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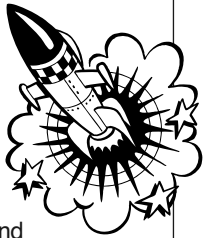
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Disposal of junk to be free Oct. 5-6

Dumping of select items at the convenience center on U.S. 60 East will be free for two days next month. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Fred Brown has designated Oct. 5-6 as free trash dumping days for county residents. The convenience center will be open 8 a.m., to 4:30 p.m., Oct. 5 and 8 a.m., to noon, Oct. 6. No household garbage or electronics will be accepted. The free dumping is for large items only, such as washers, dryers, other appliances and old mowers. Due to a reporting error last week, electronics were mistakenly said to be accepted.

Parade today for homecoming

Homecoming week continues for Crittenden County High School with a parade through downtown Marion today (Thursday) beginning at 5:30 p.m. Nicky and AnnaLea Winders will serve as grand marshals. Following the parade at 6:30 p.m., the annual powderpuff football game will take place at Rocket Stadium. Entry is only \$2. At 7 p.m., Friday, before kickoff of the Webster County football game, homecoming queen and king will be crowned on the field. The homecoming game against the Trojans starts at 7:30 p.m.



Tolu setting plans for annual haunt

The Tolu Haunted House organizational meeting will be 7 p.m., Monday at the Tolu Community Center. Anyone interested in being an actor or character or helping with the designing of scenes is encouraged to attend.



County burn ban lifted Tuesday

The countywide outdoor burn ban in Crittenden County was lifted Tuesday after a downpour fell across the area. However, inside the City of Marion, residents are still asked to limit or eliminate outdoor watering, which is requested to be limited to odd-numbered days for those who live at odd-numbered addresses, and vice-versa.

Local meetings

UPCOMING
• Smithland City Council meets at 7 p.m., Tuesday at city hall.

Rain gauge

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

7 days 30 days 2007
0.00 1.78 26.73
below average: 9.84"

Forecast

Reported by the National Weather Service.

Thursday Partly sunny 53/81
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Fighting back like a Champion



Brothers Josh, Jared and Jason Champion gather together on the front porch of Josh's home last Friday. On Aug. 7, Josh survived a jolt of 7,200 volts of electricity and is still recovering today.

PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS

Brother provides life-saving CPR

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Growing up on a rural Crittenden County farm as the youngest of three brothers, Josh Champion had to be tough in order to survive.

His hardness and God's hand are the two blessings his family now points to when they talk about his remarkable recovery from a nearly fatal electrocution accident last month.

Champion, 26, had been working for Hendrix Electric for about a year and half when he was replacing power lines near Calvert City on Aug. 7. As a crewman for the electrical contracting company, Champion was aloft in a bucket truck changing out lines on a pole when he got hit with 7,200 volts.

When you consider that a household power outlet carries 120 volts, and it's enough to kill you, there's really no logical explanation as to why Champion lived.

But then again, his life and the events leading up to the accident

defy logic.

Born the youngest offspring of Kenny and Pam Champion, Josh was hardened at an early age by the boyhood fights and practical jokes administered by his older brothers, Jason, now 31, and Jared, 29.

Looking back on their childhood days, the older boys are a bit ashamed by the sufferings their little brother endured.

"They would put mouse traps inside the door of their bedroom then yell for Josh to come in," said Champion's wife, the former Julie Potter. "They wanted to catch his toes in the traps."

While Jason and Jared grin at the stories from their youth and plead the Fifth when it comes to discussing the details, they do admit that Josh was tempered by his treatment and that all of it was in the name of fun.

"We did beat on him some. I guess that's why he's so tough," says his oldest brother.

Despite all of the rough and tum-

ble stories about three young lads growing up in the Crittenden County countryside, the truth is that they are extremely close. Living on the same farm with their grandparents, the Champion boys learned about family love way back. They may have beat and banged on one another, but if an outsider threatened one, he'd better be ready to fight all three.

When Josh was severely injured on the job, it was a miracle that Jared was there to save his life.

"That was the first time we'd ever worked on the same crew together," said Jared about being on the ground and watching as his brother who was nailed by enough electricity to light a city block.

"I saw him slumped over the bucket and the wire," Jared said. "We tried to holler at him, but he didn't answer."

That's when brother and two other crewmen, Dustin Lanham of Dixon and Matt Mattingly of Marion,

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Cherry: 641 done by 2010

STAFF REPORT

The proposed four-lane highway between Marion and Fredonia should be built and carrying traffic by 2010 or 2011, says state Rep. Mike Cherry.

Speaking at last week's Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation annual meeting, Cherry said construction work should begin next summer.

The \$36 million first phase of the two-phase highway project will include a 5.2-mile section from near the southern Marion city limit to just south of Livingston Creek at the Crittenden-Caldwell

County line.

Currently, state transportation officials are negotiating the purchase of 65 parcels of land between Marion and Fredonia for the highway right-of-way. Cherry said that seven landowners are disputing the price the state wants to pay, and four cases are headed to court. Otherwise, procurement of the land needed to build the highway is almost a year behind schedule.

"I said it would take about 18 months for the acquisition process," Cherry said. "Now, it's looking like two years."

Most the land purchase is going on in the middle of the proposed road and not much on either end, the assembly-

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Bank icon Aldridge to end career

By DARYL K. TABOR
MANAGING EDITOR

In 1961, he gave up delivering PayDays to cash checks on paydays. Forty-six years and 10 days later, he'll enjoy his last payday at a job he still loves.

Charles Aldridge, a mainstay at The Peoples Bank in Marion since trading in his Curtiss Candy route for a calculator and cash drawer, retires Friday. Bank policy and ever-changing technologies in the financial world have made his retirement inevitable.

