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## Music on Main at gazebo Saturday

The first performance for Music on Main will be 7 p.m., Saturday at the gazebo on the courthouse lawn in Marion. The Possum Wranglers, a local group consisting of Thom Hawthorne, Larry Starr, Doug Wooley, Jerry Marshall, Mike Hall and Steve Crider, will perform. Those wishing to attend are encouraged to bring their own lawn chair. The Marion Main Street sponsored performances continue each Saturday evening through Sept. 22.



## SEC football peek inside this issue

It's finally here. Our new feature, The SEC This Week, premieres this week with a preview of the Southeastern Conference East Division. This powerhouse division pits the return of Kentucky's bowl-winning team against national champion Florida, Tennessee, Georgia and South Carolina. **6B**

## Despite rain drought not over

Though some rain has fallen locally over the last week, not near enough has been measured to end the lingering summer drought in Crittenden County. That means a county-wide ban on all outdoor burning remains, as does a request by the City of Marion to limit outdoor watering to days based upon addresses. Judge-Executive Fred Brown placed the burning ban earlier this month due to wildfire concerns amid extremely dry conditions in grassy and wooded areas. Meantime, city officials are worried over an ever-lowering water level at Lake George, the reservoir that supplies Marion's drinking water.

## Local meetings

**UPCOMING**  
• Marion City Council will meet 6 p.m., Sept. 5 in council chambers to finalize city tax rates for 2007 as well as some yet-to-be-determined agenda items.

## Rain gauge

Reported by UK Agriculture Weather Service as of Wednesday at Paducah.

7 days	30 days	2007
0.01"	0.06"	24.95"

below average: 7.48"

## Forecast

Reported by the National Weather Service.

Thursday	Friday
Sunny 98/73	Mostly clear 20% 97/73

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# Diseased deer dying locally

STAFF REPORT

Landowners shouldn't be too alarmed if they find an abnormal number of dead deer in the coming days. Although a disease is killing dozens of whitetails, local officials say it shouldn't have any effect on humans or livestock.

Hugh Highfil, who lives in the Mexico community, said he's found several dead deer. One doe he saw was neck deep in a pond with only its head and nose sticking out of the water.

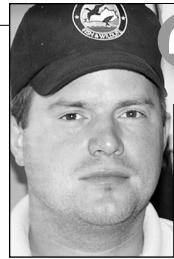
Brent White, a state trooper and part-time cattle farmer, has found dead deer around three of his ponds.

"I was so concerned that I moved my cows out of those fields and onto other pastures," White said.

Local wildlife biologist Philip Sharp said that's a typical sign of hemorrhagic disease.

"Diseased animals seek water," he said. "But they cannot transmit the disease to cattle."

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is investigating dozens of reports of whitetailed deer deaths in 11 counties, primarily in



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— Philip Sharp  
Wildlife biologist

western Kentucky. Officials suspect that most of the animals died of hemorrhagic disease, but conclusive clinical diagnosis is difficult.

Sharp said he received more than 50 calls last week from the seven-county area that he serves. In Crittenden County, he said one farm alone had 20 dead deer. Another reported 18 dead whitetails.

"It's my personal observation that it seems to affect yearling bucks more

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# DEA sweep nets arrests

STAFF REPORT

City, county and state police agencies were working together with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents Monday and Tuesday on a federal investigation that resulted in the arrest of at least seven local individuals on drug-related charges.

None of the officers or spokespersons for those agencies were at liberty to discuss details of the investigation, but eye-witnesses told The Press about some of the local individuals who were taken into custody on Monday. Names and charges have not been officially released; however, information on the McCracken County Jail's Web site supports the eyewitness accounts in regard to who was arrested.

According to the jail's information, seven Crittenden Countians were lodged there overnight Monday and Tuesday. They were Timothy J. Binkley, 36; Russell Hunt, 46; Ollie D. Peek, 52; Robert

Topp, 51; Kimberly Cowser, 28; Randy Cowser, 36; and Troy D. Fox, 41. All face charges of trafficking in a controlled substance, according to information on the McCracken County Web site.

According to the jail's information, some of the suspects are being held for U.S. Marshals. It appears that all of the suspects arrested as of press time were being held without bond.

The U.S. District Attorney's office in Louisville did not return phone calls made by The Press. No information regarding the charges is expected to be released until the investigation is complete and arrests are finalized.

The Marion Ed-Tech Center was used Monday as a processing location for the suspects, who were taken directly to Paducah and jailed. None of the suspects were lodged at the Crittenden County Jail.

It appears that this week's arrests were the culmination of several years of evidence gathering.

