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Redbox install

A second Redbox movie and game rental kiosk now sits in Marion. Above, Terry Anderson of northern Illinois drills holes last Wednesday at Five Star Food Mart to anchor the kiosk into the concrete under an overhang. He and his wife Pat travel across the country delivering and installing kiosks for Chicago-based RA Moving, a company contracted with Redbox to set up the large red rental units.

AG BRIEFS

Ky. corn, soybeans still on record path

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released the November Crop Production report last week, showing continued possibilities of a record corn yield and record yield and production for soybeans. "If realized, this would be the highest corn yield on record in the Commonwealth, surpassing the previous high of 172 bushels per acre in 2015," said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. "Production will still be lower than last year due to the decrease in harvested acres. Corn harvest is starting to wrap up and should be complete in another week or two." Corn production in Kentucky is forecast at 219 million bushels, up 2 percent from the October forecast and down 1 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 177 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from last month and up 18 bushels from the 2016 level. "Forecasts still project a record high soybean yield and production," Knopf said. "Yield dropped by a bushel from last month, but remains

two bushels above last year's record yield. Harvest is running slightly behind average and progress has been slowed by recent rainfall." Soybean production for Kentucky is forecast at 101 million bushels, down 2 percent from the October forecast and up 13 percent from 2016.

New Ky. FSA chief from Hopkinsville

A western Kentucky man has been appointed by President Donald Trump as the new state executive director for the USDA Kentucky Farm Service Agency (FSA). Brian Lacefield took over as head of the Kentucky FSA team on Oct. 30. Lacefield has served in various roles in the agriculture industry, most recently as FNB Bank's Trigg County market president. Prior to that, he served as the chief financial officer of Agri-Chem and general manager for Commonwealth Agri-Finance, both divisions of Hopkinsville Elevator Cooperative. He has also served as

vice president of agriculture and commercial banking with Planters Bank and as an area extension specialist with the University of Kentucky Farm Business Management Program. He holds bachelors and master's degrees in agriculture from Western Kentucky University and a master's in food and resource economics from the University of Florida. He and his wife, Michelle, live in Hopkinsville and have two children, Brianne and Braden.

Vets urged to take part in ag census

Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles is encouraging military veterans who are farmers to respond to the 2017 Census of Agriculture, a snapshot of American agriculture taken every five years. "Many veterans are finding that farming provides a way for them to continue their service to their communities and their country," Quarles said. "This year's Census gives them a unique opportunity to be counted." Data from the 2017 Census of Agriculture will help USDA partner with state departments of agriculture to

grow veteran opportunities in the ag community, enabling them to fill the roles that keep America's food supply safe and secure, sustain rural communities, and protect the environment. For the first time, the Census of Agriculture includes a question that asks whether the respondent has ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard. Commissioner Quarles said answering the question will help USDA measure the number of veterans who have taken up farming and shape programs to meet their needs. The Census of Agriculture is a complete count of all U.S. farms, ranches and those who operate them; it is the only source of uniform, comprehensive, and impartial agriculture data for every state and county in the country. Farmers will receive Census forms in the mail in next month. They may complete the printed form and return it or respond online at agcounts.usda.gov. Completed forms are due by Feb. 5, 2018.



Quarles

EDITORIAL CARTOON



WEIGHT

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alternatives to protect its blacktop. Permitting and the road warranty agreement are still being eyed as a step in the right direction. "We have the authority to require drivers to purchase a permit for overweight roads," said Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, "but the fee is not near enough to fix the roads. But (the operators) could be held liable." But County Attorney Rebecca Johnson raised some legal and enforcement questions at the October meeting. "Enforcement is the problem with any law," she said. Newcom is not confident a solution can be found today. "I still don't see this going anywhere, but who knows," he said. The City of Marion is trying to address a similar concern with Country Club Road, which is falling to pieces under the pressure of heavy commercial traffic. It, too, faces the same hurdles with enforcement of any permitting or further weight restrictions.



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South Main construction

Barrett Sherer (left) and Zach Thomas of T&T Concrete prepare forms Tuesday morning for building a meat market warehouse on South Main Street for a river industry food supplier. The building permit is issued to Tony McDonald of Marion for a 2,000-square-foot facility. McDonald owns a food service that provides staples to the river barge industry. He ferries supplies from shore to the boats as they are transporting on area rivers.

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Water tower taken down

Workers spent several days over the past week or so cutting down the old standpipe water tower at Moore Hill. The tower, which belonged to Crittenden-Livingston Water District, had served the community since 1972. All Industrial Services Inc. of Youngstown, Ohio, did the demolition work, removing sections of the 150,000-gallon tank piece by piece with a cutting torch. A new elevated water tank that holds 400,000 gallons was constructed across U.S. 60 West from the old tank. It recently went into service, making the old tank obsolete.

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Ky. report: 1 in 9 on disability; county SSI opioid scripts 3rd

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

Kentucky is second in the nation in disability benefit payments, and Crittenden County ranks near the top in opioid use by recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Medicaid.

According to "Social Security Disability in Kentucky: The Evolution of Dependence, 1980-2015," 11.2 percent of Kentuckians in 2015 received some form of disability payments. That's 375,000, enough for second among the 50 states in terms of percent of resident population. In fact, Kentucky has not dropped below that dubious rank since 2002.

In Wolfe County in eastern Kentucky, a full quarter of the people living there were on disability in 2015.

The recent report was conducted by Kentucky's Disability Determination Services (DDS), a division of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services,

In the 35 years between 1980 and 2015, the state's disability enrollment grew by 249 percent, while the state's population grew by only 21 percent over that period.

Making matters worse, "enrollment trends within Kentucky's disability population have been matched with trends in statewide prescription drug use," the report reads.

Two disability programs

The federal government issues disability through two programs – Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and SSI. Both share a common definition: "The inability to engage in substantial gainful activity based on a medically determinable impairment that is expected to last at least 12 months or result in death." SSDI recipients must have worked long enough to be insured for Social Security benefits, while SSI payments have no such qualifications.

SSDI monthly payments to Social Security-vested individuals average \$1,166, but there is, generally, a five-month waiting period to begin receiving benefits and 24-month wait for insurance coverage through Medicare.

Meantime, SSI payments average \$578 per month and recipients are automatically enrolled in Medicaid. Both payments and Medicaid enrollment are awarded on the application date or as early as three months prior to that date. Children also fall under

SSI and are enrolled in Medicaid, which allows parents up to \$735 monthly per disabled child.

Mental disorders account for the top condition for disability claims for both SSDI and SSI. Nationwide, 34.8 and 60 percent of beneficiaries, respectively, qualify under mental disorders.

Local SSI Medicaid opioids

In 2015, Crittenden County ranked third among Kentucky's 120 counties for per capita prescribed doses of opioids (commonly found in painkillers) through SSI Medicaid. An average of 193.18 doses of opioids per SSI beneficiary in the county were prescribed by health care professionals. The state average is 147.29 per capita, which is triple the 2000 statewide rate.

Marshall County was the only other western Kentucky county in the top 10 for 2015 per capita doses of SSI Medicaid opioids.

Building dependency

Once awarded disability, few people appear to return to work. According to the 46-page study by DDS, only 3.7 percent of SSDI beneficiaries and 5.5 percent of SSI recipients make a successful return to work after benefits are awarded.

"Rather than providing a helping hand for a better future, the current dependence culture has become a permanent cycle for the overwhelming majority of awardees," the report states.

Nationwide in 2015, Social Security disability programs paid out benefits totaling \$192.3 billion, or 5.2 percent of the federal budget. The dependency on disability payments cost the Kentucky

economy \$4.47 billion in lost individual income.

"Benefit dependence is highest in states and counties within Kentucky which are historically affected by under-education, long-term unemployment and persistent poverty," reads the report.

One in five Kentuckians lives in poverty.

Cause and correction

The study suggests that both the public and private sector have driven up disability roles in response to unemployment. Following the Great Recession of 2008, as long-term unemployment ran out in a stagnant job market, SSI claims soared. SSDI claims rose as private sector pension systems turned retirees to the disability system.

"Much of the exponential growth of benefit dependence over the past 35 years has been fueled by a multitude of factors which are completely unrelated to the mitigation or treatment of hardship borne of genuine disability," the report reads.

The problem appears to be compounded by a large contingency of convicted felons leaving prisons.

"At present, Social Security disability is systematically absorbing formerly incarcerated individuals who are functional but not employable due to felony convictions – a disproportionate number of which arose from non-violent drug offenses," the report states.

The DDS study suggests radical reform of the disability system, including more objective medical and psychological evaluations for qualification, capping childhood payments to parents, more vigilant fraud investigations and creating a culture that honors work.



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Jail equips inmates with skills for change

By ALEXA BLACK
STAFF WRITER

When correctional facilities release prisoners, there are some eager to integrate back into society and start anew. But there are also former inmates who fall back into a life of crime shortly after regaining their freedom. Though the result depends on personal choices and behavior, jails can still do their part to incentivize true change.

Crittenden County Detention Center (CCDC) aims to ensure its inmates leave with the tools to pursue a lawful and productive life.

The county jail has had a lot of success with its many rehabilitation programs, requiring peak conduct from those participating. The jail is at the forefront in the state with such programs. The lockup currently holds around 200 inmates who are provided 13 different 90-day

to six-month programs to prepare for life after release.

"Our goal is to put these prisoners out as better people than they were when they came in," said Lt. Athena Abshire, Class D Coordinator at the facility. "We don't want them to end up back here anyway."

Statistically, CCDC is considered one of the most successful jails in the state with rehab efforts, having only an 18 percent recidivism rate. That means 36 of the 200 inmates held at any given time go back to jail once released.

Rehabilitation programs at the detention center are all designed as building tools for inmates seeking true behavioral change.

There is a Parenting and Family Values program geared mostly toward female prisoners. They operate alongside Rubies for Life, a faith-based program operat-

ing through Princeton-based H.R. Ministries. It offers lessons for better living and quality parenting and is designed for those who may lack basic parenting skills but are capable of transforming into good parents upon completion.

