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## Eclipse closings now include schools

Several public offices and a handful of local businesses will be closed all day or for a period for Monday's Great American Eclipse, and now, schools in Crittenden County will be shutting their doors.

Crittenden County School District announced Tuesday it was canceling classes Monday due to concerns administrators have with potential issues surrounding the eclipse. The district had said for about a year that it planned to have school and use it as an educational opportunity. It had even purchased glasses for students to safely view the eclipse.

Several other school districts in the area had announced earlier they would be closing. Some local parents had gone to social media protesting schools being in session.

In the end, Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark said a number of concerns prompted school officials to decide to close on Monday. The glasses will be sent home with children on Friday and teachers will be educating students this week about the eclipse.

The public library, though, is moving forward with an educational event Monday, offering free protective eyewear.

The circuit clerk, county clerk, PVA and sheriff's offices at the courthouse will be closed all day Monday. Marion City Hall will close at noon that day. However, the regularly scheduled city council meeting will still take place at 6 p.m. that night.

## Shopko building, land bought for \$274,000

The 17-year-old former Shopko building on Sturgis Road sold last week through an internet-only absolute auction. The buyer's name has not been disclosed at this time; however, the selling price is public.

The 36,047-square-foot building sold for a high bid of \$274,000, or only \$6.86 per square foot. With a 10-percent buyer's premium required by the selling agent, the buyer will pay \$301,400 for the structure and 3.7 acres. According to Crittenden County Property Valuation Administrator records online, the commercial property is valued at \$2.2 million.

Local real estate agent Darrin Tabor of Homestead Realty brokered the purchase. He said the buyer will disclose future plans for the building once the real estate deal is closed. A Sept. 13 closing deadline was advertised as part of the auction, which was conducted by Don Erier Real Estate & Auction of Louisville and amc bid.com. There were a total of 36 bids cast for the property during the online auction that ended early last Wednesday afternoon.

Coincidentally, Tabor also brokered the deal when Wisconsin-based Pamida Inc. initially purchased the property for \$225,000 from individual landowners in 2000.



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## Hospitals mull joining efforts

STAFF REPORT

Hospitals in Marion and Salem have begun talks that could eventually lead to formal collaboration.

Crittenden Health Systems (CHS) and Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services (LHHS) issued a joint statement on Tuesday, confirming their plans to further explore the idea. Directors at each facility have for few years talked in general terms about the potential and need for more cooperation. Over the past few weeks, those discussions have become more formalized and hospital leaders have brought in

legal and financial experts to further the talks.

"While this is very preliminary, we are excited about the prospect of opening joint discussions with the hope of strengthening both organizations to better serve their communities," said Charlie Hunt, board chairman at CHS.

Small rural hospitals are struggling across the nation with lower volumes, less reimbursement and need for additional revenue to keep up with ongoing regulatory requirements and capital

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## School tax vote set for Sept. 12

By **DARYL K. TABOR**  
PRESS EDITOR

A 5.9-cent school tax increase is now in the hands of Crittenden County voters.

Last Thursday, the local board of education chose to move ahead with a special election, scheduling it for Tuesday, Sept. 12 to give voters in the county the final word on a tax bump to build a new high school. An election was forced

when a recall petition was certified last week with 978 signatures, more than double the 408 necessary for the referendum.

An election is what the five-member board wanted when discussions began late last fall about a so-called "equivalent nickel" tax for capital projects. "When we first started talk-

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## Cave In Rock Ferry. Quaint. Convenient. Critical.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRIAN BOYD

**The Cave In Rock Ferry, a free service that transports people across the Ohio River between Crittenden County and southern Illinois, is a vital component of the local economy and has helped preserve the way of life for rural residents on either side of the waterway. Shown from high above the river with a remote drone camera, the Loni Jo prepares to offload a pair of vehicles onto Ky. 91 North in Crittenden County.**

## Ferry bridging the gap

## Service helping rural way of life continue

By **BLAKE SANDLIN**  
STAFF WRITER

Even before 1800, a ferry was serving travelers crossing the Ohio River between Kentucky and what would become Cave In Rock, Ill.