## Bringing down the house: Flanary home razed



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

With a final push, Shelby Belt with Belt Construction in Marion uses a Caterpillar trackhoe last Thursday to crumble a deteriorated Marion landmark, the so-called Flanary House on West Bellville Street. The photo was taken at the last moment before the 130-year-old home came crumbling to the ground to make way for a new residence on the lot. Below, a photo of the home in its better days shows the classic steamboat-style of architecture that once made the building so recognizable.

# Landmark removed for new construction

STAFF REPORT

With history, when one chapter closes, it turns the page to another.

Last Thursday, what began as a two-room log cabin prior to the Civil War and developed into one of the most beautiful landmarks in Marion came crashing down. After 130 years as a 15-room family home on West Bellville Street, the so-called Flanary House was razed to make room for a new family dwelling.

Though history will record the home as a unique, steamboat-style example of architecture with six porches on two levels, the last few years had not been so kind to the structure. The last of the Flanary family that was first associated with the home in 1905 vacated the manor in 1986. The last 21 years have been an exercise in gradual deterioration as Mother Nature and Father Time had their way with the structure, rendering renovation a long-gone possibility.

Turn the page, and you will find Linda and Virgil Cook starting a new chapter on the historic lot. The Cooks, a well-known family active in the community, will be ending a chapter of their own to construct their new, modern home miles away from their homestead.

The family farm in northern Crittenden County that the Cooks will be leaving has been in the bloodlines since 1802, according to Virgil. But the upkeep and maintenance of so many acres has become a little much for the couple, said Virgil, now in his mid-70s. His wife, Linda, is a retired school teacher.

A crowd of onlookers gathered to watch a trackhoe's scoop



bring down the historic home. Virgil, in a pair of blue coveralls with Four Ridge Farms and his named stitched on the chest, watched the equipment make way for his new house. Alongside him were friends who had gathered under a neighbor's shade tree.

He's looking forward to a new garage, possibly with a shop to keep him busy outside after years of working a farm.

"I still need room to play with my toys," he said.

Virgil has several antique tractors he cares for, according to cousin and neighbor Percy Cook.

## 2007 tax rates

Crittenden County rates expressed in cents per \$100 of assessed property.

	REAL PROPERTY	TANGIBLE	MOTOR VEHICLES
General	12.00	12.40	12.40
Extension	3.20	4.69	2.50
Library	5.00	5.00	5.00
Health*	2.00	2.00	2.00
Schools	40.20	40.20	54.10
City	24.20	29.10	22.90

\*2006 rate. 2007 rate not yet submitted.

# Marion lowers taxes

By DARYL K. TABOR  
MANAGING EDITOR

City to hold special meeting to lower taxes.

That was the unusual, but appropriate headline that Marion City Attorney Bart Frazier jokingly suggested Monday evening as council members agreed to just that, a special meeting to finalize 2007 city property tax rates that will be lower than last year's.

While taxes for all property will not be lowered, the levy on tangible personal property will drop nearly two pennies. Tangible assets include inventories, machinery, sup-

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# As good as gold

County utilizing coal fund to meet project requests

STAFF REPORT

Magistrates are dipping into their coal severance tax fund to help pay for \$62,100 in requests by local groups.

The Crittenden County Sheriff's Department needs new computer software and a new patrol vehicle; the Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) wants money to buy the USDA building on Bellville Street and the Crittenden County Skateboard Association wants money to build a skate park.

Each of those requests were made by representatives of the respective parties during Tuesday morning's regular fiscal court meeting at the courthouse.

While the county will have

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## Area Briefs

### Salem man killed in parkway wreck

CENTRAL CITY, Ky. — A Salem man was killed last Wednesday afternoon in a Muhlenberg County parkway wreck.

Bonnie "Bruce" Miller, 43, was killed when the loaded dump truck he was operating overturned after an apparent tire blowout on the Wendell H. Ford Western Kentucky Parkway near Central City. He was pronounced dead at the scene by the Muhlenberg County Coroner's office.

Witnesses told Kentucky State Police that the front passenger side tire of Miller's 2000 Freightliner truck failed, causing him to lose control. The truck, loaded with gravel, left the eastbound lane and overturned, according to investigating Trooper Craig Engler.

The accident occurred around 2:15 p.m. Miller, a native of Princeton, was not wearing a seatbelt.

Through Aug. 20, 538 people have died on Kentucky's roadways in 2007. That number is 30 fewer than killed in the same time period last year.

### Rabies clinic slated for next week

A rabies clinic will get under way next week in Crittenden County, providing discounted vaccinations for dogs and cats.

The annual immunizations start Monday at The Animal Clinic in Marion and run through the end of the month. Discounted vaccinations will be available by appointment from noon to 2 p.m., each of the five days.

Rabies inoculations will be \$7 for all animals.