Malachi Dads is another faith-based program, and it aims to instill life lessons for inmates who are fathers. It is a Kentucky Department of Corrections program and is taught by men.

"Our programs are not easy to get through, either," Abshire explained. "There are strict guidelines and many steps the prisoners are required to complete. The inmates have to be willing, and if they're not, they just don't make it."

Moral Reconciliation Therapy, or MRT, is a systematic treatment strategy that seeks to decrease recidivism among criminal offenders by

increasing moral reasoning and focuses on providing tools to cope with traumatic past events. It aims to help inmates deal with issues constructively and avoid criminal impulses, since studies show such behavior can often stem from past traumas. Students learn to build, maintain and thrive in these support systems all while developing healthy coping mechanisms.

The Victory Gardens on 42 acres of City of Marion-owned property allows community-level prisoners, or work release inmates, to plant, harvest and maintain multiple gardens and an orchard. Jailer Robbie Kirk says inmates, many of whom have never planted a seed or hoed a garden before, learn important lessons while working in the gardens. They

also collect, clean and help distribute food to community members who visit the gardens for fresh produce during the growing season.

Portal New Direction is a three-month course offering inmates in the state corrections system housed in Crittenden County the opportunity to learn valuable information for a healthy integration into society. This program, along with many others in place, helps promote disciplinary behavior and offers encouragement.

"Similar programs nationwide are usually only offered in prison, but bringing them to the county jail has made a big impact on our people here," Abshire said. "The staff tries to treat them with respect, and we usually get high compliance rates be-

cause of it. We've had only three instances where a use of force was required the past two years. That is significant to us, considering the ones hauled in off the street are usually intoxicated and ready to fight. Our jail is giving tours all the time to other facilities wanting to learn how to get the same type of conduct from their own inmates."

When CCDC receives help from outside sources, it is equally effective. The Circle of Sisters cooperative ministry is just one that is credited with assisting newly released prisoners. Many of those are state inmates who must travel long distances to get back home and may not have family or friends to give them a ride. The "survival bags" the Circle provides give the inmates a head start on a long bus ride home. They have moved more than one former inmate to tears.



Abshire

Woman gets 7 years for part in holdup of McDonald's workers

STAFF REPORT

Kayla Elliott-Claycomb, the former McDonald's restaurant employee who helped her then-boyfriend rob co-workers in April 2016, pleaded guilty last week in Crittenden Circuit Court to her role in the robbery.

The 22-year-old Marion woman was originally charged with complicity to first-degree robbery. In a plea agreement, she pled to complicity to second-degree robbery and Circuit Judge Rene Williams sentenced her to seven years in prison. The term will run concurrently to time she is already serving on an unrelated drug conviction.

Her reputed boyfriend, Marc Hocking, 30, of Benton had already been convicted and is serving a seven-year sentence.

Police say Elliott-Claycomb conspired with Hocking by giving him information about how and when the em-

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ployees leave the restaurant and travel to the bank's night depository with cash receipts.

The robbery occurred on April 20, 2016. More than \$1,300 was taken in the robbery that occurred just before midnight when Hocking robbed two employees at gunpoint while wearing black pants, a black hooded sweatshirt, black gloves and sunglasses. DNA from clothing he discarded near the crime scene helped police solve the case.

Judge Williams sentenced others last week in a variety of cases. Others are as follows:

- Jared J. Asbridge, 32, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony charges of DUI, fourth offense with aggravator; being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm; and

first-degree possession of a controlled substance, second offense. He was sentenced to four years on the first two felony counts and three years on the third with all prison time to run concurrently for a period of three years. He was also sentenced to 12 months on a misdemeanor conviction of third-degree terroristic threatening. That time, too, will run concurrent with the others. Asbridge has another charge in Union County with a recommended 2½-year sentence which is also concurrent with the Crittenden County case. Asbridge waived separate sentencing and was remanded into the custody of the Kentucky Department of Corrections. He will also forfeit his driver's license for five years.

Court records say that Asbridge was arrested by Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Ray Agent, who responded to a call of a man

possibly dead on a tractor on Ky. 2123 in the Sheridan community. When the deputy arrived, he observed the tractor pulling out of a field onto the highway. Behind the wheel was Asbridge. The arrest report says Asbridge was uncooperative and refused to submit to a blood test later at the hospital. The deputy found a .22-250 rifle in the cab of the tractor and three alleged Oxycodone pills in his pocket. The terroristic threatening charge was filed after Asbridge allegedly told the deputy that he would "show up at (Agent's) house to get me" after getting out of jail, according to the arrest report.

- Jerry Pruitt, 48, of Marion pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years in prison for first-degree felony possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of marijuana. He was

given a three-year sentence for the felony and 12 months for the misdemeanor with the time to run concurrent. The sentence was probated for five years. Court records indicate that while investigating an unrelated case, police found a bong, which is a water pipe used for smoking drugs, and a straw that tested positive for meth in Pruitt's home along with scales and marijuana.

- Phillip R. Goff, 43, pleaded guilty to first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was sentenced to three years on the felony trafficking charge and 12 months on the misdemeanor paraphernalia charge. Court records say Goff was arrested last January when state police were investigating a hit-and-run traffic accident. Police and a drug-sniffing dog found 10 grams of crystal meth and

scales inside of Goff's home. Goff was given probation for five years.

- Curtis W. Lee, 56, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. He was sentenced to three years on the felony and 12 months of the misdemeanor. Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell said he would not oppose probation if Lee completes an in-house substance abuse treatment program.
- Cassidy B. Kelley, 25, of Sturgis pleaded guilty to felony flagrant non-support for being in arrears by the amount of \$9,442.13 in child support payments. She was given a five-year sentence, but it was diverted for a period of five years as long as she complies with terms of the release, which includes court-ordered child-support payments.



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Sunday city accident

No one was injured in a two-vehicle wreck Sunday that left one vehicle on its side in a ditch. According to Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal, a pickup driven by Wilson Cox of Fredonia clipped the rear end of a passenger car driven by Glendell Cummings of Marion on South Main Street at the intersection with Cruce Lane. O'Neal said Cox could not get stopped in time to keep from hitting Cummings' car, which was making a left turn. Cox attempted to miss the vehicle by exiting the right side of the roadway, but the truck struck the rear passenger side of the car and came to a rest on its side in a ditch.

Pair charged with Amish store thefts indicted

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted a couple of young adults accused of burglarizing grocery stores last spring in the Amish community.

Coy J. McDowell of Marion and Kayla Ford of Grand Rivers are alleged to have been responsible for the burglaries at Yoder's Variety Store and Family Foods on April 14 or 15 of this year.

McDowell, 20, of Marion was indicted on two felony counts of third-degree burglary and misdemeanor third-degree unlawful transaction with a minor.

Court records indicate that McDowell is believed to have been involved in two burglaries on either April 14 or 15 at Yoder's Variety Store on Ky. 91 North and Family Foods on Ky. 654 North, both in Crittenden County's Amish community.

The misdemeanor charge comes from an accusation

GRAND JURY

that McDowell had with him a juvenile to assist in the commission of the alleged burglary at Family Foods.

Ford, 19, was indicted on a felony count of third-degree burglary for allegedly being involved in the burglary of Family Foods grocery store.

The grand jury indicted others during its regular session last Thursday, including the following:

- Tyler Blake Bivins, 23, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of third-degree assault of a police officer and misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and third-degree criminal mischief. Court records indicate that Marion Assistant Police Chief Bobby West responded to the scene of a trespassing call on Sept. 30 on Walnut

Street. There, he found Bivins among the alleged trespassers. The police report said Bivins was observed throwing down a bag of marijuana, a pipe and rolling papers when the officer arrived. The police report said the officer believed that Bivins had active warrants against him and attempted to take him into custody when the suspect began resisting and pinching the police. The officer's uniform was allegedly torn during the scuffle.

- Jason Keith Williamson, 25, of Marion was indicted for felony first-degree fleeing or evading police and felony first-degree wanton endangerment. He was also indicted for traffic violations, namely disregarding a stop sign, reckless driving and operating an ATV on a public roadway. Court records say that Marion Patrolman Heath Martin responded to a complaint of an ATV operat-

ing on McMican Road near Marion-Crittenden County Park after dark on Oct. 5. The officer allegedly located the four-wheeler which had a male driver and female passenger. When he tried to make a traffic stop with his emergency lights and siren activated, the ATV sped away toward Ky. 120. At the intersection, the ATV allegedly went through the stop sign and onto the highway without any lights on the rig. It reportedly turned onto Pleasant Hill Road and later onto a private lane where the driver and passenger abandoned the ATV. They were later located hiding nearby. Only the driver was charged.

- Jerry Lee Pruitt, 48, of Marion was indicted on first-degree felony possession of a controlled substance, second offense (methamphetamine), and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

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friends and family," said Randa Berry, president of the Chamber. "We want to keep them here and help them continue to be successful."

Taking a bag is free. They are intended to encourage shoppers to forgo national retailers on the busiest shopping weekend of the season, and instead, patronize the many local brick and mortar businesses that are important to Marion's economic vitality.

"We just want to encourage everyone to come out and utilize the great businesses we have in our town," said Berry, who works at Bowtanicals, one of the downtown shops participating in Small Business Saturday. "We are a small, but a good town, and you can get just about anything you need over here. We are full of opportunities, have a lot of resources that everyone needs, and (people) need to take advantage of them."

This is the second year in a row the Chamber is supporting Small Business Saturday, a day dedicated to supporting the diverse range of businesses that create jobs, boost the economy and make up the fabric of the communities.

U.S. holiday spending up to \$967

STAFF REPORT

According to the personal finance website WalletHub.com, the average American holiday spending in 2017 is expected to reach more than \$967, an increase of 3.4 percent since 2016 and more than 20 percent over the past two years. However, holiday spending

"In our second year, we hope to get people out and get more excitement," said Berry.

To build excitement, the Chamber is looking for items from businesses to stuff into the goody bags to be given away.