"I'll miss it," the 80-year-old cashier said. "I've had a good run, and it's been rewarding."

An all-day reception for Aldridge will be held at the bank Friday. That night, at a private gathering, some of his past and present co-workers at the bank will honor him. You can bet he'll be on time,

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Authors, storytellers to share tales

STAFF REPORT

A growing literary community in Crittenden County will take the stage this week, so to speak.

Writers and the stories they tell can help shape the world, change minds, inform and entertain. The people behind those stories will share themselves with the public this evening (Thursday) during a unique presentation at the public library.

Meet the Authors Night brings together eight local, published authors to share their experiences with the written word through readings and discussions. The first event of its kind in Marion gets under way at 7 p.m., at the Crittenden County Public Library and is expected to last two hours.

"Our guest authors are writing the books feeding this growth, while tomorrow's authors are writing in middle and high school," a release for the event read.

Librarian Regina Merrick said the combination of published works from natives and long-time residents like Ethel Tucker and Crittenden County historian Brenda Underdown, as well as writing workshops held regularly at the library under the direction of

award-winning author Bob Yehling, have inspired more to take up the craft.

"I think everybody wants to write their own book," Merrick said.

Yehling, 2007 winner of the Independent Publishers Book Award, has conducted monthly workshops at the library since last year, taking this summer off. The workshops returned last Tuesday, and Yehling will follow up with "Make Characters Live Forever," which takes place Oct. 23; a special workshop on Internet-based writing, on Nov. 27; and "Writing Christmas Stories," on Dec. 18.

"I think the writing workshops and opportunities with writing have encouraged a lot of people," Merrick said.

Tonight's Meet the Authors Night is co-hosted by Rose Kirk, children's librarian at the public library, and Chris Evans, publisher and editor of The Crittenden Press and author of "South of the Mouth of Sandy," currently at a publishing house.

Other authors to appear and some of their works include:

- Yehling: "Writes of Life" and "Coyotes in Broad Daylight;"
- Tucker: "From Pilot's Knob to Main Street", a collection of recipes and stories. Tucker is currently working on a second book.
- Underdown: "Forgotten Passages;"
- Jenniffer Harwood, director of Another Way Inc.: "When There Are No Answers;"
- Brian Wilkes, president of Wilkes Media and a Cherokee culturist: "Even Heaven Falls Apart;"
- Melissa Jenkins: "Freedom of Vision;" and
- Greg Stallion: "Lords of the Jaguar."

Some of the writers' books will be available for purchase and signing by their authors.

Storytellers

It may not be the written word, but it's certainly where good stories get their start.

The annual Storytellers event from the Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation takes place at 6:30 p.m., Saturday inside the Fohs Hall auditori-

um. For nearly 10 years, the area's best storytellers and some novices have joined together for a casual autumn night around bales of straw, listening and telling stories of intrigue, wit and fright.

This year's Storytellers will be hosted by Emory DeWitt.

"He's there every year," said CAF board member Kathleen Guess. "He really looks forward to doing it."

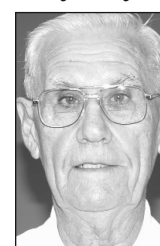
DeWitt will spend part of Friday with sixth-graders, telling stories and helping them craft their own technique. Students will also be encouraged to come Saturday to share their tall tales.

A chuckwagon supper will be catered Saturday night by Glenn Conger. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. But, there is no cost for attending the Storytellers event if you are not eating.

"You don't have to come eat," Guess said. "You can just come and listen or tell stories."



Cherry



Aldridge



Tucker



DeWitt



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Show of support

Brig. Gen. James C. McConville (left), deputy commanding general of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, last Wednesday presented a 101st Airborne Division flag to Crittenden County Judge-Executive Fred Brown as Jim Hatfield (right) waits to receive the same flag for the City of Marion. Hatfield, his wife Bonita, Brown, Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. Director Stan Hoover and hospital board member Roger Simpson, as well as representatives from dozens of other western Kentucky municipalities, were invited to tour Fort Campbell by post commanders and T.C. Freeman, West Kentucky Field Representative for Gov. Ernie Fletcher. The visit was to allow community leaders to learn more about how municipalities can help soldiers, families and the base during this autumn's deployment of some 10,000 of the division's troops to Iraq. About 3,600 of those will be leaving for Iraq this week. Brown, Hoover and Simpson all served in the U.S. Army.

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sprang into action.

"Dustin lowered the bucket, and I reached in and got both arms under Josh and pulled him out. We got him onto the fender of the truck then down on the ground," Jared remembers. "He wasn't breathing."

Bleeding from his eyes, ears, nose and mouth, it didn't look good for Josh and his brother knew it.

"I knew he was gone," Jared said. "We opened his mouth and poured out blood and vomit, then I ripped open his shirt and could see the burns."

Jared, who had just been re-certified in CPR two weeks earlier, blew two quick breaths into his brother's mouth then started chest compressions. After about 100 pumps, Josh coughed and snorted, his brother said.

It had been six minutes since he was pulled out of the bucket.

For the next five minutes, Jared and another crewman kept working on Josh, pushing his chest in with CPR maneuvers.

"We did that until we didn't think we could push any more," says Jared. "Then, Josh started having convulsions. It took all four of us to hold his arms and legs."

Then, the ambulance workers arrived. By that time, Josh was breathing on his own, but barely.

When paramedics loaded his brother onto the stretcher and put him in the ambulance, Jared called his father and told him what had happened.

"I didn't think he was going to make it," Jared admits. "I told dad that it didn't look good at all."

A day that had started so innocently, was becoming a nightmare.