For dogs, a seven-way vaccination is available for puppies for \$10. This covers distemper, parvovirus, adenovirus, hepatitis, parainfluenza, and two strains of leptospirosis. A six-way is available for adult canines for \$8 and it immunizes against distemper, parvovirus, adenovirus, hepatitis, parainfluenza and coronavirus.

Feline leukemia shots are \$16. The communicable disease can be fatal to a cat if infected, as there is no known cure.

Payment is due the day of service. Appointments can be made by calling 965-2257.

### Body of Juggalo located last week

CAVE IN ROCK, Ill. — The body of a man who went missing during the Insane Clown Posse (ICP) Gathering earlier this month in Cave In Rock, Ill., was found by searchers last Thursday.

Thirty-year-old Raymond Shane Barnett of Indianapolis was located five days after he was last seen at Hardin Community Hospital where he was treated for dehydration. Friends said the night of Aug. 11 was the last time Barnett was seen.

Authorities said search dogs located Barnett's body after volunteers spent hours of searching around the southern Illinois town across the river from Crittenden County. At the time, police believed heat and dehydration may have played a role in the death.

The Gathering, as the four-day ICP concert festival is called, plays home to the Detroit-based metal-rap duo's fans, often called Juggalos. The festival is held each year. This year was the first time it was held in Cave In Rock at a remote farm that also plays host to the HogRock motorcycle rally each June.

### Storms could bring soybean woes

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Storm clouds from the remnants of tropical systems churning northward from the Gulf of Mexico could be bringing more rain than the drought-stricken Ohio Valley — they may also be carrying the spores of Asian soybean rust.

Under the right conditions, that fungal disease can destroy a soybean crop. However, plant pathologists said storm projections from the remains of Tropical Storm Erin show wind patterns pushing fungal spores west toward Kansas, not north into the Ohio Valley.

That could mean that winds from Erin may not pose much threat to crops, but Hurricane Dean's effects were unclear at press time.

Soybeans planted in the spring are now developed enough that they likely wouldn't be significantly damaged if soybean rust came to the Ohio Valley. But soybean crops planted after wheat was harvested in June or July could be damaged if the fungus arrives.

# Spanish guru McDowell teaching English in D.C.

By DARYL K. TABOR  
MANAGING EDITOR  
Felicidades Kim. Te vamos a echar de menos.

Coming from one of her hundreds of pupils over the last two decades, the phrase in Spanish probably means a lot more to Kim McDowell than its loose translation...

"Much happiness, Kim. We are going to miss you."

McDowell, who for 19 years has been teaching high school students in Crittenden County the finer points of the Spanish language and culture, is taking a leave. Just a couple of weeks into the school year, the board of education has named Zack Cummins of Princeton to fill in for McDowell, who will be spending the remainder of the school year in the nation's capital with two of her loves.

Professional leave was granted to McDowell by the board of education last week. She requested approval so that she may teach language arts at an international school in Washington, D.C., and most importantly, be reunited with

her husband Dannie, who began working for the U.S. State Department Foreign Service on July 9.

"Initially, I planned to remain here, but we have found that it is very difficult having jobs that separate us," she wrote in a letter of leave request to Superintendent John Belt on Aug. 3.

With professional leave, a spot in the school system will be preserved for her should she decide to come back for the 2008-09 school year. Belt said that with her tenure and rank, she could continue teaching at the international school for an additional year and retain her job with the local school system.

In written correspondence with the superintendent, it appears she plans to eventually return to Crittenden County.

"Experiences gained from teaching at an international school will benefit my students in their language program here at CCHS," she said in her formal leave request.

"It's a good deal for her; it's a good deal for the district," Belt told board members of the arrangement for the school system and popular teacher.

Anyone who has sat across the teacher's desk from McDowell in Spanish class knows her passion for the language and culture. In fact, the couple adopted a daughter, Jessi, now grown, during their time together in Spanish-speaking Venezuela.

In Washington, McDowell will be teaching English as a Second Language, or ESL, at an international baccalaureate school. She will be applying skills for which she recently became certified.

"After so many years of teaching Spanish as a foreign language, an opportunity to use my ESL certification, which I earned with my Masters Plan 30 Program, is exciting," the letter to Belt

stated.

McDowell was not available for comment this week, as the large north American Van Line moving truck parked last week outside the couple's Main Street home in Marion had already hit the road to Washington with her belongings.

Zack Cummins, McDowell's replacement, is the son of Pastor Ken Cummins who has preached at several local churches.

(Editor's note: Translation was provided by Leon Bodevin, Assistant Professor of Spanish in the Department of Modern Languages at Murray State University.)

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## Magistrates propose unchanged tax rates

STAFF REPORT

Despite unchanged 2007 property tax rates proposed Tuesday by Crittenden Fiscal Court, those 2007 levies are expected to generate more revenue for the county.