"We would like to have promotional items such as pens, cups, calendars, etc., from as many businesses as we can," said Chamber Executive Director Susan Alexander. "We are hoping to entice people to want to be the first to get the bags by having prizes in several of them."

Alexander said a few gift certificates have already been donated by local retailers to sweeten the lure of the goody bags.

"These prizes do not have to be limited to a gift certi-

cate," she said. "They can also be a product from your store."

As the day approaches, businesses can let customers know what makes them unique through customizable marketing materials like flyers, posters and signage, all in the blue and white colors traditional to this event. Alexander is inviting businesses that have nothing to donate for the goody bags to share the details of their Small Business Saturday for promotion.

"We will put together a flyer with the info," she said.

Contact Alexander at (270) 965-5015 or email susan@crittendenchamber.org.

Materials are available for social media, too, in the shape of profile pictures, cover pictures, website badges and email templates.



Community THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

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Businesses made Common Sense Review

In 1922, The Crittenden Press was trying to help promote local businesses and let the public know what they had to offer. The headline from The Crittenden Press, Dec. 22, 1922 read, "Common Sense Business Review."

These editorials have been compiled with the purpose of showing the people of this section of the state what some of their home industries have to offer. Shop at home and help your hometown grow.

W.O. Tucker Furniture
A furniture store, when one stops to deliberate, furnishes the essentials that go to make a home out of a house. The making of a home, I must admit, necessitates favorable relation between man and wife. But a perfect home only comes with husband and wife being agreeable and also enough furniture in the house to make it comfortable and beautiful.

From this fact then we turn to the man who offers to the public this necessary part of the home and place more prestige on his business.

Mr. Tucker who conducts a furniture store bearing his name is another businessman who realizes that only as long as he gives a real service to the public will his establishment function in a successful manner.

This is an important fact for the people of this section of the state to know, because a knowledge of what basis he is depending on for success, insures them of having at their disposal a furniture store that is fully stocked with goods of a high standard at reasonable prices.

An inspection of the store by the writer of this article disclosed many unexpected things. They are too numerous to mention but the outstanding general impression was that it is modern, offers a variety of products and that prices were indeed reasonable when the quality of goods was considered.

Mr. Tucker has left nothing undone to secure many articles in his store that will

make practical and appropriate gifts for the holiday buyers.

Mr. Tucker also conducts an undertaking establishment. During the time he has been identified with the professional life of the community he has kept in touch with all that is new in the way of equipment but he is thoroughly abreast of the times relative to the latest scientific ideas on embalming. Courteous and efficient to a marked degree, he has won the confidence and heartfelt commendation of many clients who have found great satisfaction in being relieved of troublesome details in the time of sorrow.

J. N. Boston & Son
Located in Marion is a modern and up to date building material company that has aided greatly in the development of Crittenden County. Their buying power enables this concern to go into the largest markets and secure large quantities, which are offered at reasonable prices. Their millwork is un-excelled and their business is built upon years of good service.

By reason of their improved and modern facilities and the large number of employees, which they maintain, they are able to execute all classes of work and to furnish unexcelled service with promptness and dispatch.

By reason of the tremendous buying power this local concern is able to enter the world's largest markets and secure vast quantities at prices so low that they offer the public astounding values in lumber and building supplies of every description. The tremendous power of such large buying cannot be too emphatically stated. It gives this local concern a prestige and an advantage, which accrues to the benefit

of all its customers.

Shingles, doors, casings, sidings, roofing and a few of the builders materials included in the stock of this large concern, suffice to say that they have absolutely everything that there is in the lumber and building material line and that their mill work is of a class unsurpassed by any of the kind in the country.

Throughout this part of the country it has come to be known as headquarters for all of these many things and by fair and honest dealings with the public, the company has not only increased its patronage but also held the trade of old customers for years.

Mr. J. N. Boston and his two sons are thoroughly conversant with every feature of the business and the large establishment, which they manage. These popular men have won the everlasting friendship and patronage of hundreds of customers.

Able and efficient, but at the same time genial and accommodating they have become the prominent men in their line in this section and deserve the success that they have achieved and the commendation that is being given them by the public.

The industrial end of this concern has had an unusual growth. It has handled the contracts of practically all the buildings for the West Kentucky Coal Co., the Morganfield National Bank and practically every big building and residence in that city. It is evident that complete satisfaction has been rendered by this branch.

Marion Milling
In making my business survey of the bigger industries of Crittenden County I find this concern occupying a prominent position in its line of products.

It is only when one realizes the fact that bread is the staff of life, that the quality of the contents of this food is given much consideration,

but with this knowledge of the important part bread plays in the health of our people it seems to me that rare discrimination should be given when it comes to the purchasing of flour and other breadstuffs.

A flour, for example, that has a look of fluff will not make as light a bread as the careful housewife demands. On the other hand, a flour that is lacking in the proper bleaching process is not white, consequently a dark bread is the result from its use.

I find that the Marion Milling Co. has left not a stone unturned to produce in "SWAN" their famous brand of flour, both of the qualities that have been discussed in this paragraph. This is a triumph in the modern milling industry and the proprietors of this mill in the rendering of this service to the people of this community are deserving of any amount of praise.

The men who operate this concern know that the success of their business is based upon the service they give their patrons and it is with this view in mind that they are over striving to build this business on and again the interests in this business are well aware of the fact that a letting down in the quality of their products will enable other concerns in the field to soon have their business.

So it seems to the writer that the housewives who are not already using Swan would do extremely well to investigate the quality of this home product. If found good, which I believe will be the case, then use and boost it with a vengeance.

F.O. Butler Garage
F. O. Butler is very large, but that's not the reason he runs a garage. The reason he does – so we are told, is because he gives service whether it's hot or it's cold. 2nd the people like it and came from afar, to have him make repairs on their car. And when the car is repaired, the work is the very best. If you want your car made safe as a bank, take it



Marion Milling (above) and J.N. Boston & Son were two of Marion's thriving businesses in 1922.

in and have it looked over by Big Frank.

W. W. Runyan
W. W. Runyan and Co. opened their garage on North Main Main Street in the building formerly occupied by H. V. Stone. The building has been remodeled and thoroughly equipped for their business. The well known business ability of the firm is a guarantee of good service to the public. Mr. Newton Moore, who

for several years has been known as one of the best automobile mechanics in these parts of the state and who is well and favorable known by the automobile owners of this section, will be chief mechanic of the repair department.

These were just a few of the many businesses in Marion during this time in our past history.

Byford attends annual clerks conference

STAFF REPORT
Carolyn Byford, Crittenden County Clerk, attended the Kentucky County Clerk's Association Annual Fall Conference Nov. 5-8. The annual conference offers the opportunity to discuss and learn about upcoming changes in election laws, real estate transactions, motor vehicles and other aspects of the clerk's office. One of the highlights of the fall conference was an auction held on behalf of Helping A Veteran Everyday (HAVE), which is the charitable organization created by county clerks to raise money for veterans homes in Kentucky. This year, the HAVE auction raised approximately \$6,000. These funds are used to improve the lives of the men and women who have fought for our country and preserved our freedom. Now in its seventh year,

the HAVE auction was created and is conducted by Winston Meade from Letcher County, James Lewis from Leslie County and Haven King from Perry County. In addition to the yearly auction, Meade donates his time and talents to create birdhouses out of the various Kentucky license plates. When asked about choosing the veterans as a charity, King replied, "The reason we do this auction is to help our veterans. It is that simple." The birdhouses are available in most of the county clerk's offices in Kentucky including Byford's, and the proceeds are used to help support the veteran's homes across the state. If you are looking for a Christmas gift or just want to honor a veteran, contact local Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford to purchase a birdhouse.

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3Bed 1Bath - 262 Country Dr \$49,900
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Were the deaths of 1,449,071 men and women, who died in our wars to protect our freedoms, peace and prosperity in vain?

The following statement of many of our Founding Fathers is being proven correct: "Without morals a republic cannot survive any length of time.

"They therefore who are decrying the Christian religion, which teaches excellent and pure morality and ensures good eternal happiness, are undermining the solid foundation of morals, which are the best security for the lasting of free governments."

We are swiftly losing the America for which these millions have died, plus the millions who were injured. Many fell on foreign soil, whose whereabouts have never been found.

The veterans who came home uninjured had put their lives on the line, and had left home knowing they had a very good chance of never getting to come home again.

They gave those months and years doing what it took to help all of us keep what we loved and wanted. Those were hunks of their lives they gave for our nation, for very little pay, robbing them of getting on with their lives, jobs and families.

Two of the five deadliest U.S. mass shootings have happened in the last 35 days. What has America become, and what are the causes?

An entertainment system advertising filth, hate, racism, vulgarity, violence, murder, trashy sex and war against Christianity in our nation is part of the problem.

Also, preachers will not teach all the truth, that Heaven is wonderful, Hell is hot, those who die without Jesus living in their hearts will go there forever and to fail to fear God is the sign of depraved ignorance.

Politicians will do almost anything to keep eating out of the public trough, constantly fighting for their party, regardless of how it destroys Americans. Some of them claim to be Christians and live like the Devil wants them to.

Our lawmakers are making laws against God's commandments to satisfy the very lowest passions of dying, lost, Hell bound souls, whom they care nothing for.

Then there are school teachers and college and university professors who teach and brainwash young, vulnerable, students to hate America. They turn them against parents, decent laws and Christianity by telling them that because the Bible teaches against the sins they want to do, it is teaching hate.

What else could cause more than one person to go into a church meeting and mow down innocent people who went to a service to become better people, to learn how to help each other more and love God supremely?

So many call those people mentally ill, never reminding us that sin will always drive people crazy, even if it does so to different degrees.

Any sin consistently numbs the mind, conscience, reflexes, slowly turning us into a person far below the person God intended us to be.

Eventually, sin will lead us to do things we never dreamed we would ever do.

Sin always, without a doubt, hurts, harms and causes suffering and pain that God never intended a human to bear.



Rev. Lucy
TEDRICK
Bible teacher, minister
Religious and
Political Views

We were created in God's image to live on the high plane just below the angels.

