, deceased, whose address was 1748 State Route 80, Marion, Ky. 42064.

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Disaster declaration to help county repair roads

STAFF REPORT

President Donald Trump has authorized assistance for Crittenden and 33 other Kentucky counties that suffered significant damage as a result of the severe weather and flooding event occurring from Feb. 21-March 21. Locally, damages from the rains could total around \$400,000, according to Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

The President's action grants public assistance to the impacted counties to repair roads, bridges and other infrastructure due to severe storms, tornadoes, flooding, landslides and mudslides. Also included in the declaration are Caldwell, Livingston, Union and Webster counties. The declaration will also provide the Commonwealth with mitigation funds.

Statewide, the weather

system caused more than \$24.7 million in damages, with 75 percent of that total related to highways, bridges and local infrastructure. Four Kentuckians lost their lives during this event, along with many minor injuries.

Locally, flooding was the primary issue and washed out several roads. Over the weekend, the county road department spent several man hours repairing a portion of Axel Creek Road that collapsed after being undermined by flooding late this winter. Newcom said the hole was big enough to swallow a car.

On the Ohio River, E-town Ferry Road has just emerged after being under several feet of backwater a second time this year. With floodwaters still at the road's edge, muck and debris rest above the roadbed for much of the 1.2-mile corridor to boat

ramp. Annual deposits of mud and silt have left the surface more than a foot below the level of the land in places, trapping water and debris.

The road has no residents, but is used for access to river bottom farmland and the Ohio River boat ramp by commercial fisherman. Scores of truck loads of muck need to be removed to improve the road.

The federal declaration makes the county eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency payment of not less than 75 percent of the approved costs for debris removal and for repairing or replacing damaged roads, bridges and other publicly owned property.

Since 2009, Kentucky has been granted 19 federally declared disasters as a result of severe weather and flooding events.



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E-Town Ferry Road in northern Crittenden County has recently emerged from a second round of Ohio River backwater this year. Each time the river floods, silt and debris deposits build up the land on either side of the 1.2-mile road, leaving mud and water no place to drain, burying the surface under the muck. Last week, a federal disaster declaration could make the county eligible for reimbursement to alleviate problems like this caused by late-winter flooding.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Athletes enjoy Special day

Crittenden County Rockets Special Olympics Team members prepare Saturday for the opening parade at Area 1 Games at Murray State University. Eight first-place ribbons, 11 second-place ribbons, eight third-place ribbons and seven participation ribbons were earned by the team. Local participants included Wesley Cox, Justis Duncan, Hogan Hatfield, Austin Hazel, Kaitlyn Head, Andrew Holt, Jessica Hunter, Brittany Lemon, Alex Maynard, Mandy McConnell, Hunter Miles, Amber Notestine, Jason Price, Destiny Suggs, Tahla Trail, Sarah Valle and David Walker.

March 2018 jobless rate down from year before

Unemployment rates fell in all 120 Kentucky counties between March 2017 and March 2018, according to the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS).

In Crittenden County, the jobless rate plummeted from 6.3 percent in March of last year to 5.3 percent in the third month of 2018. The February 2018 rate was 5.6 percent. Once again, Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 3.1 percent and Magoffin County the state's highest unemployment rate at 13.9 percent.

Below are the jobless rates for select counties from the state's lowest in June to the highest, with rates for Crittenden and surrounding counties included between. Because of their relatively low sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted like monthly state and national rates.

AREA	MAR. 2018	FEB. 2018	MAR 2017
U.S.	4.1		
Kentucky.....	4.4	4.7	5.5
Pennyrile Region.....	5.2	5.6	6.5
COUNTIES			
Woodford (1).....	3.1	3.3	3.6
Webster.....	5.0	5.1	6.0
Caldwell.....	4.8	5.3	6.0
Union.....	5.2	5.7	7.0
Crittenden	5.3	5.6	6.3
Lyon.....	5.5	6.3	7.1
Livingston.....	7.4	8.2	8.3
Magoffin (120).....	13.9	15.0	18.5

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

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current rate.

With a \$10 million budget and 200 employees, board chairman Chris Cook likened Clark's role to CEO of a large company.

Clark's responsibilities, though, will be increasing along with his salary.