It was hot, about 100 degrees. The crew started work at 6:30 a.m. After a while in the heat, Josh and another crewman jumped into a pond to cool off. They broke for lunch and had just started back working on their first pole when the accident occurred at 1 p.m.

Within 45 minutes, Jared watched a PHI Air Ambulance helicopter take off from near the scene, taking his brother to Vanderbilt Hospital's Burn Center.

"If I had have known what was going to happen, I would have called in sick," Josh says now with a laugh. His jokes and smiles mean even more to a family that in the hours and days following the incident, didn't know if he would make it. And if he did, whether there would be long-term or debilitating health issues.

Josh remained in an induced coma for 24 days at Vanderbilt. While his family stayed by his side and held out hope, Josh remembers nothing of his body's battle with pneumonia and infections.

"That's what almost got me, the pneumonia," he said. "When I woke up, dad was the first person I saw. He told me that I had been in an accident. I didn't know, I thought I had been hurt in the mines where I used to work."

After a while, the memories of what happened at the top of the power pole started coming back. The scars on his chest and back will be permanent

reminders. Doctors took skin from his thighs and grafted them onto the burns on his torso. While there is sure to be some scarring, Josh said doctors think his burns are healing nicely.

"God's hand was on him," says his brother who was there to administer immediate First Aid. "It wasn't me doing CPR that saved his life."

Not discounting divine intervention, the family is grateful that it was a brother there at Josh's most critical hour.

"I guess it was just meant to be that Jared was there because they'd never worked together before," said Pam Champion, their mother. "One of the guys on the crew told me that they were calling for help and Jared jumped right in and truly saved his life."

It wasn't the first time that Josh had been involved in a serious accident. In all, he's had 13 serious accidents. A few could have been fatal. Between getting his toe caught in a lawn mower at age 2, having a four-wheeler wreck, two automobile accidents, getting caught up in a hay rake and bruising his spleen on the football field, Josh has had his share of hospital stays. Once, he barely got out of a damaged vehicle before it burst into flames.

"It's to the point that when any of us get a serious phone call, we don't ask who it is, we just ask where they're taking him," quipped Jason.

While his worker's compensation insurance will pay all of the doctor bills at Vanderbilt, Josh still is amazed by the final total - \$453,000, not including the ambulance, helicopter or 10 days in a rehabilitation center.

Twenty-seven days in intensive care cost Josh 30 pounds and a month of time with his young daughter, Jaylee.

Despite some troublesome and slow-healing bed sores, he is now getting around well and is chomping at the bit to get down on the family farm and back to work. It's still going to be a while before he's able to do either, but Josh can ride in a car and walk around the house without much trouble.

"They offered me an office job when I go back, but I couldn't stand working inside,"

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too.

"You could set your watch by him," said Gordon Guess, who was on the board of directors when Aldridge was hired by his late father, Neil Guess, on Sept. 18, 1961.

Twelve years later, Gordon became president of the bank and came to rely on Aldridge as his go-to guy.

"Charlie," as Guess prefers to call him, "was most dependable. You could always count on him. He was as good an

employee as you could find."

Aldridge has already asked pardon from his fellow employees if he shows up at work the first few days of retirement. He doesn't like change much.

"I'll have to get deprogrammed," he joked. "I never liked to change jobs."

Before coming to work at the bank, the area-native maintained a wholesale candy route for 16 years. Prior to that, he worked at Kroger in Marion and even opened his own store in Providence. And, like so many others of his generation, he gave Uncle Sam

some time, serving as a Marine

at the tail-end of World War II.

But it is 46 years as the well-dressed, friendly face behind a teller's window that people will remember most.

"He knew everyone," Guess said. "That's his biggest asset."

From early on, Aldridge has received ribbing from co-workers about his rapport with the "little old ladies," Guess added.

"They'd go to him in spite of thunder. He had such a good bedside manor with them."

Those relationships with his customers and co-workers is what Aldridge will miss most.

"I enjoy meeting people," he said. "I really appreciate my friends and the public."

Age has brought on some balance issues that have kept Aldridge from regularly riding his bike to work, his signature trait. But, if you don't see him after Friday on his bike, you may check in his garden or in the Marion Baptist Church choir. You might even find him relaxing at something new.

"I may take up golf," he considered aloud.

If he does, expect him to make his tee-times.

Pizza delivery leads to drug charges on 3

STAFF REPORT

An unpaid pizza delivery led to drug-related charges on three Marion men over the weekend.

Jonathan Hubbard, 28, Jason Faughn, 26, and Lucas Mick, 24, were all charged Sunday with possession of marijuana by Marion Police Officer Bobby West after the men refused to pay for a pizza delivered to the home where they were located.

According to Police Chief Ray O'Neal, West responded to the home after Pizza Hut complained to authorities that the

men refused to pay for their delivery because they said it was late. Upon arrival, West discovered the men in possession of the illegal substance.

Hubbard and Faughn were also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Free Silver & a booming Nunn Switch in 1897

Visit to Baker School House and Community of Nunn Switch.

Let's go along with Mr. George Russell, news correspondent for The Press, as he visits Baker School House and Nunn Switch, also known as Gladstone.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press Sept. 16, 1897, we will visit the meeting of the Free Silver Club and then on to the enterprising little town of Nunn Switch.

During this period in our history there were many Free Silver Clubs organized all over the county. These clubs were for the most part, composed of Democratic Party members who were advocates of free silver. They advocated the notion that the free coinage of silver would combat deflation and promote economic expansion, particularly for hard-pressed farmers in the South and West. Most Republicans staunchly supported the gold standard as the basis of the national currency.

Thus this meeting was held at Baker School House and Mr. Russell attended to provide a newspaper report. Let's take a look at what he wrote.

In company with Mr. L.B. Phillips we reached the Baker School House about 8 o'clock and found a goodly number of the work-worn handed, free silver voters of that old Democratic Gibraltar assembled.