Real, lasting, satisfying happiness can come only to those whose self respect and character exemplifies the loving, wise, caring, compassionately serving man called Jesus.

No! No one will ever be as perfect as Jesus, but He is God who made us in His image and we can do all things His Word tells us to do.

God did not make any junk, we do that, spoiling and desecrating His image.

In His love and wisdom, God even made a way for the very vilest of us to be forgiven. He allows us to be made over with a clean slate, with the Holy Spirit living in us, giving us power over sin, Satan and death.

Jesus said, "He that lives and believes in Him will never see death." John 11:26

We will just go to sleep and wake up in His divine presence.

If the lost of America do not soon come back to the God who helped make America great, America will soon be as Jerusalem was in 70 AD – destroyed by invading hordes of pagan Romans.

There are pagan hoards sitting on the east, west, north and south of us to do God's bidding.

Yes, God sent the Romans to do His job of destroying and making slaves of those He warned it would happen if they did not obey Him.

•Editor's note: 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.



Nearly 25 women this week completed a 10-week Beth Moore study of David at Marion United Methodist Church. Front row from left are facilitator Jeanette Brantley and participants Millie Jorgensen, Nancy Lacy, Stefanie Shoulders, Dulcie Hardin, Roseann Chandler, Barbara Hunt, Rita Watson, Anna Easley, Marty Hill, Janet Kemper, Allison Evans, (back) Brandy Whitney, Phillis Hardin, Mary Jo Woodall, Linda Smith, Ashley Thomas, Sandy Gilbert, Becky Combs, Heather Belt, Valerie Hart and Adria Porter.

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Words cannot express how touched we were by the outpouring of love and kindness shown during the difficult time we faced by the passing of our loved one, Helen Hunt. Each phone call, text message, flower, food, card, gift or kind word was appreciated so much. Thank you for all your prayers.
A special thank you goes to our wonderful caregivers, Diane Workman, Tammy Heady, Shelia Gillespie and Jennifer Snow. You all took great care of our beloved Mamaw. Thank you.
*With love and appreciation,
Tracy and Audra Hunt, Linda and Jerry Saarbrough,
Denise and Trent Guess, Shana and Ken Geary,
Jeremy Wheeler, Lauren Hunt and Sydney Hunt*

THANK YOU!
On behalf of the entire family of Donald Guy Thomas, we would like to thank our family & friends within Marion and Crittenden County for the incredible outpouring of love, support & generosity during Dad's illness & ultimate passing. We were incredibly touched by the thoughts, prayers, cards, and warm embraces.
The acts of support through food; the opening of homes; flowers; financial contributions to Dad's causes were incredible – and we are certain that we missed many in our attempt to convey our appreciation. Please accept our sincere gratitude for each & every act of support provided.
Marion & Crittenden County will remain incredibly important to our family. Our property here will continue to serve as a constant reminder of the legacy Dad left – inclusive of the wonderful family & friends that make it so rich.
*With Sincere appreciation,
Denise & Marty Wagner, Guy & Kathy Thomas, Miriam Thomas, Aaron & Barb Thomas – and Families*

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

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Sunday and Wednesday evening services, 6:30 p.m.

Area Deaths

Fletcher

Duane Anthony Fletcher, 58, of Marion died Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017 at his home.

He was a member of Glendale Baptist Church.

Surviving are his father, James Fletcher of Kansas City, Mo.; mother and step-father, Hilda and Pete Ouellette of Marion; and sisters, Brenda Stamper and Cindy Wheeler, both of Marion; Vicki Goodson of Kansas City, Mo., and Tracy Fletcher of Concord, Calif.

Graveside services were Saturday, Oct. 28 at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

Myers Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.



Laughlin

B. Michael Laughlin, 73, of Marion died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017 at his home.

He was owner of Rabin Tire Company in Marion, Ill., and a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, the Knight's of Columbus and a veteran of the United States Army having served during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

His favorite activities included traveling, playing golf, learning and sharing his knowledge with is family. Special to his heart were his family and dogs, but most importantly, he loved to dote over his wife, Anne.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years Anne V. Laughlin; three daughters, Janet Roth (Mark) of Evansville, Ind., Christine Quettermous (Brent Curnel) of Salem, Shannon Roath (Kenny Guidry) of Gilbertsville; one son, Sean Laughlin (Marla) of Bonnie, Ill.; grandchildren, Jessica and Joshua Elliott, Michael and Megan Wathen, Ty and Megan Walters, Nicholas Wathen, Aaron Walker, Alisha and Nathaniel Quettermous, Amanda, Lane, Katie, and Joseph Roath, Sophie and Jack Laughlin, Aaliya and Levi Curnel; and great-grandchildren Annica and Malaya Elliott, Leland Michael Wathen, Pierce Walters, Carson Cox, Brettly Russell, and Annyka and Easton Roath.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Michael Laughlin; and a brother, Jake Laughlin.

Services were private with burial at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Evansville, Ind.

Memorials may be made to: Lourdes Hospice, 2855 Jackson Street, Paducah, KY 42003.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem was in charge of arrangements.

Watson

Ann Lonette Dunning Watson, 59, of Marion died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017 at Deaconess Main Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

She was a member of Marion Baptist Church.

Survivors include her children, Katrina Irvin of Marion, Charles Watson of Marion and Johnny Watson of Huntsville, Ala.; her mother, Myrle Dunning of Marion; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Elvis "Bud" Watson, father, L.E. Dunning; and a brother.

Services were Friday Nov. 10 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorials may made to the Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22202.

Fitzgerald

Wausecka Mae Newcom Fitzgerald, 92, of Marion died Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017 at her son's residence in Morganfield.

She was a member of Marion Baptist Church.

Surviving are her sons, Randall Newcom of Elizabethtown, Ky., and Ricky Newcom of Morganfield; a stepson; Timothy Christison of Louisville; grandsons, Brandon Newcom of Morganfield and Eric Newcom of Sturgis; great-granddaughters, Ashton Newcom and Emma Newcom, both of Sturgis; and a brother, Hollis Gene Brantley of Princeton.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Hershel Newcom; and second husband, John Fitzgerald; a son, Ronald Keith Newcom; and parents, Alvis B. and Golda M. Quettermous Brantley.

Services were Tuesday, Nov. 14 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Rosebud Cemetery.

Kirk

Frances Louise Kirk, 88, of Marion died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017 at Crittenden Hospital.

Surviving are a son, Robert (Vicky) Kirk of Marion; three daughters, Linda (Eddie) Myrick of Marion, Brenda (Don) Foster of Livingston County and Rhonda (Rob) Horick of Mobile, Ala.; two brothers, James W. (Nancy) Byarley and William (Pearl) Byarley; a sister, Billie Huser; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Paris Kirk; parents Coy and Ludie Byarley; and a sister, Marietta Enoch.

Services for will be at 10 a.m., Thursday Nov. 16, 2017 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial will be at Mapleview Cemetery.

Early reports: Deer season's a blast

STAFF REPORT

Deer hunters reported brisk activity over the opening weekend, however, whitetail movement has waned a bit during the early part of this week.

Hunters in Crittenden County harvested about 1,500 deer during the first three days of the season, which is fairly typical for this county.

Crittenden ranks No. 4 in Kentucky when it comes to overall deer harvest this season. It customarily ranks among the highest deer-producing counties in the commonwealth, quite often finishing at No. 3.

Right now only Pendleton, Owen and Hardin counties have given up more deer through early hunting.

The deer rifle season lasts through Sunday, Nov. 26. The archery season will continue until Jan. 15 and there will be a seven-day muzzleloader season Dec. 9-17.

Restaurants and other retail stores in Marion that cater to hunting, camping or general outdoors gear have seen a great deal of traffic over the past few days.

Hunting brings hundreds of thousands of dollars to the local economy and it is usually considered the second largest tourist attraction in the county behind the Amish community.

Britt Wright at Hodge's Sports and Apparel, which carries the largest line of hunting gear in the county, said sales have been steady

and lots of hunters are checking in deer for the Big Buck Contest.

Hodges and Marion Tourism Commission sponsor the Big Buck Contest. Hunters can register at any time before they harvest a deer. There is an adult and youth category. The adult category winner receives a \$1,000 cash prize.

"We have had a lot more checked in for the contest," Wright said. "We had a 14-pointer brought in yesterday. We're seeing several nice bucks."

Mark Roberts, a hunter from Tennessee who comes

here regularly, hadn't taken a deer as of Tuesday afternoon, but he's not giving up. He said the experience is great and there are plenty of deer, although he's looking for a trophy.

"I saw 15 bucks and 40 something does on opening weekend," he said. "Where I live in west Tennessee you can go all year and not see that many deer."

Local hunters have taken an almost identical number of antlerless and antlered deer so far this season. There had been 785 bucks checked in and 798 does, as of Tuesday afternoon.



Hunters are finding success as whitetail season moves toward its second weekend. The season lasts until Sunday, Nov. 26. Pictured at left is Jaylee Champion, 11, of Marion who bagged an 8-pointer on opening day.



Daryl Sherer, 8, tagged this nice buck after making a 50-yard shot while hunting alongside his dad, Barrett, near Tolu.



Billy Joe Rushing, 82, of Marion took this 9-point buck on private property Monday.

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Unite to Serve is next Tuesday

Five Crittenden County High School clubs are joining forces to present Unite to Serve on Tuesday. This year's theme is Disney, and children are encouraged to dress up as their favorite Disney character. Registration starts at 5 p.m. in the high school/middle school library, and the program will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

FBLA, FFA, FCCLA, FHPA and art clubs will be providing fun games and activities for the kids, and free books will be given out at the end of the night. Unite to Serve is open to elementary children in kindergarten through 5th grade.

Post sends cards

American Legion Post 217 Auxiliary is inviting local residents who know a member of U.S. Armed Forces deployed overseas to submit the service member's name and address to that the Burna auxiliary unit can send Christmas cards.

The U.S. Postal Service has marked Dec. 11 as the final day to mail first-class letters and cards to overseas service members in time for Christmas. Names and address can be mailed to: American Legion Auxiliary 217, P.O. Box 4, Burna, KY 42028.