Fast forward to 2017, and the Cave In Rock Ferry is as vital as ever, offering a direct link for goods and services between two rural communities on opposite sides of the river, a shortcut for commuters and a unique experience for sightseers.

Whatever the reason has boarding the free ferry between Crittenden County and Hardin County, Ill., the impact the bi-state service that connects Illinois Highway 1 with Ky. 91 North has had on local commerce and accessibility is immeasurable.

The ferry serves about 500

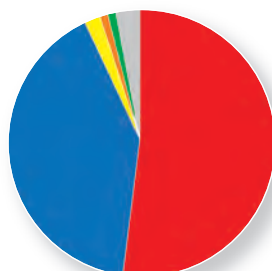
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## Demographics of Cave In Rock Ferry usage



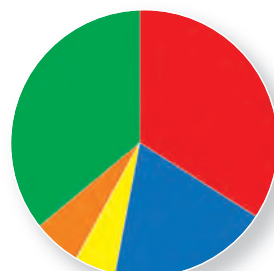
### Reason

- Shopping: 18%
- Work: 21%
- Dining: 6%
- Recreation: 29%
- Visit family: 11%
- Doctor: 4%
- Traveling: 11%



### Home state

- Illinois: 52%
- Kentucky: 41%
- Indiana: 2%
- Tennessee: 1%
- Florida: 1%
- Other: 3%



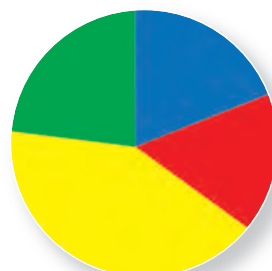
### Home county

- Hardin, Ill.: 34%
- Crittenden, Ky.: 19%
- Gallatin, Ill.: 5%
- Barren, Ky.: 6%
- Other: 36%



### Frequency

- Daily: 9%
- Weekly: 47%
- Monthly: 16%
- Yearly: 13%
- First time: 15%



### Age

- 0-21: 19%
- 22-40: 16%
- 41-65: 42%
- 66+: 23%

Results are from a survey of 140 users conducted this summer by The Crittenden Press.

## Local optometrist: Eclipse blindness very real

By **DARYL K. TABOR**  
PRESS EDITOR

Just a few seconds of staring at the sun can cause permanent eye damage.

On a normal day, there's little reason to think anyone would look into the sun long enough to harm their eyesight. But

on Monday, local residents will join millions of Americans gazing up to catch a glimpse of the Great American Eclipse, the first total solar eclipse to darken the skies above Crittenden County in the lifetime of anyone living here today.

Marion optometrist Dr.

Adria Porter warns the dangers from staring directly at the sun at any time without protective eyewear are very real.

"It burns the retina, which will cause you to have blind spots in your vision," Porter explained. "It's

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# CCEDC wants to move on three-county group

STAFF REPORT

A local economic development group is all in on supporting a regional concept representing the interests of three counties.

On Friday, Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. (CCEDC) voted to move on a joint Crittenden-Caldwell-Lyon economic development group. The unanimous decision came despite questions and reservations.

Tim Capps told fellow CCEDC board members the other two counties planned to move forward with our without Crittenden County and needed a decision on the county's commitment in time for a meeting this week. Concerns from some board mem-

bers centered around where to find additional money to funnel to the multi-county project and a potential diminished role for CCEDC.

With the decision, CCEDC is pledging to put in \$42,000 for four seats on the board of the three-county organization and share in the use of a full-time recruiter. That money would be in addition to CCEDC's current annual operating expenses of about \$35,000, and would have to come from outside investors. Last year, the group took in \$56,650 in investor revenue, including \$10,000 in public monies from both the city and county governments.

Currently, CCEDC has about \$281,000 in debt.