After the meeting was called to order, the first business announced was the formation of a new free silver club, and in a few moments with paper and pencil I had written down the names of some 45 members of the club. Mr. Thomas Woody was elected president and James G. Hicklin secretary, both of whom are energetic, wide-awake young gentlemen.

Judge Nunn then began speaking, with an introductory reminding his hearers that he had been raised in their midst, from a barefoot boy to sturdy manhood, and that since his advent into the political arena the people there had always stood sparsely by him and he believed they would do so now.

The judge then "tackled" the free financial problem, and his expense of the ruinous tendencies of the single gold standard was thorough and complete. He also attacked the decision of the Supreme Court against the constitutionality of the income tax, and pointed out the dangers that threaten the liberties of this country by the recently inaugurated government by injunction.

The judge rather humorously adverted to the sly manner in which his opponent, Judge Pratt, was dodging him, and how impossible it seemed to draw that wily old political fox into a joint discussion of the living issues of the day.

Judge Nunn is an impressive speaker, his sentences are clear-cut and logical, his manner of delivery earnest yet dignified, and he exposes the kernel of his argument in a manner so plain that all may see. His speech made a fine impression, and you can safely bet that in November next Bells Mines district will present a solid front for free silver and the entire ticket.

Among others I met at the speaking was my old friend Eli Nunn, who promised, if we would visit him, to collect the young ladies and gentlemen of the neighborhood and give us a grand musical test. Of course I gladly accepted the invitation.

Brenda UNDERDOWN

Area History & Genealogy

Forgotten Passages



The Work at Nunn Switch

Since my visit to Nunn Switch two weeks ago, a good deal of work has been done by the Gladstone Mining Company.

The company, I am told, is composed of Evansville capital principally and there is sufficient means back of the enterprise to push it to a success.

The Gladstone Mining Company has so far purchased in fee the land of Tom Hughes and the Taylor heirs, comprising some 175 acres and has a one year option on the adjoining farm of Tom Simpson.

Work on the tramway is being rapidly pushed, and it looks as though another week would witness its completion, ready for the cars. It is being built by the company from the railroad to the mouth of the mine, a distance of some 2,300 feet, and when completed coal can be delivered from the mine on board the cars at comparatively low cost.

I went into the entry now being worked until daylight faded into gloom, when finding myself close to the business end of a small mule, I came to a sudden halt.

Far ahead I could see a solitary miners' lamp twinkling in the gloom like the morning star struggling through a bank of clouds. They are now working both day and night shifts in this entry, and I saw several hundred bushels of coal on the dump at the mouth of the



Judge T.J. Nunn

entry.

At the Baker schoolhouse meeting, I met Mr. Joe Davis, an experienced coal miner, who now has charge of work at the mine, and he informed me that another entry was to be started Monday. He also told me that the tramway now being built is only intended to accommodate this season's run of coal, and that next year a larger and more durable structure would be erected.

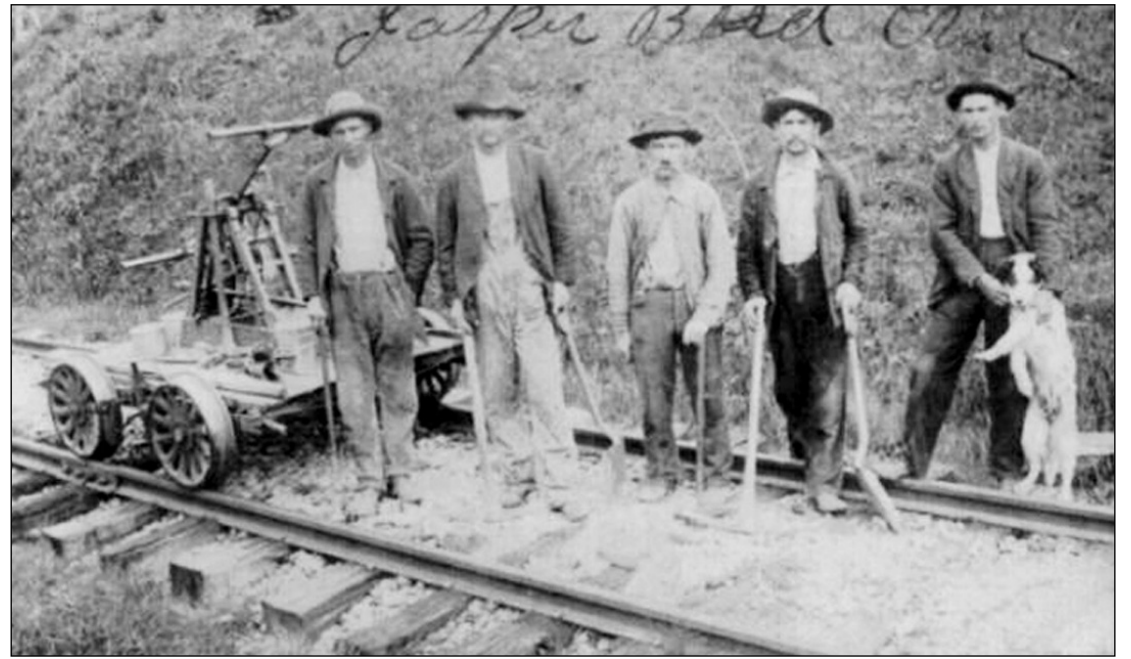
The irons for the coal cars arrived from Evansville Saturday, and the cars are being built at Nunn Switch. The car I saw presented a substantial appearance.

The town is rapidly filling up with newcomers and every house is filled to overflowing. I am told that the company intends erecting some 50 new dwellings at once.