Young leaders conduct survey

Crittenden County Middle School's Young Leaders in Action (YLIA) need the community's help. As members of the YLIA program, sponsored by Murray State University, their task is to tackle a community issue and work to create or change public policy in response to it.

CCMS students have selected the failed second nickel tax as their platform. Right now, the state's second nickel program is the only option for school districts to secure funds for new facilities. Our student group believes that only one option is not an option! They are proposing that state lawmakers provide other avenues to generate revenue without having to add an extra tax. They want your feedback on the issue!

Please take a few moments to complete a survey at the following web address: [SurveyMonkey.com/r/QJXP-NJQ](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QJXP-NJQ).

Calendar

- The Crittenden County High School SBDM meeting has been changed to 4 p.m., Thursday (today).
- The final adult trivia night of the season will be held at 7 p.m., Friday at the Crittenden County Public Library. Teams up to five people can be pre-arranged or developed at the library prior to competition. Snacks and prizes will be provided.
- Cash Express invites will host its 13th annual coat and toy drive for the children, accepting toys, coats and non-perishable food items through Dec. 12.
- Cash Express is pairing with Marion Police Department to Fill The Humvee from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Dec. 8. Donations of new toys, coats and canned good will be given to Community Christmas.

Extension

- Thursday - Fall Quilt Seminar, 5:30-8 p.m., Extension Office, Please RSVP by calling (270) 965-5236.
- Friday - Middle School & High School Leadership Club Day.
- Friday - Diabetes Support Group, 10 a.m., Extension Office.
- Monday - 4-H Cooking Club 3:30-5 p.m., Extension Annex.
- Tuesday - 4-H Dog Club 3:30-4:30 p.m., Fairgrounds
- Tuesday - After Hours, 5 p.m., Extension Office.
- Nov. 22 - Homeschool Club 10 a.m., Extension Annex.

Cooking club fun for instructor, kids

BY MIMI BYRNS
PRESS STAFF WRITER

Last month I started a cooking club at the Crittenden County Extension Service. As part of my classes, I get to explain the science behind cooking to children who are just getting into their teenage years and are ready to learn practical tips that will be of great use in their future everyday life.

Working with youth people is always rewarding. Young people tend to pick up information quickly and use it immediately. This makes my responsibility even bigger since I know that each word I say, and each instruction I give, make an impact on them. It makes me feel like I am molding their future cooking habits and preparing them for adulthood.

What do I get out of it? Lots of fun and the perspective of a child - their thoughts and complete honesty. It is absolutely beautiful to see their first attempts to break an egg, weigh out a cup of flour or fix a cup of hot cocoa. The excitement of their mini victories reminds me of the simplicity of hap-

piness and how kids tend to find it in every little achievement. It is something that we, as grown-ups, seem to forget as time goes by and as we get more tangled into the routine of our everyday life.

Teenagers find something rewarding in fixing their own meal. To them, it speaks independence. I can't help but remember how when I was around 5 years old, I told my mum that as soon as I learn how to break an egg, I will be considered a grown-up. Such a simple step seemed so huge in my 5-year-old eyes. Our cooking club is small but interactive, letting everyone learn through trial and error. The way children act when they make a mistake in the kitchen is absolutely incredible. It is their motivating factor to be better without judging one another.

Even in the kitchen, it is necessary to make mistakes in order to sharpen skills. Everyone seems to be very excited and motivated since, at the end of the year, we are going to showcase our knowledge in the kitchen by preparing a dinner for the cooking club members' par-



Mimi Byrns (center) shares cooking tips with a group of students in the 4-H cooking club.

ents. All aspects of the meal experience will be covered, so we will learn how to set a pretty table and develop good mealtime manners.

On a personal level, leading the cooking club is an awesome experience for me, letting me dive into my childhood memories and my own experiments with food that somehow became part of my work once I became older.

Cooking is something that

affects everyone but it seems to have rapidly and dramatically changed in the new busy schedule of the corporate person. Our cooking club tends to teach young people that nothing can substitute the good old experience of your home-cooked meal, as a necessity and as a gift to your loved ones. I absolutely love it!

Learn to budget for Christmas

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Extension Service will be offering a class entitled Christmas on a Budget from 4-7 p.m., Dec. 11 at its annex on U.S. 60 East.

Two classes will be presented - one class will teach ways of decorating with items found in nature presented by Dee Brasher. Participants in this class will be making an evergreen door hanger. The other class will involve Christmas gifts from the kitchen presented by Sue Parrent. Participants in this class will be making a Christmas gift from a jar.

Participants are encouraged to RSVP by 4:30 p.m., Dec. 7 at 4:30 p.m. at 965-5236.

If no more than three people attend, the class will be cancelled.

Submit calendar items

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

Justice 1st recipient of Johnstone award

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Bill Cunningham is the first recipient of the inaugural Judge Edward H. Johnstone Award from the Kentucky Bar Foundation.

Cunningham, who represents 1st Supreme Court District that includes Crittenden County, was recognized at an awards dinner Wednesday in Paducah.



Cunningham

"Like the late Judge Johnstone, Justice Cunningham embodies the mission of the Bar Foundation with his commitment to public service, his work to build the public's trust in the justice system, and his efforts to improve access to justice for all people, regardless of income level or background," a foundation announcement noted.

Cunningham, an Ed-dyville native, served as Commonwealth's Attorney for the 56th District from 1976 to 1988 and was elected circuit judge three years later. He served in that capacity until being elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court in November 2006.

Justice Cunningham earned his bachelor's degree from Murray State University in 1962 and his juris doctor in 1969 from the University Of Kentucky College Of Law. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Vietnam, Korea and Germany.

Cunningham, who is also a published author, is a frequent contributor to The Crittenden Press.



Guest speaker Jessica Cummins (left) is pictured with Woman's Club Conservation Chair Linda Schumann.

Rusty Gate visits Woman's Club

Woman's Club of Marion members learned about one of Marion's newest businesses, Rusty Gate Farms, at their Nov. 9 meeting. The business' history and plans for the future were presented by owner Jessica Smith Cummins, a Crittenden County High School and Murray State University graduate.

Following high school agriculture teaching positions in Tennessee, Missouri and Kentucky, Cummins returned to her home county and fulfilling a dream of owning her own business with her husband Chris.

Cummins shared stories about her love for growing pumpkins and her hopes of increasing production in the coming years. She had a successful first season with pumpkins, mums, fall displays, plants and the personalization she offered on pumpkins at her Marion business.

She will reopen in the spring, offering many of the things Sherer's nursery has offered in the past and

more. Cummins said they have enough ferns started to meet the anticipated demand.

The club received an official certificate honoring the Woman's Club of Marion for its leadership and service to the community from Senator Dorsey Ridley and the Kentucky Senate.

Other items of business covered in the meeting included fundraising efforts planned for the next two months. The club's holiday outing to Patti's 1880s Settlement will take place this month.

The club approved a new club building rental policy. The building can be rented for reunions, showers, bereavement dinners, birthday parties, etc. Cost is \$80 per day along with a \$25 refundable damage deposit. To schedule the building contact Nancy Hunt at (270) 704-0057.

The next club meeting will be held at 1 p.m., Feb. 7, with a program provided by County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

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 ham and bean soup, hot spiced beats, buttered spinach, pear crisp and cornbread.
- Friday: Menu is baked spaghetti, broccoli salad, mandarin oranges and garlic breadstick. Birthday cake will be served to celebrate November birthdays. Bingo will begin at 10:30 a.m.
- Monday: Menu is franks and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, peach cobbler and cornbread with margarine. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio will begin at 9:45 a.m.
- Tuesday: Menu is spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli salad, garlic breadstick and apple crisp.

Nov. 15: Menu is baked chicken, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and banana pudding. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

The center will be closed Nov. 23-24 during the Thanksgiving holiday.

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 Pennyryle 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.

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Thank you for all the prayers, flowers, cards, phone calls and food. God bless all of you for your act of kindness, it meant so much. He surely will be missed, but never forgotten.

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September unemployment rate down in county

County jobless rates

Unemployment rates fell in Crittenden, Livingston and 100 other Kentucky counties between September 2016 and September 2017. Below are the jobless rates for select counties from the state's lowest in September to the highest, with rates for Crittenden and surrounding counties included between.

AREA	SEPT. 2017	AUG. 2017	SEPT. 2016
U.S.....	4.1	4.5	
Kentucky	4.3	5.2	4.8
Pennyrile Region	4.9	6.0	5.6
COUNTIES			
Oldham (1).....	3.1	3.9	3.2
Crittenden	4.4	5.5	4.9
Caldwell	4.5	5.3	4.9
Lyon	4.5	4.8	4.9
Webster.....	4.8	5.6	5.9
Union.....	5.4	6.5	6.5
Livingston.....	6.1	7.7	6.5
Magoffin (120)	12.9	14.9	17.9

STAFF REPORT

Unemployment appears to be down almost across the board in Kentucky. But when adjusted for seasonal changes, the statewide rate edges up.

For September 2017, the jobless rate was down in all but 18 counties across the commonwealth when compared to the previous September, according to the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS). In Crittenden County over that same period, unemployment fell from 4.9 percent in September 2016 to 4.4 percent for the ninth month of this year. Overall, the Kentucky jobless rate fell from 4.8 percent to 4.3 percent over that time.

Unemployment for Crittenden County was also down 1.1 percent from August to September 2017.

Oldham County, part of the Louisville Metro area, recorded the state's lowest unemployment rate two months ago at 3.1 percent. Once again, Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate at 12.9 percent.

Kentucky's seasonally adjusted September unemployment rate was 5.2 percent, according to the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS). The unemployment rate for September 2017 was down from the revised 5.5 percent reported for August 2017.

Kentucky's county unemployment measurements are not seasonally adjusted because of small sample sizes. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due

to seasonal events such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends.

With the adjustment, Kentucky's September 2017 jobless rate was up 0.2 percentage points from the 5 percent recorded for the state in September 2016.