Judge-Executive Fred Brown told magistrates that the same 12 cents per \$100 of assessment on real estate will produce more tax revenue because property assessments across the county are up about \$10 million. Also proposed by the fiscal court to remain the same are the 12.4 cents on tangible personal property and motor vehicles.

A second reading of the tax ordinance will be required before the rates are finalized for tax bills, which are mailed in the fall.

A county Extension service, library, school and health tax, as well as a special timberland tax, will also appear on county tax bills. (For those 2007 rates, see graphic on page 1A.)

## TAXES

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plies and other equipment owned by businesses.

Tax rates for such personal property will be taxed at 27.3 cents per \$100 of assessed value in 2007, down from 29.1 cents in 2006. Meantime, real estate and motor vehicle taxes will remain unchanged, 24.2 and 22.9 cents, respectively.

The new tax rates were introduced at Monday's regular council meeting, but must be finalized with a second public reading of the tax ordinance. Finalization will come at 6 p.m., Sept. 5 in a special meeting that will also carry some yet-to-be-determined agenda items.

The special meeting is needed to set tax rates before September so the city can mail tax bills to residents next month, leaving plenty of time for property owners to plan for their 2007 taxes before they become due Nov. 2.

If approved next week as presented, the owner of a \$100,000 home would pay \$242 to the city in real estate taxes. All city taxes are for residents of Marion only, and are in addition to county property taxes, for which rates were also introduced this week. (See story on this page.)

City tax bills are mailed separately from their counterparts from the county. Motor vehicle taxes are due individually upon registration renewal at the county clerk's office.

### New pay scale

A new pay plan for city employees was also adopted Monday.

Based on a salary scale created by City Administrator Mark Bryant, the pay plan addresses an earlier concern by Councilman James Brown that some city employees were not very well compensated.

The new salary classifications do not create an immediate dramatic increase for any one employee, but workers on the lower scale of compensation received the largest bump in salary for the current fiscal year. The modified salary scale accounts for a total expenditure from the

city of \$5,600 above the annual salary increases initially approved in June.

From this point forward, raises to city employees will be awarded based upon steps, or grades, related to experience and performance. Previously, cost of living raises were issued as a flat percentage across the board to all employees.

Perhaps the most notable difference in the pay scale is found in the city police department, where senior officers with more experience are now paid on a higher scale than rookies or less-tenured patrolmen.

### Mantle Rock Center

New Mantle Rock Native Education and Cultural Center Director Louise Cook briefed the Marion City Council on continuing plans for the property leased to the center by the city. The land is located adjacent to the Marion-Crittenden County

Park.

Council members have expressed concern over the center's apparent lack of progress toward development of the property in meeting requirements for the lease agreement, which is up for renewal in April 2008.

"Very little has been done over the past two years," Councilman Darrin Tabor said.

Cook assured the council that progress will be evident by spring with many Native American programs and sights of interest either completed or under way by that time.

"Marion has been good to Mantle Rock. It's time Mantle Rock returns the favor," she said.


### Weapons upgrade

Funding requests for two service weapons for Marion Police Department were approved Monday.

The \$1,198 comes from leftover state body armor grants and will be used by the police department to purchase two SIG Sauer .45 caliber semi-automatic pistols for patrolmen to carry while on duty.

## Absolute AUCTION

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 5:30 PM**  
**420 S. MAIN ST., MARION, KY**



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## FEATURED HOME OF THE WEEK



**LAKE FRONT HOME...** A Crittenden County rarity is this 3 bedroom 2 bath landscaped beauty situated on approx. 5 acres overlooking Lake George. This private, wildlife retreat setting offers hardwood floor, vaulted ceiling great room w/wood burning brick fireplace, an island kitchen w/major appliances & laundry room including washer/dryer. The ornate oak spindle staircase leads to a loft/study, large master bedroom suite plus bath w/garden whirlpool tub & shower. Property also has an unattached 27 car garage, a stocked pond, fruit trees, county water plus many other amenities. Priced @ \$249,500.

### CRITTENDEN COUNTY HOMES

**SALE PENDING WELCOME HOME...** is what you will be saying in this 3 bedroom brick home. Located on nice landscaped corner lot not far from town. Features eat-in kitchen with appliances, living room with gas log fireplace, French doors leads to deck and large back yard for the children to play. This won't last long so call for more information.

**SALE PENDING FOR THE BUDGET MINDED...** this 4 bedroom house has full size basement. Main level has 2 bedrooms, bath, living room, eat-in kitchen. The deep basement has 2 additional bedrooms and unfinished bath. Great potential property on nice lot located walking distance to school. Priced at \$19,500

**AFFORDABLE AND CONVENIENT...** location to center of Marion. This home would be a nice starter home or an addition to your rental investments. Features: 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Call for appointment. Price Reduced. \$24,900.