The good people here are sociable and friendly and since the saloon was abolished, some two years ago, peace and quietness now reign where erstwhile drunken debauchery held sway.

But yet, it is beginning to be whispered about that a "blind tiger" has recently established its lair near Nunn Switch and one or two shrewd detectives are now on its trail. Woe be unto the animal if caught.

A post office is needed



This is a photograph of the Jasper Byrd Railroad work crew on the tracks near Nunn Switch in the early 1900s. Thanks to Jake Brantley for sharing this great old picture with us.

here badly, and the passenger business is enough to justify a regular ticket agency. For a year or so Mr. J.W. Pritchett, the accommodating merchant, has been attending to the business of the road, flagging trains, and since the Gladstone Mining Company has begun work here the station business at this point has more than tripled.

In fact, the whole town seems to have caught the sprit of progress.

As in all mines there will be accidents. One that was reported in The Press for this area during this time was the premature explosion of a dynamite blast that seriously injured J.B. McKinley, R.W. Perkins, and Charles Chitwood.

It happened at the quarry near Nunn's Switch. McKinley, Perkins and Chitwood, were engaged in getting out rock for the railroad. The three had a double blast about ready to discharge. A hole seven feet deep contained 10 sticks of dynamite and was ready for

the concussion that was to discharge it; another hole, near by, was receiving the last stick of dynamite, which refused to slide to its place easily; one of the men took an iron rod and slightly pushed the dynamite to force it to the proper place.

In the twinkling of an eye there was a tremendous explosion of both blasts, and the three men were hurled to the ground and into the air with tremendous force, while pieces of rock, small and large, flew in every direction.

When assistance reached the men it was found that McKinley's face was bruised and mashed in a terrible manner; small pieces of stone and sand were ground into his neck and face. Both of his eyes were destroyed.

Chitwood was hurled some eight or 10 feet into the air and fell on a pile of rock, the fall seriously injuring his back; his eyes were badly injured and his face bruised.

Perkins, the boss who was nearest the dynamite when the explosion occurred, was hurled away, and a long gash cut through the scalp to the back of the head, and his back was injured.

Dr. Swope, the road physician, reached the sufferers as soon as possible, and dressed the wounds. McKinley and Perkins were taken to their homes nearby, and Chitwood was sent to the hospital at Paducah.

These were some of the happenings in the northern part of Crittenden County in the fall of 1897.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

From The Crittenden Press Archives

From 1957:

•Larry Orr, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Orr, was bitten by a copperhead snake, but returned to school the next day. The boy was struck by the snake while playing in a wooded area across the road from his home near Pleasant Hill church. Following the bite, his mother immediately bound the leg, slashed the wound and sucked the poison out with her mouth. The Press reported. He was then taken to Marion where doctors administered an anti-venom.

•The U.S. Post Office in Mexico officially closed. Most patrons formerly served by the post office will now be served by Fredonia Route 4, Fredonia Route 2 or Marion Route 2.

•Showing at the Marion Drive-In Theatre was Joe Dakota starring Jock Mahoney and Hollywood or Bust starring Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis.

•Crittenden County vocational-agriculture teachers William Todd and Charles Talley

announced a Farm Shop Class for county farmers. The class met at the high school at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 30, 1957.

From 1982:

•Crittenden County High School FFA members attended the Leadership Institute at Bowling Green. Those attending were President Perry Brookshire, Vice-President Tony Jones, Secretary Curt Buntin, Treasurer Wayne Winters, Reporter Jackie Hunt, Sentinel Steve Underdown, assistant officers Richard Stevens, Eric Willis, Ricky Winters, Danny Wagoner, committee chairmen Mike Vance, Tony Martin, Barbara Williams, Shari Buntin, Wolf Greenwell, Bear Greenwell and FFA Advisor Kent McCuiston.

•The Crittenden County Farm Bureau recognized retiring members of its board of directors during the group's annual meeting. Those recognized were Kenneth Beavers, Guy Hendrix and Lawrence Terry. Terry had served as a Farm Bureau director for 44 years.

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On September 15, 2007 we were pleased to welcome all of our many friends, neighbors and staff to share the day with us in the new addition to the PACS Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.

Thanks are due to so many people who have helped make this day a reality. Someone is sure to be left out if we try to list names, but each of you know the part you have played in making this occasion happen for the "Senior Citizens" of Crittenden County. To those who donated the prints for the center, a special thank you.

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OUTDOORS

KET host at Smithland

Tim Farmer, host of the KET's Kentucky Afield television show, will be in Livingston County for an event designed for the entire family. Big Rivers Christian Men's Ministry and the Potter's House Baptist Worship Center's men's ministry will host the event beginning at 5:30 p.m., Friday at the Potter's House Worship Center on the Cutoff Road (Ky. 937) between Smithland and Ledbetter. The event is free and so is the meal. Following dinner, Farmer will speak and put on an archery demonstration. There will be door prizes, gun giveaways and much more. For information, call Eddie Joiner at 928-2983.

Crossbow season

The deer crossbow season opens Monday and runs through Oct. 21.