# Report: CCMS mold spore count ‘elevated’

STAFF REPORT

Testing of indoor air quality at Crittenden County Middle School offer mixed results for students and the school district.

According to readings from testing at the school on July 31, mold levels detected inside the facility were a tiny fraction of that detected in the air outside the building both before and after interior readings. However, the 38-page report issued by Lexington-based Air Source Technology qualified some of those readings as high.

“Elevated levels of fungal spores were identified in three of the rooms tested for this limited study,” the executive summary of the report read. But “(t)he observed conditions and collected measurements are consistent

with summer humidity issues that are common in school facilities.”

Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark said at last Thursday's board of education meeting that the school would be safe for the start of classes this week. He called the issue more of a humidity problem.

“...(W)e need to work on our humidity levels,” Clark told board members. But it's “certainly acceptable to put students in that building.”

Indoor relative humidity levels were measured at between 63 and 78 percent, beyond indoor air quality guidelines of between 20 and 60 percent. The outdoor humidity levels were 66 percent at the beginning of indoor testing and 63 percent af-

terward.

Additional dehumidifiers have been placed throughout the school and two huge floor fans brought in to keep air circulating. Other steps can be taken to help lower humidity, which offers an environment for mold to thrive, and decrease the spore count. If that doesn't help once normal activity resumes at the school, additional steps may become necessary.

“If complaints continue after implementing these basic steps, a more in-depth investigation is warranted,” Air Source wrote in its summary.

The testing was prompted after a complaint from a parent who said they detected the distinct smell of mold while picking up their child's schedule over

# ELECTION

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ing about this, we all wanted to put it on the ballot, and now it's come to fruition,” board member Eric LaRue said at last week's meeting.

A nickel tax was approved by the five-member board on June 1. The rate of 5.9 cents per \$100 valuation on real property and tangible assets would be for 2017 tax bills.

The rate is set in July each year by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), and can fluctuate each year based on what KDE determines will generate an equivalent revenue of 5 cents on property and motor vehicles. Motor vehicles and watercraft are not subject to the bump.

Board members urged that an equivalent nickel property tax increase is the only means allowed by statute for the body to generate enough money to build a new high school and take the troubled 68-year-old middle school out of circulation.

“I think we all wish there was a better way to do it,” LaRue said.

Annual revenue for the school district's building fund is expected to be about \$229,000, which will increase bonding potential by \$6.5 million – \$3.4 million locally and a \$3.1 million match from Frankfort. Currently, Crittenden County Schools has \$4.75 million in bonding potential. Together, the district would be able to afford a planned \$6.7 million high school and \$1.3 million in renovations to the current high school to accommodate middle-schoolers, razing the 1949 portion of the middle school and renovating the rest for a new central office.

“I'm ready for this community to decide,” said Superintendent Vince Clark.

Opposition to the school tax increase has centered around the burden it places solely on property owners, including landlords and farm-

ers. Some have proposed waiting until 2024 when more bonding potential is freed up when the 20-year bond for Rocket Arena is paid off. Others would like to see the board hold out until the state legislature approves a local option sales tax for capital projects.

But with construction costs estimated to increase as much as 7 percent each year, an \$8 million project today could cost as much as \$12.8 million in 2024. Though bonding potential would increase with the arena's payoff, it would then not be enough to cover the proposed scope of work without requesting the nickel.

“The building is not going to get any cheaper, whatever we end up doing,” LaRue said. “It's only going to cost more and more. We've kicked the can down the road too far. In the long run, it just doesn't work.”

While the General Assembly has taken up the local option sales tax in past sessions, it never included a mechanism for school boards to make use of the levy, only cities and counties. The measure has received little Republican support, and the GOP now controls both chambers. Even if the sales tax option was approved, it would require a constitutional amendment that would then have to be approved by Kentucky voters at the ballot box.

“Even then, there is no guarantee (the legislature) would match the local revenue like with property tax,” said Chris Cook, chairman of the board of education.