With Al Starnes' retirement from the school system at the end of this year, the board will be eliminating the position and shifting his multiple roles to other certified employees. Clark will take on the additional duties of safe schools coordinator.

Meantime, the other duties assigned to Starnes, who started his tenure with the school district the same year as Clark, will be distributed to other central office staff. Wayne Winters, lead bus mechanic, will become transportation director. Diana Lusby will add director of pupil personnel, which oversees truancy matters among other things, to personnel director. She will shed supervision of instruction for grades 6-12, and Tonya Driver will now be responsible for instruction supervision for all grades in addition to other roles, including oversight of federal programs.



Cook

All will receive additional compensation for their added duties, according to Cook

In addition, all district employees will be getting a 2 percent cost of living increase.

"Our staff has not had a pay increase in the last two years," Cook said. "Thanks to all of the close management of every staff member, they have helped make sure we are staying

fiscally responsible for a safe budget. We just feel comfortable in being able to do this. This is our small way of saying thank you to our staff."

Clark said those employees, as well as the children they serve, are the reasons the last four years as superintendent have been so rewarding.

"I have really enjoyed leading our district, and what makes it special are the people that keep everybody hyped up and on task," he said. "Our school leaderships are solid, and I have a firm belief that we have great kids here."

Ag ed instruction

A half-time agriculture education instructor has been added back to the high school.

With looming state budget cuts, the board had a few months ago proposed eliminating a part-time instructor for the area, leaving only a single full-time teacher. However, the General Assembly approved a biennial budget that has allowed the school district to change course and add back the half-time instructor.

"What prompted this were the proposed cuts. We had no choice but to cut back, and we had deadlines to meet," Clark said.

All agricultural career pathways will still be available for students to take and will be integrated into the high school's new block scheduling in 2018-19.

"My administrative team and I continue to have conversations with students and various leadership groups and adults about the ag program to see their side of the coin,

and I think it's landing where everyone wants it to now," the superintendent explained. "We're still able to support the three ag pathways; no courses will be sacrificed; and now, with block scheduling, the students will have 32 opportunities during their high school career to do more than one pathway with these offerings."

Attendance report

For the eighth month of the school year ending April 24, attendance was at almost 95 percent for the district's 1,266 students. The elementary school is leading the way with 95.61 percent, followed by the middle school at 94.07 percent and the high school at 93.99 percent. Overall attendance was 94.76 percent.

New band uniforms

With a growing band, instructor Lindsay Maddox proposed to the board

the need for new and updated band uniforms. She said they have been wearing the same ones for 13 years. Buttons are falling off and some areas on the uniforms are visibly worn out.

The board approved splitting the cost of new uniforms with band boosters. They will be black and blue with a patch on them representing the school district. Plans have been made to purchase 60 uniforms to accommodate the considerable increase of students joining band. Maddox said there are currently 55 middle school band students and 30 from the high school.

"Thank you Crittenden County Schools, businesses, and band alumni for your support of the band program," Maddox told The Crittenden Press.

But Maddox said boosters are still short of their final goal, and asks those interested in making a do-

nation toward new uniforms to contact Rebecca Johnson.

Rocket Way Snow Days

The district is again making application to the state for up to 10 days of non-traditional instruction (NTI) to be used when school cannot be in session due to weather or other unforeseen reasons. Since the 2016-17 academic year, Rocket Way Snow Days have been used to allow snowbound students to complete assignments designed by their teachers. The state legislature approved NTI in 2015.

Clark likes to use no more than half of the allowed days, and the district has never exceeded using five NTI days.

School nurses

The board renewed a contract with Graves County Health Department to supply two school

nurses for \$70,000 at the elementary and middle/high school campus next year. The amount paid to the Graves County-based health service has remained unchanged since first the initial agreement for the 2014-15 school year. At that time, Pennyriple District Health Department in Eddyville had discontinued its school nursing service.

Drug, weapon searches

The year-to-year contract with Indiana-based K9 Resources to provide random searches of the middle/high school campus was renewed. Since 2013, the company has deployed specially trained dogs that can detect illegal drugs, pharmaceuticals, alcohol, weapons and explosives. The searches are completely random; not even school administrators are aware when the dogs will be brought to search the grounds.

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