2007-08 Hunting Seasons

Proposed dates by KDFWR

Squirrel	Aug. 18-Nov. 9
Deer archery	Sept. 1-Jan. 21
Turkey archery	Sept. 1-Jan. 21
Crow	Sept. 1-Nov. 7
Dove	Sept. 1-Oct. 24
Wood duck, teal	Sept. 19-23
Deer crossbow	Oct. 1-21
Deer youth hunt	Oct. 13-14
Deer muzzleloader	Oct. 20-21
Turkey shotgun	Oct. 27-Nov. 2
Coon, Opossum	Nov. 12-Feb. 29
Trapping	Nov. 12-Feb. 29
Rabbit, Quail	Nov. 12-Feb. 10
Deer rifle	Nov. 10-25
Deer crossbow	Nov. 10-Dec. 31
Squirrel	Nov. 12-Feb. 29
Bobcat	Nov. 17-Jan. 31
Dove	Nov. 22-27
Duck	Nov. 22-25
Deer crossbow	Nov. 10-Dec. 31
Turkey shotgun	Dec. 1-7
Duck	Dec. 3-Jan. 27
Deer muzzleloader	Dec. 8-16
Canada goose	Dec. 13-Jan. 31
Free Youth Deer Hunt	Dec. 29-30
Free Youth Small Game	Dec. 29-Jan. 4
Crow	Jan. 4-Feb. 29
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 2-3
Coyote	Year round

Bag limits same as last year

FOOTBALL

Parade is tonight

The Crittenden County Football Homecoming Parade will be at 5:30 p.m., today (Thursday). Rocket public address announcer Nicky Winders is the grand marshal. The parade will be followed by the annual powderpuff football game at 6:30 p.m., at Rocket Stadium. The homecoming queen and king will be crowned Friday at 7 p.m., before the game against Webster County.

Class of '86 tailgaters

CCHS Class of 1986 is hosting a tailgate-like event before Friday's football homecoming game against Webster County. The party will be set up at the east end of the field by Rocket Arena. All members of the Class of 1986 and members of the 1985 Rocket football team, including their families, are invited to join the festivities in the end zone to meet with old friends and cheer on the Rockets. For information, call Elisa Mills Nielson 859-442-7794.

UK up to 14th in poll

Following its 42-29 victory at Arkansas last weekend, the University of Kentucky football team moved up from 21st to 14th in this week's Associated Press college football poll. It's the highest UK has been ranked since 1977 when they were at No. 12.

QB Club meets Monday

The Crittenden County Quarterback Club will meet at 5:30 p.m., Monday at the high school.

CHEERING

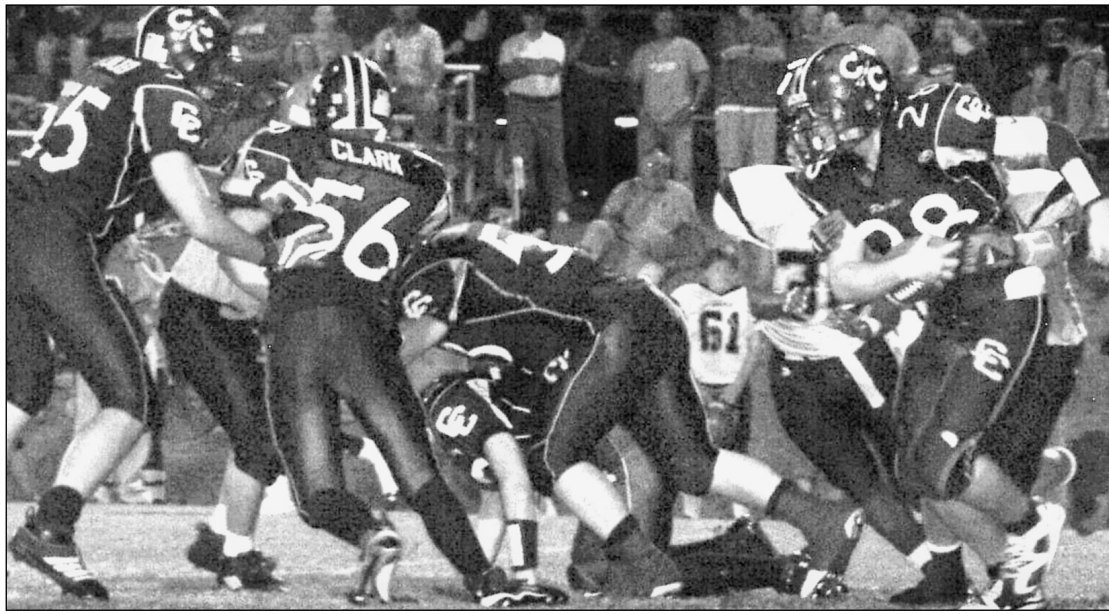
Copeland spirit leader

The CCHS spirit leader for last week was Jenna Copeland. The award is given weekly by the cheerleading sponsor to the cheerleader who displays the most spirit at high school football games.

LL spirit leaders

Elizabeth Price and Haley Sisco were the third- and fourth-grade spirit winners for little league cheerleaders last weekend. Lena Bradford was the fifth- and sixth-grade spirit leader.

Crittenden's running game picked up a little steam in the second half against Mayfield last week, but it was too little too late to catch up with the state's No. 2 team. Pictured at right is Gaige Courtney (28) behind his blockers and below right is QB J.D. Gray eluding a would-be Cardinal tackler.