"Kentucky's unemployment rate for September was somewhat higher than it was last September. However, the data suggest that there are roughly 50,000 more people working than last September. In this case, the unemployment rate is higher because there are also more people who are looking for work," said University of Kentucky's Center for Business and Economic Research

(CBER) Director Chris Bollinger, Ph.D. "These changes suggest that the state's labor force participation rate has improved since this time last year."

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate for September 2017 was 4.2 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. The U.S. unemployment rate for September was down 0.2 percentage points from the 4.4 percent reported for August 2017.

Labor force statistics, including the unemployment rate, are based on estimates from the Current Population Survey of households. It is designed to measure trends rather than to count the actual number of people working. It includes jobs in agriculture and those classified as self-employed.

Richards' early-season deficiencies are ones Calipari can fix

Kentucky freshman center Nick Richards has probably been better than anticipated on offense but not as good as expected on defense — or at least not yet.

Sporting News college basketball columnist Mike DeCourcy says that is not a bad thing so early in the season.

"Offensively he is not a super skilled post guy. He is not Elton Brand. He does not have all those undo the defense moves. Can he catch it? Yes. Can he turn and score? Okay, and you can work on that," DeCourcy said before UK opened its season.

"If he has not been good defensively, it's okay. He's a freshman. That is not a problem at all. It's an issue for Cal (John Calipari) to work on and he may lose minutes but that is something he can make up between now and March. That's not really a great concern at this point.

"Whatever defensive deficiencies he has it is not physical. He just doesn't know how to do it yet. That's one of the reasons I say one-and-done is a good thing. Imagine Richards having that problem this year in the NBA. Instead, he can learn from Cal and get better and make Kentucky better at the same time."


DeCourcy, like many others, sees freshman Kevin Knox as the Kentucky player with the most potential. He anticipates P.J. Washington being the most consistent from game one to the end of the season.

What about freshman Hamidou Diallo? He's considered the best athlete not only at Kentucky, but one of the best in the country.

"I think that Hami is a talent. Sometimes I think because guys become highly rated ... people just know he is a top 10 or 15 guy but they don't know what each one of them is," DeCourcy said. "It's a question of what are they being rated for: college prospect, pro prospect.

All that comes into it.

"He's not a great shooter but he has time to improve and is making some



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist

Vaught's Views

progress. He's really a great up and down (the court) athlete but how good is he at picking you apart defensively. I am not sure he is great at that yet."

Kentucky Radio Network analyst Mike Pratt has the same concern about Diallo's feel for the game. DeCourcy said redshirting the second semester at UK was a move that had to help Diallo with that.

"He has a long ways to go. He is not there yet. If I looked at Kentucky's team and was having a college draft, he would be my third pick. Maybe my fourth depending on whether I needed a point guard," DeCourcy said.

"Hami is the guy who is the biggest variable. Can he be great? Yes. Can he be great this year? Maybe. I am not sure. I worry a little bit about how people will react to his struggles and how he will react. That's something nobody knows at this point."

Maggard: Snell best RB

Former UK quarterback Freddie Maggard has seen enough. He says sophomore running back Benny Snell is the best UK running back he's seen in his years of following Kentucky.

I'm a bit older than Maggard and watched Sonny Collins — and some others — before Maggard even knew about UK football. But I think I am on the same page as Maggard.

Snell is so good that his 17 carries for 116 yards and three scores in last week's 44-21 rout at Vanderbilt seemed average. Of course, for Snell it was after back-to-back 176-yard games against Tennessee and Ole Miss.

Remember, he didn't play until the third game of his freshman season and has three more games to go this year. Yet he's already the school's all-time leader in rushing touchdowns with 27 and the first UK player ever to have consecutive 1,000-yard rushing seasons. He's also just the third player in SEC history with 1,000 rushing yards and 13 rushing touchdowns in his freshman and sophomore seasons. The

other two — Herschel Walker and Knowshon Moreno.

Snell says "doubters and haters" fuel his fire. He'll have plenty of both this week when UK plays at Georgia. Kentucky will again be an underdog but after Auburn tore apart previously unbeaten Georgia last week, Snell will have that chip on his shoulder believing UK can win.

"We all believe in Benny and if we execute the way we can, we can play with anybody in the country because of what he can do," center Drake Jackson said after the Vanderbilt win.

Life sessions

Junior receiver Kayaune Ross has learned more than football the last two seasons from receivers coach Lamar Thomas.

"He's big on life lessons. That's what kind of guy he is. He has been through the situations. It's like trying to show the younger guys everything he has been through, and we respect him for that," Ross said.

"Coach L.T. is very passionate. You can just tell sometimes he wants to be out there again. He tries to give us the knowledge on little things that we can do to improve our game. He was once in my position. It's nice to have somebody like that to get tips and reminders from, especially knowing that he cares about a lot more than just football with us."

He had just two catches for 10 yards in 2016 after transferring from junior college. This year he has 10 catches for 160 yards.

"It's about being a team player and being ready when your number is called. Being the type player I am, I want the ball. But at the end of the day I can't worry about not having the ball or when it is time to get the ball my mind won't be right," Ross said.

"I thought I could do this. I am very comfortable. I am big. I am stronger than the DB going at me. There is not any DB that will be bigger or stronger than me. So I have that confidence. I have to play big."

Ross said he's become a better practice player and that has translated to game day — even though he wants to do a lot more than he has so far.



PHOTO BY VICKY GRAFF

The University of Kentucky, Maria Montgomery and the UK cheerleaders honored Kami Bivins and her daughters at the Utah Valley game in appreciation of the late Eric Bivins' military service.

tucky basketball fan and the girls made a video asking UK to honor him at a game so others would know he was a "hero" for his service.

Schwake did even more. He invited them to the game and then played the girls' video on the big screen at Rupp Arena as they stood at midcourt with the UK cheerleaders. Big Blue Nation Cares, a group that helps special UK fans, had provided 12 additional game tickets for family and friends and both the Hyatt Regency in Lexington (Friday) and Beaumont Inn/Old Owl Tavern in Harrodsburg (Thursday) had provided lodging.

"I met a very special veteran family. Introducing veterans at the UK basketball games is always one of my favorite announcements," Maria Montgomery, a former Miss Kentucky who works UK basketball games and had dinner with the family the night before the game, said. "But this family was particularly special because of the video these girls made hoping UK would see it ... and they did."

Even better, Schwake helped arrange for Patrick Sparks, who sent to high school with Eric Bivins, to be at the game and sit with the Bivins family. It was Sparks' first time back in Rupp Arena since his UK playing career ended.

Former UK All-American Mike Pratt, who now works for the UK Radio Network, said he got to briefly visit with Sparks.

"I hope he comes back to a few more games now. I loved his toughness on the court," Pratt said.

Bivins said everything about the trip was amazing. She said it was "life changing" for her daughters and a time she'll never forget.

UT's lack of success

DeCourcy's specialty is not college football. However, he lived in Cincinnati while current Tennessee football coach Butch Jones was the coach at Cincinnati.

DeCourcy was not been surprised that Jones did not reach the level of success that Tennessee fans wanted — including losing at Kentucky this year.

"Tennessee needs an A-coach or better. Butch is probably a B-minus. At Cincinnati he was good enough, but at Tennessee he was just not good enough," DeCourcy said days before Jones was fired by the Vols.

"Tennessee is still a program if you are going to get it right, you have to get a great coach. I am not sure how many are out there and how many would be willing to take the Tennessee job."



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Rockets host Regional Title Game

Crittenden thumps Bethlehem behind Nesbitt's four TDs; CCHS hosts Campbellsville this week

STAFF REPORT

For only the fourth time in Rocket football coach Al Starnes' long career, Crittenden County will be playing in the First Region Class A championship game.

The 12th-ranked Rockets beat unranked Bethlehem 41-20 in last Friday's regional semifinal at Marion to warrant a berth in the Final Eight this week against unranked Campbellsville (6-6). Kickoff is at 7 p.m., at Rocket Stadium.



Devon Nesbitt had an MRI on his knee this week. His status at presstime Tuesday was questionable for this week's game

Starnes' teams have been successful in one of those previous three regional title appearances – in 2008. This will be the school's sixth trip to the regional title game since it started playing football in 1957.

Host Campbellsville handled Russellville easily in the First Region's other semifinal 50-26 last week as the Panthers had seven turnovers.

As the road narrows toward the state championship game and opponent strength improves, Coach Starnes' introspection about his final season intensifies.

"It feels great to extend the season because there at one point I thought it might be all over with," said Starnes, following last week's win.

Starnes is retiring after this year, which is his 27th as head coach at Crittenden County.

The Rockets scored first last Friday, but trailed 13-7 at one point early in the second quarter against Bethlehem, a team that had eliminated the Rockets from the playoffs the past two seasons. The game was tied at 20 at halftime, but Crittenden scored three unanswered touchdowns in the last half to win going away. Devon Nesbitt scored all of those and another in the first half.

Nesbitt, Crittenden County's junior running back and the 2016 district player of the year, just keeps getting better as the Rockets continue to advance further into the Class A playoffs. He rushed for 252 yards on 40 carries, by far the heaviest workload of anyone touching the ball Friday. Three other backs carried the ball eight more times for the Rockets.

"Devon Nesbitt was outrageous. He played like he was possessed," said Starnes.

Nesbitt also broke the school record for most touchdowns in a season with his effort in Friday's semifinal matchup. That record had stood since 1963 when Jimmy Hopper rushed for 22. Nesbitt now has 24.

Defensively, the Rockets were solid in the second half, pinning down Bethlehem's one-dimensional running game featuring senior back Tyler Ohler. He had 82 yards at the half, but gained just six the last two periods. Senior Adam Beavers had an outstanding game as did freshman linebackers Braxton



Rocket defenders Joe Estes (56), Brady Birk (62) and Sean O'Leary (57) track down Bethlehem quarterback Ryan Mattingly.

Winders, Caden McCalister and Tyler Boone. Junior defensive end Sean O'Leary and senior lineman Brady Birk also had top-notch efforts, among others.