**SOLD INVESTORS TAKE A LOOK...** 3 bedroom house and large lot. \$18,000.

**SALE PENDING ECONOMICAL & AFFORDABLE...** is this 3 bedroom, 2 bath split plan home. Located on nice corner lot with unattached garage & large storage building.

**SOLD CHECK THIS ONE OUT...** Investors take a look at this nine-room fixer upper house that was formerly used as a duplex. Features 2 kitchens, 2 baths, laundry room, floored attic and partial basement. Situated on nice lot in Marion and located 2 blocks from Main St. REDUCED TO \$22,500.

**NEW HOUSE ...** to town from this neat vinyl siding 1 bedroom home. Nice kitchen including dishwasher, laundry room, basement and large back yard. Price reduced to \$34,500.

**FIXER UPPER...** investors take a look at this 3 bedroom, 1 bath house located in Marion. Priced at \$14,500.

**SOLD 2 +/- ACRES...** plus 3-4 bedroom house. This one and half story home has been completely remodeled with new kitchen cabinets, large living room, laundry & replacement windows, central heat & air, county water. Located in Crayne and priced at \$54,500.

**SOLD GROWING PAINTS...** This vinyl siding 2 story family home has 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, foyer w/lopen stair case, living room, formal dining room enhanced with beautiful fireplace mantle, modern kitchen with major appliances, TV/entertainment room, partial basement, plus more. Located on large deep lot on West Belleville St. Marion. PRICE REDUCED.

**533 E. DEPOT ST...** commercial building. Was being used as a doctor's office. Features large multi purpose room, offices, 2 baths, and a lot of parking space. Also has apartment with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Many possibilities. PRICE REDUCED.

**GOLFER'S FANTASY...** Enter down the private drive to this landscaped estate that joins Marion's County Club Golf Course. This magnificent two story home includes 4 to 6 bedrooms, open grand staircase, 2 master suites, 4 bathrooms, kitchen w/appliances, 2 laundries, study, great room with gas log fireplace, recreation room plus bonus kitchen, enclosed glass solarium & private deck overlooking the beautiful greens. In addition this lovely home has a large walk-out heated basement, an attached oversized double car garage plus many additional amenities. Fulfill your dreams by calling for an appointment today. **Owner says sell. Reduced to \$292,500.**

**RELAX ON LARGE BALCONY...** overlooking your own private stocked lake. Attractive brick features: 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, kitchen w/built-in appliances; formal Living, & dining room with full glass panels overlooking lake. Has 2 car attached garage plus nice double unattached garage/workshop w/heat & air plus other amenities. Located on 3 beautiful lots in Salem Heights.

**SOLD 331 E. MAIN ST...** Newly remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 and half story home located in Salem. Priced to sell at \$27,500.

**CHILDREN WANTED...** in this 4 bdrm., 1? story family home that enters into living rm. w/grand open staircase. The nice colonial column front porch house has vinyl exterior with replacement windows and concrete double drive with large 30' x 40' building. Situated on beautiful corner acre lot in Salem.

**SOLD 129 W. MAIN ST...** FRESHLY PAINTED. This building has many possibilities. It could be your home or a place for your business. Features 2 rooms that could be used as bedrooms or office space. Large kitchen, bath, and a large living/dining room. It depends on how you want to use it. Come take a look and see for yourself. Great location right on Main St in Salem. Priced to sell at \$32,500.

**SOLD VINYL SIDED...** frame build home. Features: 2 bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, extra den or dining area and vinyl replacement windows. Plus a small storage building and black top drive. REDUCED TO \$38,000.

### IN UNION COUNTY

**SOLD FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS...** take a look at the 3 bedroom home located in Sturgis. Features: nice large rooms, living room w/fireplace, eat-in kitchen central heat & air.

**LOTS / SMALL TRACTS / FARMLAND**

**SOLD 1.88 ACRES...** located on Hwy 60 West.

**SOLD 2 MOBILE HOMES & LOTS...** located in Salem.

**SALE PENDING BUILDING LOT...** located in Crayne. County water, natural gas available.

**LAKE AREA LOT...** located south of Eddy Creek Marina on Hwy 93. Perfect for mobile home or build your dream home. Utilities already on property. Call for more information.

**7 BEAUTIFUL LOTS** located in Hickory Hills Subdivision. Call for more information.

**GREENWOOD HEIGHTS...** looking at building your dream home? Here are the lots for you. Priced to sell at \$8,000. Call for more information.

**SOLD 5.59 ACRES...** all open. Located in Crayne.

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES**

**GREAT LOCATION...** in Salem. Commercial building and lot. Many possibilities. Call for more information.

**START YOUR OWN BUSINESS...** from this 30 x 50 garage. Features (3) 10' x 12' overhead doors, office space, propane heat, exterior lighting, concrete floors, city water. Call for more details.