Cards get out early

Rockets improve, but can't catch 'em

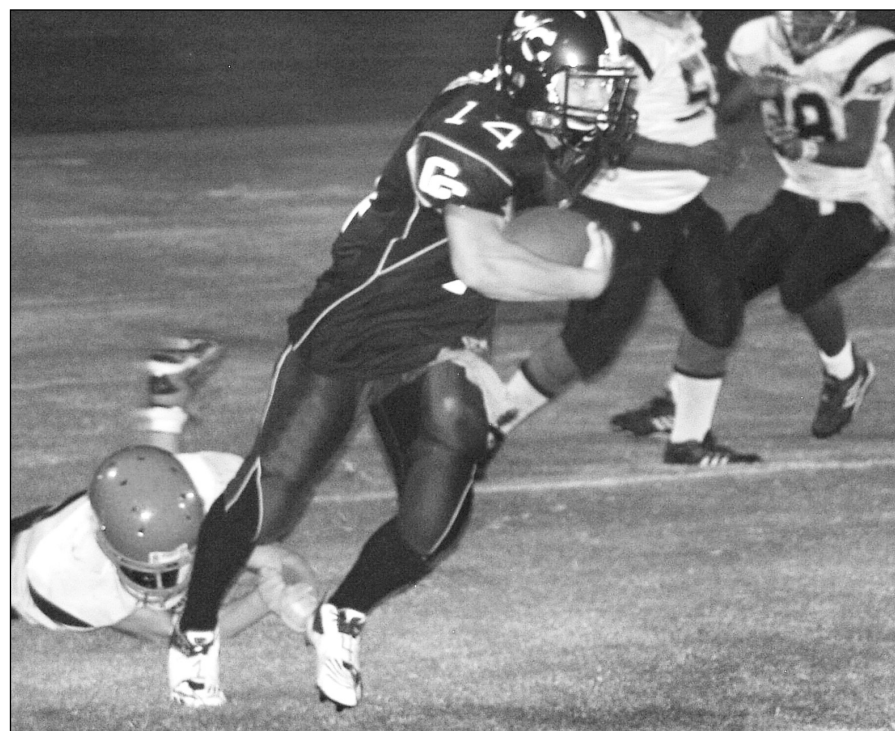
STAFF REPORT

Still winless, but improving. That's the battle cry coming from Crittenden County's 35-14 loss to second-ranked Mayfield Friday at Rocket Stadium.

Despite being obviously over-matched by one of the best teams in Kentucky, Crittenden took advantage of five Cardinal turnovers to keep the game closer than most expected. Mayfield went ahead 35-0, scoring on five of its seven first-half possessions, then the Rocket defense closed the door.

One of Mayfield's three second-half turnovers led to the Rockets' first touchdown. Backup linebacker Seth Keene, a senior, collected the fumble and the offense went to work from near midfield. Crittenden scored five plays later including two runs of 25 and 22 yards by junior running back Rodney Robertson. Junior fullback Gaige Courtney got the TD on a three-yard pass from sophomore quarterback J.D. Gray.

Another Mayfield fumble set up Crittenden's last touchdown, a four-yard, fourth-quarter run by



Robertson.

"We came out and competed in the second half," Rocket coach Al Starnes said. Rocket coach Al Starnes said.

However, the damage had already been done and the Rockets fell to 0-5 on the season and 0-2 in Class A First District play.

Mayfield, playing with its third-string quarterback, freshman Luke Guhy, was unstoppable when the offense took care of the football. Guhy, in his first start, completed 12-of-15 passes for 217 yards. Six running backs chipped in 239 yards on the ground for the undefeated Cardinals.

Starnes said that despite the loss, he was pleased with the effort displayed by the Rockets.

"We wanted to compete and fight and we did that. We're getting better and that's what our focus is on right now. We want to focus on continuing to improve and on our remaining

district games. If we do that, we'll be in the playoffs and might get to see Fulton City again and take care of some business we left unfinished down there a couple of weeks ago."

The Rockets host Webster County in a non-district homecoming game this week.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Mayfield	14	21	0	0
Crittenden Co.	0	0	7	7

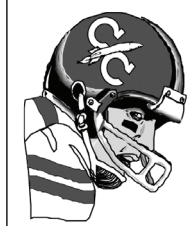
SCORING PLAYS

M-Tyrese Murrell 3 run (Tommy McNutt kick) 7:57, 1st
M-Brent Simpkins 3 run (McNutt kick) 3:59, 1st
M-Gary Hall 19 pass from Luke Guhy (McNutt kick) 8:47, 2nd
M-Simpkins 1 run (McNutt kick) 3:54, 2nd
M-Jared McCuiston 21 pass from Guhy (McNutt kick) :53, 2nd
C-Gaige Courtney 3 pass from J.D. Gray (Jordan Martin kick) 1:15, 3rd
C-Rodney Robertson 4 run (Martin kick) 4:22, 4th

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: Crittenden 7, Mayfield 19

This week's game



ROCKETS TROJANS

Kickoff 7:30 p.m. FRIDAY at Rocket Stadium

Homecoming

CRITTENDEN COUNTY (0-5)

Offense: Multiple
Defense: 6-2
Player Report: Jeramie Sorina is ineligible.

WEBSTER COUNTY (3-2)

Offense: Pro I-Formation
Defense: 6-2
Results this season:
Won at Reidland 6-0
Won at home vs. Muhlenberg North 42-20
Lost at Tilghman 49-21
Lost at home to McLean 20-14
Won at Muhlenberg South 33-7
Scouting report: A non-district matchup, this will be a physical contest. Although Webster is favored, it could be a close one.
The series: Crittenden leads the series 21-13-1, and the Rockets have won 3 of the last 4 matchups.

Game Notes: QB Steven Turner (6-2, 200) and RBs DeAdrian Rollins and Darriion Terrell are 4-year starters. Rollins is on pace to become the Trojans' all-time leading rusher, but has been injured. His status for this week's game remains unknown. This is coach Andy Corbin's fourth season and it is the best team he's fielded. TE Jordan Cottingham (6-5, 230) is one of Turner's favorite targets in the passing game.

Penalties: Crittenden 3-15, Mayfield 6-50
Rushing: Crittenden 36-132, Mayfield 39-239
Passing: Crittenden 3-8-1, 31 yds., Mayfield 12-15-1, 217 yds.

Total Yards: Crittenden 163, Mayfield 456
Fumbles/Lost: Crittenden 0-0, Mayfield 4-4

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing

Crittenden-Rodney Robertson 20-66, Gaige Courtney 10-38, J.D. Gray 6-28. Mayfield-Jarrod Noonan 4-30, Andy Trevarthen 5-35, Xavier Shelton 1-13, Tyrese Murrell 11-52, Brent Simpkins 7-43, DeCole Noonan 11-66.