That is why the board believes now is the best time to put the tax before the voters of the county in the form of a special election. Waiting to approve the tax in 2018 and voting on it during the general election would, in effect, delay construction for two years, adding as much as another \$1 million to the project as construction costs climb. Cook said the General Assem-

# The ballot question

STAFF REPORT

Voters across Crittenden County will head to the polls on Tuesday, Sept. 12 to approve or reject an “equivalent nickel” school tax for construction. The ballot question will read as follows:

**Are you for or against the Crittenden County Board of Education's levy of an equivalent tax rate of five (0.05) cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of real and personal tangible property to raise funds that would be dedicated strictly to major renovation of existing school facilities, new construction and debt service?**

Voters will be asked if they are “For” or “Against” the tax. A simple majority wins.

The verbiage does not spell out the 5.9-cent per \$100 valuation that might be levied on tax bills this year. According to Roy Massey IV, legal counsel for the board of education, the wording is not an attempt by the board to be disingenuous and has been used by other boards of education seeking the tax. The precise levy is not included because the equivalent rate could vary each year of the 20-year life of the bond for a new high school. That rate is set by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE).

The actual “nickel” rate is greater than 5 cents because of how KDE determines how much money should be generated from the tax base. It calculates how much revenue would be produced by 5 cents per \$100 valuation of property and motor vehicles in the county. The district is required to collect enough money from property taxes to transfer that dollar amount into its building fund.

bly allocates matching nickel funds for districts only during the biennial budget sessions held in even-numbered years. If the school tax is not approved now, it would be 2020 before matching funds would become available again.

“With the cost of a special election versus an additional two years, it's a no-brainer,” Cook said last week about the timing of a special election. “It's no comparison versus the added construction cost.”

A special election is expected to cost the school district about \$20,000.

Cook had initially wanted to include a 20-year sunset clause in the ballot question establishing the board's intent to remove the nickel tax once the bond for construction is paid off. But Roy Massey IV, legal counsel for the board, said the current board cannot bind any future

version of the board to such action. The members of the elected body in 2037 will have to decide to remove the levy from tax bills.

**Nickel rallies**

Now that an election is imminent, Clark has scheduled what he is calling “nickel rallies” for the weeks leading up to the election in order to answer any questions from supporters or those still on the fence. Those dates are:

- Next Wednesday at noon in the Rocket Arena conference room
- Sept. 1 at noon at the Marion Ed-Tech Center.
- Sept. 8 at noon in the Rocket Arena conference room.

Clark said he is also willing to meet with small groups at their request. Those can be scheduled by calling the central office at (270) 965-3525.

# Added tax burden

STAFF REPORT

A county resident who owns a \$71,800 home, the median value of a house in Crittenden County according to the U.S. Census Bureau, will pay \$42.36 more in school taxes if a 5.9-cent increase is approved at the ballot box Sept. 12. A home valued at \$100,000 would cost its owner \$59 more; a \$50,000 home, half that at \$29.50.

However, the homestead exemption for seniors and disabled persons would remove \$37,600 from the taxable value of a home, lowering the additional tax burden by \$22.18. To qualify for the homestead exemption, a person must be at least 65 years old during the tax period or have been classified as totally disabled by any public or private retirement system. The property must also be owned, occupied and maintained by the taxpayer as a personal residence on the Jan. 1 assessment date.

The average farmer would pay a little more for his land than the typical homeowner in Crittenden County. An average farmer – median land value and acreage – would pay an additional \$55.68. That is based on the average size farm –251 acres – according to the 2012 Census of Agriculture for Crittenden County and the average taxable value of each acre – \$376 – based on soil class. Soil classes in the county carry a tax of between \$159.35 and \$592.64 per acre.

# Voting information

STAFF REPORT

The Sept. 12 vote to decide the fate of a school tax levy for construction will take place like most any election in Crittenden County – on a Tuesday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. at all the usual 12 precinct polling locations.