**RESTORED HISTORICAL COMMERCIAL BUILDING...** located Main St. in downtown Marion. This renovated building has original ornate tin/medallion ceilings, hardwood/mosaic tile flooring, replacement windows plus central heat & air. The building has 1 and half baths, 2 stories with an open staircase leading to the balcony and second floor. Excellent for various retail businesses and downtown apartment. Come take a look and began a new business or transfer your location to this unique building. Call today for more details.

### UPCOMING AUCTIONS

**FRI. AUG. 24, 5:30 PM** — Commercial Property & lot located 420 S. Main St. Marion, KY.

**SAT. SEPT. 15, 10 AM** — Household & personal property.

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## FOOTBALL

### Meet the Rockets

The annual Meet the Rockets Night will begin at 6 p.m., Thursday (tonight) at Rocket Stadium. There will be a potluck meal at the beginning of the event followed by a scripted scrimmage, which will include cheerleaders and the band. T-shirts will be on sale by the Quarterback Club, Inc.

### CCMS game postponed

The season-opening football game for Crittenden County Middle School Tuesday night was postponed. It will be played at Madisonville Thursday (tonight) against James Madison Middle School.

### No season tickets

There will be no season tickets sold for football games this year.

## OUTDOORS

### Squirrel hunting on

The Kentucky squirrel season opened Saturday and runs through the start of deer season before closing for a few days. Hunters may take six squirrels per day. There is a possession limit of 12. Hunters are also encouraged to use some type of insect repellent while afield. The season runs through Nov. 9 then closes for the first four days of rifle deer season. It re-opens Nov. 12 and runs through Feb. 29. Local wildlife biologist Phillip Sharp said a recent mast survey indicated a very light crop of hickory nuts. Red oaks were plentiful, but white oaks are virtually non-existent, he said.

### Dove season Sept. 1

Dove season opens Saturday, Sept. 1 and runs through Oct. 24. There will be a second segment Nov. 22-27. The limit is 15 doves. Wingshooters must have a hunting license and either a migratory bird permit or a Kentucky waterfowl permit. Hunters 15 and under need only their hunting license.

### Wood ducks, teal

The early wood duck and teal season will be Sept. 19-23. The limit is four ducks, with no more than two woodies.

### Bow club shoot

The Marion Big Buck Bowhunters will host a 3-D archery shoot Sunday. Registration begins at 10 a.m., at the club's range on Arrow Lane.

### Deer season starts

The whitetail deer season begins next weekend with archery hunting. The full fall deer hunting schedule is as follows:

#### 2007-08 Deer Seasons

Proposed dates by KDFWR  
 Archery Sept. 1-Jan. 21  
 Crossbow Oct. 1-21  
 Youth Hunt Oct. 13-14  
 Muzzleloader Oct. 20-21  
 Rifle Nov. 10-25  
 Crossbow Nov. 10-Dec. 31  
 Muzzleloader Dec. 8-16  
 Youth Hunt Dec. 29-30  
*Bag limits same as last year*

## SOCCER

### Rocket camp cancelled

The annual Rocket soccer camp scheduled for this weekend has been cancelled. Anyone that has paid for the camp will be getting a full refund in the mail.

### Youth soccer league

Sign-up for Crittenden County Youth Soccer is underway. The league is for ages 4-14. Pick up application forms at Homestead Realty, The Peoples Bank and The Crittenden Press.

## BASEBALL

### Legion honors players

Post 68 American Legion baseball team held its awards banquet Sunday. Travis Conway of Marion received the Most RBIs honor. He was the only player recognized from Crittenden County. Other awards went to Cory Brown, best batting average; Robert Thomas, pitching award; Bennie Mullin, best attitude; Trevor Sewell most stolen bases and Ramsey Walker, most home runs. Walker is from Lyon County and Sewell from Dawson Springs. The rest are from Princeton.

# Rockets sluggish in final scrimmage

## Massac brings more of same to Alliance Bowl

STAFF REPORT

Based on the trouble Crittenden County encountered in defending Hopkins Central's passing attack in last week's scrimmage, coach Al Starnes has to be concerned as his Rockets line up against Massac County Saturday night in the third-annual Alliance Bowl at Graves County.

Massac, generally the pride of southern Illinois football, has retooled its offense during the off-season, implementing a West Coast style offense based on the teachings of former UK football coach Tony Franklin.

For many years, Massac has been a run-oriented football team. However, a disappointing four-win season last fall prompted 23-year head coach Kelly Glass to do some soul-searching. What he found was a wide-open attack that will feature a corps of quick receivers and backs. Senior Jamareo Thomas is the featured player on the team, but after knee surgery last year, he's lost some of his slashing ability.