Passing

Crittenden-Gray 3-8-1, 31 yds. Mayfield-Luke Guhy 12-15-1, 217 yds.

Receiving

Crittenden-Courtney 2-10, Robertson 1-21. Mayfield-Gary Hall 4-68, Shelton 3-69, McCuiston 5-80.

Defense Robertson 4 solos, 12 assists; Ippock 9 assists, caused fumble; Thornton 2 assists; Freeman 2 solos, 7 assists; Pluskota 2 solos; Gray 6 solos, 5 assists, caused fumble, fumble recovery; Courtney 3 solos, 10 assists, TFL, caused fumble; Clark 5 assists; Wood solo, 4 assists; A.Berry 7 assists; Fritz 3 assists; McConnell 2 assists, interception; Urbanowski solo, assist, fumble recovery; Keene fumble recovery.

Players of the Game: Offense Rodney Robertson, Defense Gaige Courtney, Lineman Aaron Berry.
Records Crittenden 0-5 (0-2), Mayfield 5-0 (2-0)

Area Sports Roundup

V-ball girls clinch No. 2

The visiting Lady Rockets avenged two earlier losses to Union County Monday, defeating the Bravettes in three sets 22-25, 25-18, 25-18. With one week remaining in the regular season, Crittenden (10-7) has a chance to record the program's third-straight winning season.

Despite finishing third, the Lady Rockets narrowly missed out on winning the Crittenden County Spike Fest last Saturday. Of the three sets the hosts dropped during the tourney, each was decided by three points or fewer.

Crittenden fell to neighboring Union County 19-21, 21-17, 12-15 in its first game of the day. However, the Lady Rockets bounced back to easily beat Graves in straight sets 21-12, 21-17.

With an opportunity to still finish second, the Lady Rockets came up a bit short, falling to Fort Campbell in three sets 21-11, 19-21, 12-15.

With last week's Seventh District win over visiting Trigg County, the Lady Rockets clinched a No. 2 seed for the post-season tournament.

Crittenden won the match in straight sets 25-14, 25-22, concluding league play with a 4-2 mark.

CCMS out in OT

Crittenden County Middle School tied the game in the fourth quarter last Thursday at South Hopkins, then lost 16-8 in overtime. The Rockets were held at the goal line on fourth down in the last period, but scored a safety on the next play. Upon receiving the punt from South Hopkins, Crittenden mounted a scoring drive culminated by Grant Gardner's 11-yard TD run to tie the contest at 8-8. It was the third straight game that the 1-5 CCMS team has lost by a touchdown.

Jr. Pros split with M'field

Crittenden County's Junior Pro football teams split a doubleheader at home Saturday against Morganfield.

The fifth- and sixth-grade Rockets beat Morganfield 28-0. Brenden Phillips scored

three touchdowns and Jake Hodge one.

Rushing Phillips 17-149, Aaron Owen 4-25, Hodge 3-24, Taylor Champion 3-10, Travis Gilbert 3-7. Passing Gilbert 1-2-1, 4 yds. Receiving Hodge 1-4. Tackles: Phillips 7 solos, assist, 2 caused fumble; Gilbert 5 solos, assist; Hodge solo, interference; Champion solo, assist; Owen solo; Crider solo, assist, fumble recovery; Lynch solo; Caraway 3 solos, assists; Dickerson fumble recovery; Robinson solo; Wagoner solo; Hasset 2 assists; Stone fumble recover; Easley 2 solos, assist; Wallace solo; Davidson solo.

Crittenden County's third- and fourth-grade team lost 18-0 to Morganfield. Statistics from the game were as follows:

Offense: 41 total yards. Rushing Hasset 4-(-4), J.Crider 12-49, Hollis 2-2, Belt 4-(-17), Hunt 4-13, Garrison 1-(-2). Passing Hasset 0-3-1. Tackles Hasset 6. J.Crider 3, Hollis 1, McConnell 1, Belt 4, Baker 3, Wring 1, Hunt 2, P.Riley 2.

Soccer girls fall to Tigers

The Lady Rockets found the going tough last Thursday at Princeton, dropping a 6-1 Fourth District contest against Caldwell County. Lady Tiger Alex Burton recorded a hat trick for the victors, scoring all three of her goals in the first half.

Caldwell kept attacking throughout the game, compiling a huge 48-15 advantage in shots over the Lady Rockets.

Since the inception of the varsity soccer program, Crittenden (3-10, 1-3) remains winless in 13 meetings against Caldwell County teams.

Joiner qualifies for state

The Crittenden County boys' golf team participated in the regional tournament Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

The girls played their regional match Monday at Drake Creek in Livingston County. Lonna Starnes fired a 53-3-58-111 in regional action. Caldwell County eighth-grader Emma Talley won her third straight regional championship with a record 8-under-par 64.

Livingston County's Daniel Joiner shot a 94 and qualified for the state tournament. Livingston's other scores were: Durard 98, Owen 106, Durard 110 and Shelby 112.



Crittenden County's Misty Wallace (left) gets her body on the ball during a recent soccer match at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

Crittenden's golf team closed out its regular season by beating Lyon County last week 177-199 as Janson James carded the best round with a 37. Cody McDonald shot a 43, Justin DeFreitas a 48, Alec Pierce and Tanner Nix shot 54s and Paxton James a 55. Lonna Starnes fired a 49 in girls' competition.

The Rocket golfers finished the season with a 9-4 record.

DeFreitas was medalist in a match Sept. 18 against Caldwell. Crittenden won that day 169-189. For the Rockets, McDonald fired a 41, Janson James 42, Nix a 47 and Pierce a 50.