Voter registration, however, is already closed. The rolls closed Friday. By statute, voter rolls must close at least 30 days prior to any election. Anyone not registered or registered with an incorrect address will not be able to vote next month. There are about 6,700 registered voters in the county according to the July report from the Kentucky Secretary of State's office.

For those who will not be in the county on election day, absentee voting will be made available both on a machine located inside the county clerk's office and through paper ballot. Contact County Clerk Carolyn Byford's office at (270) 965-3403 to see if you qualify or to request a ballot.

Byford said only one voting machine will be used at each precinct, unlike other elections where two varieties are employed. The eScan machines that read a paper ballot marked and inserted by the voter will be the only option on election day next month. The other machines, eSlate, are much larger and more cumbersome to set up.

On a short window to get the election ready, Byford said using only one machine will move the process along more quickly and should cost less. She estimates the election will cost the board of education around \$20,000.

# Eclipse enlightenment suddenly dark

“When the sky goes dark, learning lights up at Crittenden County schools.”

That was the headline on a news release sent just Friday to The Crittenden Press from the local school district. But on Tuesday afternoon, we learned that when Monday's Great American Eclipse arrives, it will now be lights out on learning in the county.



Daryl K. TABOR  
Press editor  
My 2¢ Worth

“This will be an unprecedented opportunity (for students) to see science in action, while commemorating the event with their friends and teachers,” Clark said in Friday's news release.

Scratch that.

On Monday, the district requested the newspaper scrap the release, as there were “some things to still work out on eclipse day plans.”

Early Tuesday, we got word that those “things” apparently included canceling school.

Agree with the decision or not, what doesn't seem to add up is waiting until the last minute to reverse a decision made many, many months ago and firmly stood by. Now, parents who planned all along that their kids would be in school, viewing the eclipse safely, must scramble to make another plan.

It appears Union County Schools is the only neighboring district that will be in session Monday. To be clear, only a

portion of Union County will go completely dark, while all of Crittenden County lies in the path of totality. But for next-door school systems, any worries have to pretty much be identical.

Emergency management officials have been concerned about buses mingling with the tens of thousands of eclipse visitors to western Kentucky who will be scrambling back home that afternoon like roaches when the lights go on. Having school on the day of the eclipse was never 100 percent, but district officials had resisted temptation, resolute and steadfast that the best place for students would be in the learning environment of school.

Last week, it was Marion City Council changing its mind about closing Country Club Drive to through traffic. This week, it is the school district.

Both reversals followed threads of gripes and rants on social media from a disgruntled opposition. How much that or parents' threats to keep their children at home Monday – schools receive a big chunk of money based on attendance

– came into play with the district's decision is uncertain.

The officials reason for closing down schools?

“Student and staff safety, first and foremost, after careful recent conversations,” wrote Tiffany Blazina, district public relations coordinator.

Tuesday's change to cancel school for the eclipse was not a unilateral decision reached by any one person. It was not made from the hip, and students will still get to take home eclipse glasses on Friday. Cancelling classes is the safest choice, but it has been all along. If it is the wrong move, the cost is only a make-up day.

Leadership is tough, and the decision to shut down schools was not an easy one for school officials. It's not their ultimate ruling on the eclipse, but the timing of it, that comes into question. The eclipse logistics didn't sneak up on anyone.

Ultimately, this late-hour waffle could be costly, as it may undermine the confidence of voters less than a month away from their own decision of whether to put more of their money into the school system.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to KRS 132.027, the City of Marion will hold a public hearing, Thursday, August 31, 2017 at 5 p.m., City Hall, 217 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky, to hear comments from the public regarding proposed 2017 Tax Rates on Real Property.