Thomas played basketball last season and is expected to be in good enough shape this fall to lead Massac's team of high hopes. With several three-year starters on the ball club, the Patriots think they have a squad that is ready to challenge for supremacy in southern Illinois.

Massac's offense will be a double-edged sword that Crittenden's defense may find difficult to handle. Last week, Hopkins Central showed the Rockets some serious flaws in their defense. The secondary was chief among the weaknesses.

In the final scrimmage before the regular season, the Storm stretched Crittenden County's defensive backfield for 213 yards in just one half of varsity action. Hopkins Central quarterbacks completed 11-of-17 passes, including three touchdowns in their 43-13 pre-season victory.

While the final score was a bit lopsided, the varsity portion of the scrimmage game ended up with the Rockets behind 24-13. Although the score doesn't look too bad on paper, in real time it was terribly frustrating for the Rocket skipper who thought his team was much improved on defense. During the varsity portion of the scrimmage, Hopkins Central scored on four of its six possessions. It almost had five touchdowns, but fumbled in the end zone and Crittenden recovered.



Rocket running back Rodney Robertson and the rest of the Crittenden offense was bottled up by Hopkins Central in last week's final pre-season scrimmage.

"We're looking for someone to light the fire," Starnes said. "It's like we're running with our brakes on and when we do get to the ball on defense, we're not in a bad mood like we should be."

Hopkins Central rushed for 172 yards to go with its stellar passing performance.

Rocket defensive coordinator Vince Clark said that inexperience and lack of aggression were largely to blame for last week's scrimmage problems. He said, too, that Hopkins Central posed a real challenge.

"It was one of the best teams I've seen them have. They were pretty solid," Clark said.

While Crittenden's defensive shortcomings were exposed by Hopkins Central, the offense didn't look much better. Up front, the Storm manhandled Crittenden's line and stopped the Rocket running game in its tracks. Quarterback J.D. Gray had two 20-yard runs en route to a 45-yard performance, but that was about the only excitement generated by the offense. Gray threw a touchdown pass to tight end Gaige Courtney for Crittenden's only offensive score. Running backs Rodney Robertson and Jeramie Sorina had less than 10 yards combined.

"We didn't play very well up front, but some blocking scheme breakdowns made Hopkins Central look even better," Starnes said.

Defensive end Alex Wood gave the

Rockets their only other touchdown. He took the ball out of the hands of the Hopkins Central quarterback and went 75 yards with it for a TD. A big block by Robertson allowed Wood to go the distance untouched.

Crittenden will go into this week's regular-season opener with more pre-season experience. In Illinois, teams don't have scrimmage games outside of some intra-squad workouts. With a new offensive package, Massac may need a few possessions to find its rhythm.

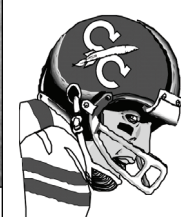
The contest will be played at Graves County's new stadium, which is not totally completed yet. Still, it's close enough to host games this season. The stadium is located behind Graves County High School on the team's former practice facility.

Crittenden will have center Josh Ipock back this week. Starnes said his return is greatly anticipated because the senior brings some leadership qualities lacking so far in the preseason.

"We're still waiting to find some leadership," the coach said. "Leaders demand perfection and right now we don't have that. We're not showing the characteristics that I think of when I think of Crittenden County football and that's what disappoints me the most."

Junior running back Jeramie Sorina will not play due to disciplinary reasons.

### This week's game



## ROCKETS PATRIOTS

Kickoff  
6 p.m.  
**SATURDAY**  
at Graves County

### CRITTENDEN COUNTY (0-0)

Offense: Spread

Defense: 4-3

Player Report: Josh Ipock (knee) will play; Mason Baker (ankle) doubtful.

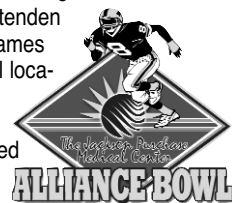
### MASSAC COUNTY, III. (0-0)

Offense: West Coast

Scouting report: The Patriots have a stellar running back in Jamareo Thomas, who wears No. 1 on his jersey. He missed last season due to a knee injury, but is now healthy. The quarterback is a good passer and moves well in the pocket. However, their new offense may not be finely tuned this week because Illinois teams do not play pre-season scrimmage games. The Patriots were 5-4 last season and fans believe this may be one of its best groups in years. Up front, they have good size and strength. Several players are 3-year starters.

The series: Crittenden County has played Massac County just two times, in 1989 and 1990. Massac won both games.

Game Notes: Crittenden County is 3-0 in games played at a neutral location. Saturday's game will be the first one ever played at Graves County's new stadium. Graves plays Fort Campbell in the nightcap. The first two games of the Alliance Bowl will be played Friday night at Mayfield. Those games are Marshall County vs. Chattanooga McCauley and Mayfield vs. Heath. Crittenden County is 19-31 all-time in season-opening games and 10-6 under coach Starnes. Over the past 10 years, Starnes' teams are 7-3 in season-openers.