Bethlehem never was able to harness Crittenden's offensive attack. The Rockets punted just once. Although quarterback Hunter Boone threw a touchdown pass to Cody Belt to start the game, the Rocket triggerman was sharper in the second half. He threw for 55 yards before the break, and finished with 166 on 13-of-19 accuracy with more effectiveness down the stretch, taking advantage of soft coverage on the corners by the Eagles' defensive backs.

Belt finished the game with 112 yards receiving on six catches.

"It was a great game overall and we played very well defensively once we made some adjustments at halftime," Starnes said.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Bethlehem	7	13	0	0
Crittenden Co.	7	13	14	7

SCORING PLAYS

C-Cody Belt 16 pass from Hunter Boone (Belt kick) 6:32, 1st
B-Tyler Ohler 29 run (Bryce Zielke kick) 3:41, 1st
B-Ohler 1 run (kick failed) 11:53, 2nd
C-Boone 1 run (Belt kick) 8:32, 2nd
C-Devon Nesbitt 3 run (kick failed) 1:51, 2nd
B-Brysen Cissell 14 pass from Ryan Mattingly (Zielke kick) :21, 2nd
C-Nesbitt 4 run (Belt kick) 5:19, 3rd
C-Nesbitt 18 run (Belt kick) 2:28, 3rd
C-Nesbitt 16 run (Belt kick) 8:26, 4th

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: Crittenden 21, Bethlehem 12
Penalties: Crittenden 5-50, Bethlehem 11-73
Rushing: Crittenden 48-265, Bethlehem 37-116
Passing: Crittenden 13-19-1, 166 yds., Bethlehem 7-17-2, 108 yds.
Total Yards: Crittenden 431, Bethlehem 224
Fumbles/Lost: Crittenden 2-2, Bethlehem 1-0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Crittenden: Nesbitt 40-252, Caden McCalister 4-5, Ethan Dossett 1-3, Boone 3-5. Bethlehem: Ohler 23-88, Mason Tucker 1-(-14), Riley Collins 7-31, Mattingly 6-11.

Passing

Crittenden: Boone 13-19-1, 166 yds. Bethlehem: Mattingly 6-16-2, 98 yds., Ohler 1-1-0, 10 yds.

Receiving

Crittenden: Belt 6-112, Branen Lamey 3-22, Dossett 2-9, McCalister 1-16, Nesbitt 1-7. Bethlehem: Cissell 2-15, Chris Osborne 1-46, Clay Trusley 1-10, Ezra Dillard 1-20, Ohler 2-17.

Defense

Adam Beavers 7 solos, 5 assists, TFL, sack; Cody Belt 2 solos, Brady Birk 9 solos, 4 assists, TFL; Kyle Castiller solo; Mason Hunt solo, 5 assists; Mitchell Joyce 2 solos; Branen Lamey solo, assist, interception; Sean O'Leary 5 solos, 10 assists; Payton Riley 2 assists, interception; Hunter Jones 6 assists; Justin Phillips caused fumble; Tyler Boone 4 solos, 7 assists, TFL, sack; Caden McCalister 4 solos, 4 assists; Braxton Winders 10 solos, 5 assists.

Records: Crittenden 8-4, Bethlehem 4-8



Coach Al Starnes embraces receiver Cody Belt after Friday's victory. Belt had more than 100 yards receiving.

Playoffs at a Glance

■ This will be the fifth time the postseason's regional championship has been played at Rocket Stadium. Crittenden has won two of them – in 1985 over Caverna en route to the Class A State Championship and in 2008 over Mayfield before losing in the Sub-State at Beechwood.

■ The Rockets hosted the regional championship in 1998 and 2002 but lost to Mayfield.

■ Crittenden County has won a regional title just three times – 1963, 1985 and 2008.

PREVIOUS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1963 - 1985 - 2008

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES IN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

1963 - 1985 - 1998 - 2002 - 2008

KHSAA CLASS A PLAYOFFS

This week's regional championships

Campbellsville at Crittenden County
Beechwood at Kentucky Country Day
Raceland at Paintsville
Pikeville at Hazard

Last week's regional semifinal results

Crittenden County 41, Bethlehem 20
Campbellsville 50, Russellville 26
Kentucky Country Day 32, Lou. Holy Cross 7
Beechwood 47, Frankfort 7
Raceland 31, Paris 9
Paintsville 43, Bracken County 0
Pikeville 42, Williamsburg 6
Hazard 43, Lynn Camp 8

CLASS A FINAL AP RANKINGS (Oct. 30)

- Paintsville - still alive
- Beechwood - still alive
- Hazard - still alive
- Kentucky Country Day - still alive
- Paris - eliminated
- Raceland - still alive
- Ludlow - eliminated
- Williamsburg - eliminated
- Pikeville - still alive
- Bracken County - eliminated
- Russellville - eliminated
- Crittenden County - still alive
- Lynn Camp - eliminated

Meet the Rockets Saturday to start off basketball season

Basketball season kicks off Saturday night in Crittenden County with the official pre-season igniter – Meet the Rockets at 7 p.m.

The event will include introduction of players from middle school to varsity, intra-squad scrimmage games and the traditional dessert auction which is always a crowd favorite.

The defending district champion Lady Rockets open

their season on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at home against Fort Campbell.

The Rockets open on the same night at Webster County.

Also on Saturday, Crittenden Middle School will host its annual homecoming basketball games at 3 p.m., against John Paul II. Coronation of the king and queen and recognition of homecoming court will be included.

Youth hoops league starts Saturday

Crittenden County's little league basketball program kicks off Saturday morning at Rocket Arena. There will be an evaluation period and practice for players in kindergarten through sixth grade.

The first session starts at 9 a.m., for K-2 grades and the last session is at 10 a.m., for grades 3-6.

Each player will receive a Rocket T-shirt and schedules will be provided on Saturday morning. Cost is \$20 per player and there is a discount

for multiple players in one family.

Games will be played on Saturday mornings at Rocket Arena through early January. The youth program will also have two select travel teams – one for grades 3-4 and one for grades 5-6.

For more information on youth basketball, contact Denis Hodge at (270) 704-0643. The girls' youth league started last week. Contact Shannon Hodge for more information (270) 704-0593.



The state-qualifying Crittenden County cross country team held its post-season awards ceremony last week. Among those honored were Aaron Lucas and Kate Keller, who were selected as MVPs of their respective squads. Kalli Champion and Pate Robinson received the Most Improved and 110 Percent Awards and Tyson Steele was named Mr. Crittenden County Cross Country and Keller and Champion were named Miss Crittenden County Cross Country. This was the first time in many years that Crittenden County has had a cross country team. Pictured are (from left) assistant coach Lee Ann Keller, Kate Keller, Steele, Robinson, Lucas and coach Angela Starnes.

CCMS BASKETBALL SUMMARIES

7TH GRADE BOYS

Lyon 52, Crittenden 10
CCMS Scoring: Preston Morgeson 2, Seth Guess 2, Zach Counts 2, Caden Riley 4.

Caldwell 44, Crittenden 42, 20T
CCMS Scoring: Morgeson 13, Guess 7, Riley 14, Evan Belt 8.

Crittenden 42, Livingston 41
CCMS Scoring: Morgeson 20, Guess 11, Belt 7, Riley 2, Counts 2.

8TH GRADE BOYS

Lyon 69, Crittenden 18
CCMS Scoring: Maddox Carlson 4, Trace Derrington 2, Bryson Baker 4, Coleman Stone 4, Dane West 1, Tristen Davidson 3.

Caldwell 44, Crittenden 41, OT
CCMS Scoring: Carlson 11, Derrington 2, Luke Crider 2, Tucker Sharp 4, Logan Bailey 6, Tristen Davidson 3, Morgeson 13.

Crittenden 42, Livingston 39
CCMS Scoring: Carlson 13, Crider 3, Baker 2, Bailey 5, Davidson 2,

Morgeson 14, Guess 3.

8TH GRADE GIRLS

Caldwell 41, Crittenden 29
CCMS Scoring: Grace Driskill 6, Macie Hunt 4, Natalie Boone 6, Taylor Guess 5, Riley Smith 6, Addy Hatfield 2.

7TH GRADE GIRLS

Crittenden 31, Caldwell 21
CCMS Scoring: Hunt 2, Boone 4, Guess 10, Smith 8, Hatfield 7.

Upcoming Hunt Seasons

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Archery Deer/Turkey	Sept. 2 - Jan. 15
Raccoon Hunt	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Crossbow	Nov. 11 - Dec. 31
Rifle Deer	Nov. 11 - Nov. 26
Fox	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Squirrel	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Rabbit	Nov. 13 - Feb. 10
Raccoon Trap	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Quail	Nov. 13 - Feb. 10
Duck	Nov. 23 - Nov. 26
Dove	Nov. 23 - Dec. 3

Canada Goose	Nov. 23 - Feb. 15
Bobcat	Nov. 25 - Feb. 28
Turkey gun	Dec. 2-8
Duck	Dec. 4 - Jan. 28
Muzzleloader	Dec. 9 - Dec. 17
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CHILDREN

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there were slight improvements in economic security, with the rate of children living in poverty falling from 31.9 percent to 31.3 percent. Almost half, 49 percent, remain in low-income families despite an 8-point improvement. But the number of youth living in food insecure families rose a full point to 20.8 percent.

"Growing up in a financially stable home affects almost every other aspect of a young child's life," said Jennifer Hancock, president and CEO of Volunteers of America Mid-States. "The addiction crisis has touched every community and has worsened many families' financial instability."

Education

The quality of the Commonwealth's future workforce depends on the educational achievement of our children. The data show that less than half of Kentucky eighth-graders are proficient in math and only 36.5 percent in Crittenden County, which is a concern because success in math sets students up to excel beyond high school.

Just under half of fourth-graders in the county are proficient in reading and only 46.6 percent of kindergartners are ready to learn, though that is an almost 10-point jump over the 2013-14 school year.

While nearly 9 out of 10 high school students are graduating on time statewide, locally that measure fell from 83.5 percent five years ago to 79.6 percent.