## CRITTENDEN COUNTY FALL SPORTS PREVIEW



Members of the 2007 Rocket golf team are (from left) coach Steve Head, Janson James, Cody McDonald, Paxton James, Tanner Nix, Justin DeFreitas, Alec Pierce and Lonna Starnes.

# The Few, the Proud: the Rocket golf team

STAFF REPORT

It's hard to tell who's more excited about the 2007 golf season - first year coach Steve Head or the small but energetic group of Rocket golfers.

Head, the assistant principal at Crittenden County High School, inherited a group of just over a half dozen golfers from former coach Stefanie Hardin, who stepped down after last season.

Minus senior leadership, Head is looking to juniors Janson James and Cody McDonald as well as a couple of freshmen and sophomores to carry his team through the heart of the season.

"We're young, and for the most part, none of them have taken golf really seriously until the last year or two. But we've got some natural ability, and they're starting to pick up on the game," Head said.

Even before he began teaching, Head wanted to coach golf.

"This is my sixth year in education and I finally got the chance to coach golf," he explained, noting he's played all his life. "I'm enjoying it. It's good to get out there with them, they're a good group, fun to be with."

James is the Rockets' No. 1 player, shooting in the upper 30s most every round. With low, consistent scoring Head says there is a good possibility James could beat most any player he encounters in high school action.

In the No. 2 spot is Cody McDonald, who Head says has a lot of natural ability though he is relatively new to the sport. Fighting for the third, fourth and fifth spots on the roster are sophomore newcomer Alec Pierce and freshmen Justin DeFreitas and Tanner Nix. Rounding out the team is sixth grader Paxton James,

### GOLF SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 23	Union Co. (B/G)	Breckinridge CC	
Aug. 28	Lyon Co. (B/G)	Mineral Mounds	
Aug. 29	Girls Class A at Salem	Deer Lakes	
Aug. 30	MURRAY (B/G)	Marion CC	
Sept. 4	TRIGG CO. (B/G)	Marion CC	
Sept. 6	Christian Fellowship (B/G)	Calvert City CC	
Sept. 11	UNION CO. (B/G)	Marion CC	
Sept. 13	Livingston Central (B/G)	Deer Lakes	
Sept. 15	State Class A at Richmond		
Sept. 17	Marshall Co. (B/G)	Calvert City CC	
Sept. 18	CALDWELL CO. (B/G)	Marion CC	
Sept. 20	Lyon Co. (B/G)	Marion CC	
Sept. 24	Boys Regional Tournament	TBA	
Sept. 25	Girls Regional Tournament	TBA	

brother to Janson, who Head says has a bright future ahead of him.

Lonna Starnes is the only female member of the team. She can compete for playing time with the boys or play against girls should any other team Crittenden faces have a girls' team.

"We want to improve as a team, improve everybody's game a little bit, and try to do good stuff this year," Head said. Knowing in advance he'll have everyone back, Head said it will be better next year.

## Rockets win Class A title in 2nd Region

Crittenden County won the Second Region Class A Golf Tournament team title Monday at Pennyrite State Park Golf Course. Brett Roberts of Dawson Springs shot a 35 to win medalist honors. Livingston Central's Chris Martin shot a 44 to capture a state tournament berth. Both individuals and Crittenden's team advance to the All A Classic state finals Sept. 15 at Richmond. The state tournament will be an 18-hole event.

It was the first time Crittenden had participated in the relatively new Class A Tournament series.

Janson James finished runnerup in the tournament with a two-over-par 38. Cody McDonald, Tanner Nix and Justin DeFreitas rounded out Crittenden's top four scoring.

"I had a pretty good feeling when we got there," Head said. "We had already beaten Livingston and I knew we would be pretty competitive with Dawson Springs as well."

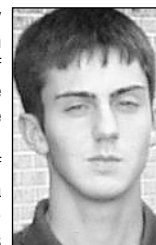
Head was impressed with his team's play, especially since none of the players had ever played the state park's course before entering Class A action.

"It's not an easy course if you haven't played it before, so they did exceptionally well considering," said Head, a first-year golf coach.

The girls' Class A Tournament will be hosted by Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem next Wednesday.

### CLASS A SCORES

CRITTENDEN COUNTY 175 - Janson James 38, Cody McDonald 46, Tanner Nix 46, Justin DeFreitas 47.  
 DAWSON SPRINGS 177 - Roberts 35, Dillon Frost 47, Zach Chappell 51, Aaron Labrado 47.  
 LIVINGSTON CENTRAL 181 - Martin 44, Jarrad Wilson 46, Tommy Garrett 46, Travis McDonald 45.



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