"We must team with all stakeholders to ensure that every child has the tools they need to graduate on time and ready for their next adventure-technical training or a 4-year degree," said Dale Brown, Director of College and School Relations at Western Kentucky University, former school superintendent and Kentucky Youth Advocates board member.

Health

Health data continues to show progress for Kentucky. Nearly 96 percent of children under age 19 and 77 percent of young adults age 19-25 have health insurance. Mean-time, the local measures were 94.9 percent and 84 percent, respectively.

In addition, rates of smoking during pregnancy, babies born at low birthweight and teen births all improved over the past five years. For instance, Crittenden County has seen a 7.9 percent decrease in the rate of births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy.

The birth rate to teen mother, though, climbed to 52 per 1,000 females age 15-19.

Family and community

Stable families and supportive communities help children develop and make healthy transitions into adulthood. Over the past five years, the state and county have incarcerated fewer children by putting greater emphasis on a youth justice system that responds effectively and helps kids stay on track to succeed. The percent of births to mothers without a high school diploma also decreased in Crittenden County.

On the flip side, the number of local children living in out-of-home care soared from 28.6 per 1,000 juveniles 17 and under to 46.9. That figure rose in 88 of Kentucky's 120 counties. The percentage of children living in high poverty areas registered 78 percent from 2006-10, when no areas of the county were deemed to be high poverty.

"All children deserve to be safe and in a family," said Keith Inman, president of Kosair Charities. "Kids in out-of-home care, often due to abuse and neglect, are among our most vulnerable."

Local communities can act upon the Kids Count data to advance child well-being for the children in their cities and neighborhoods.

"We know that what gets measured, gets changed," said Jude Thompson, CEO of Delta

Crittenden County Kids Count County Profile 2017*

		Baseline data	Latest data	Change since baseline	To achieve 10 percent improvement
HEALTH	Smoking during pregnancy	27.8% 2008-10	19.9% 2013-15	▲	6 Fewer children
	Low-birthweight babies	10.0% 2008-10	9.3% 2013-15	▲	3 Fewer children
	Children under 19 with health insurance	91.7% 2010	94.9% 2015	▲	110 More children
	Young adults (19-25) with health insurance	- 2006-10	84% 2011-15	-	60 More young adults
	Teen births (rate per 1,000 females 15-19)	43.5 2008-10	52.0 2013-15	▼	4 Fewer children
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	Births to mothers without a high school diploma	30.1% 2008-10	26.8% 2013-15	▲	9 Fewer births
	Children in out-of-home care (rate per 1,000 children 0-17)	28.6 2011-13	46.9 2014-16	▼	10 Fewer children
	Youth incarcerated in juvenile justice system (rate per 1,000 children 10-17)	24.7 2008-10	24.1 2014-16	▲	2 Fewer youth
	Children living in high-poverty areas	0% 2006-10	78% 2011-15	▼	170 Fewer children
ECONOMIC SECURITY	Children in deep poverty (below 50% of the federal poverty level)	- 2006-10	10% 2011-15	-	30 Fewer children
	Children in poverty (below 100% of the federal poverty level)	31.9% 2010	31.3% 2015	▲	60 Fewer children
	Children in low-income families (below 200% of the federal poverty level)	57% 2006-10	49% 2011-15	▲	110 Fewer children
	Children living in food insecure households	19.8% 2011	20.8% 2015	▼	50 Fewer teens
EDUCATION	Kindergartners ready to learn	37.9% SY 2013-14	46.6% SY 2016-17	▲	4 More children
	Fourth-graders proficient in reading	49.5% SY 2011-12	49.5% SY 2016-17	■	5 More children
	Eighth-graders proficient in math	44.1% SY 2011-12	36.5% SY 2016-17	▼	4 More children
	High school students graduating on time	83.5% SY 2012-13	79.6% SY 2016-17	▼	8 More teens

▲ Better

▼ Worse

■ No change

- Data unreliable or unavailable

**The 2017 Kentucky KIDS COUNT County Data Book offers the latest local data on 17 measures of child well-being, showing whether outcomes for children have improved, worsened or stayed the same over a five-year period. It also calculates how many children would be impacted with just a 10 percent improvement for each measure. Detailed data is available for every county in Kentucky.*

NATIVITY

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run, as organizers of the event keep building on and offering something new every year.

"Words really can't do it justice, it's just something you have to come and see for yourself," said organizer Donna Hearell. "We all want to make it as realistic as possible so we can serve the community and share the Word with them through this experience."

The three-day nativity scene is a live action replica of Bethlehem, based on early biblical descriptions of the city, and is centered around Jesus Christ's birth. Long-time church members Hearell and Wade Buntin organize the project, while Denise Byarley designs the costumes. The three collaborate with many other members who work behind the scenes and are just as vital to the project.

The church intends to make this year's nativity scene bigger and better than before. The Bethlehem scene will be complete with detailed props, new characters and overall realistic scenery.

"Every member of the church contributes, and it is one big group effort," Hearell said. "In other words, it truly takes a village to make this thing run, and the experience itself is all about the atmosphere. You can smell the smoke and hear the blacksmith working, for example."

Though many members describe the process of building the city as as fun as the event itself, Deer Creek is not immune to struggles. Hearell recalls there have been times the actors have had to postpone or change dates due to severe weather conditions. Last year, they endured bitter cold and snow, but did not cancel the Nativity.

Another issue they are faced with is something church members have named the "Bethlehem bug," seasonal sickness that has led to them canceling for a day in times past. However, they take these challenges in stride, as thunderstorms, snow and illness alike do not stand in the way of their goals.

In addition to the usual scenery of Bethlehem, they will be introducing a variety of new characters into the scenes, outside of the usual residents who have been used



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Above, Deer Creek Baptist Church's live Nativity has grown each year and now includes a replica of the village of Bethlehem with period costumes and props to enhance the traditional portrayal of Jesus' birth. This year's event slated for the second weekend of December will be even more elaborate. At left, youth hold the respective flags of all five branches of the U.S. military during a special veterans recognition service inside the Deer Creek sanctuary on Nov. 5.

for years. Roman soldiers will now be patrolling the streets while peasants are making their rounds begging for food. Water gatherers will be posted at the district well, and local fisherman will be used to portray life in such a time.



Davidson

Two camels will be mixed in with the variety of other farm animals used in the display, and it has been suggested there will now be a city wall surrounding this replica of Bethlehem. There are descriptive plaques throughout the city meant to guide attendees and tell the story of each section. Organizers are working toward steady improvement and aim to offer an unforgettable experience to both returning and first-time spectators.

The event is expected to bring in many newcomers, one of which will be Deer Creek Baptist Church's very own pastor, Larry Davidson of Paducah. Originally, he was

meant to be a interim pastor for the church, but God had other plans, he believes. Recently selected by the church to lead the congregation with unanimous approval from members, the thought of experiencing the live Nativity scene for the first time only adds to his excitement.

"I can't wait to see it, and I've heard awesome things about it from church members and people outside the church," Davidson said. "I'm hoping it draws in a bigger crowd and helps bring people

to God.

"Jesus came here to seek and save, so those are my goals as well. I'm looking forward to seeing lives change, families come back together and discouraged people be reached and find themselves a church family. We welcome everybody to come out and share this experience."

The nativity scene will be located at Deer Creek Baptist Church, 5 miles out Ky. 297 from its intersection with U.S. 60 West. It will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 9-11.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Vets invited to meet wounded warriors

A veterans organization in Burna is hosting a social next week to meet more than a dozen "wounded warriors" given the opportunity to deer hunt on private lands.

American Legion Post 217 is inviting all veterans to the event scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 at its headquarters in Burna off U.S. 60. The event is held in honor of 14 combat veterans injured in the line of duty who through the Wounded Warrior Hunt Excursion program are allowed to hunt on lands donated for use by local property owners.

"These men and women are our nation's most treasured assets and we need to say thank you by supporting this event for them," said Post 217 auxiliary member Faye Gibson.

There will also be a silent auction that will serve as a fundraiser.

3rd county attorney to end public career

Longtime county attorneys in at least three neighboring counties will not be seeking re-election to the office next year.

Last week, Union County Attorney Brucie Moore, 61, announced she would not be running in 2018. When her term ends in December of next year, she will have held the office for 20 years, according to The Sturgis News.

"I am not comfortable seeking re-election for a term I know I would not complete," she told the newspaper.

In Livingston County, Billy Riley resigned his post last month after 27 years, and Raymond "Dykie" McGee was named as his replacement.

In September, Marion attorney Roy Massey IV replaced Bridgie Miller as Caldwell County Attorney,

who resigned from office after 24 years. Massey lives in Princeton but practices law at Frazer & Massey Attorneys at Law in Marion.

Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson has filed to seek a fourth term.

Shady Grove deer breakfast a record

A Henderson man with long-held ties to hunting in Crittenden County was the winner of the .30-06 deer rifle raffled by Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department.

Billy Freeman was randomly selected to received the rifle at the fire department's annual fundraising breakfast Saturday at the fire station. Dan Wood, a member of the department, said Freeman regularly hunts in the county.

Wood said this year's breakfast, held on the opening morning of deer season for modern rifles, was the biggest ever with about 350 meals served.

"You can't get any better than that, I don't think," he said. "We thank everyone for coming out and buying raffle tickets, it helps out the fire department tremendously."

Vendor fair benefits abused local youth

A Hopkinsville fundraiser today (Thursday) will benefit abused children in Crittenden and Livingston counties.

The fourth annual Holiday Vendor Fair at Hopkinsville High School is being held to benefit the Pennyrile Children's Advocacy Center in Hopkinsville. The Center works with sexually assaulted children in Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Lyon, Christian, Hopkins, Muhlenberg, Todd and Trigg counties.

The vendor fair will be from 4 to 7 p.m. at the school cafeteria at 430 Koffman Dr. in Hopkinsville. Vendors include Mary Kay, Tupperware and

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Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation and Education

Narconon wants to educate families on the new escalated risk Fentanyl has added to opiate abuse. Fentanyl has been found to be 50 to 100 times more potent than heroin and has a greatly