As required by state law, this notice includes the following information:

	Tax Rate Per \$100 Assessed Valuation	
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3. Compensating Tax Rate and Expected Revenue from Real Property	0.222	\$192,345
4. Revenue Expected from New Property	0.230	\$ -0-
5. Prior Year Tax Rate and Revenue Produced from Personal Property	0.186	\$33,244
6. Compensating Tax Rate and Expected Revenue from Personal Property	0.222	\$32,848

The City of Marion proposes to implement the compensating personal property tax rate of .189. Revenues in excess of the revenue produced in the preceding year will be spent in the general areas of City Government.

THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS REQUIRED PUBLICATION OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT AND THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN.

JARED BYFORD, MAYOR

## Jobless rate up

Unemployment rates increased in Crittenden, Livingston and 94 other Kentucky counties between June 2016 and June 2017, fell in 20 and stayed the same in four counties, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training. Last month's jobless rate in Crittenden County jumped to 5.7 percent from 5.2 percent the previous June and was up 0.6 points from May 2017. Woodford County recorded the lowest unemployment rate in the Commonwealth at 3.8 percent. Magoffin County recorded the state's highest jobless rate at 18 percent. Below are the jobless rates for select counties from the state's lowest in June to the highest, with rates for Crittenden and surrounding counties included between.

AREA	JUNE 2017	MAY 2017	JUNE 2016
U.S.....	4.5.....	4.1.....	5.1
Kentucky.....	5.7.....	4.7.....	5.3
Pennyrile Region.....	6.6.....	5.6.....	6.2
COUNTIES			
Woodford (1).....	3.8.....	3.1.....	3.5
Webster.....	5.2.....	5.2.....	6.2
Crittenden.....	5.7.....	5.1.....	5.2
Lyon.....	5.8.....	5.2.....	5.1
Union.....	5.8.....	5.8.....	7.2
Caldwell.....	6.2.....	5.2.....	5.6
Livingston.....	8.2.....	7.4.....	6.9
Magoffin (120).....	18.0.....	16.8.....	19.0

## Evidence leads man accused of rape to plea to lesser charge

STAFF REPORT

A Marion man originally accused of the forcible rape of a 13-year-old girl has been convicted of a lesser charge.

Donald James Morris, 33, pleaded guilty to an amended charge of first-degree wanton endangerment last week following a mediation hearing in circuit court. He was ordered to serve a year in prison, minus the time he's been jailed while awaiting a resolution in the case. He was arrested in April.

Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell said the charges were amended largely because medical evidence previously unavailable to the grand jury did not support the claim of first-degree rape, which is a Class B felony punishable by up to

### CIRCUIT COURT

20 years in prison.

"The previously unknown medical evidence in combination with other exculpatory evidence made it impossible for the commonwealth to prove the elements of the rape charge beyond a reasonable doubt," the prosecutor said.

"However, there was sufficient evidence to prove that the defendant engaged in conduct which created a substantial danger to a minor victim," he added.

The risk was associated with the presence and defendant's use of an illegal drug in the company of the minor, the prosecutor explained.

The original police report claimed that Morris forced

the girl to smoke marijuana then raped her in August of 2016.

Morris maintained his innocence throughout the proceedings.

In other circuit court cases last week:

- Mathew Harris, 25, of Smithland was ordered held in custody until he can enroll in a substance abuse treatment program. Harris was in court last week for a probation revocation hearing. He has been charged with a felony burglary charge in Caldwell County. Harris is on probation from a Crittenden County burglary conviction in 2013. Although he has not been indicted on the Caldwell charges, Crittenden Circuit Judge Rene Williams said she was not going to allow him to walk free pending the

outcome those new charges, even though he may qualify for sanctions rather than revocation based on a final disposition in the new case.

- Matt Thurmond, 26, no address given, had his pretrial diversion revoked from a 2012 drug case and he was ordered to complete drug court as part of the terms of his new probation. Thurmond's diversion was revoked because he admitted to violating its terms.

- Patrick Asbridge, 49, of Marion pleaded guilty to an amended charge of trafficking in a controlled substance, two counts, both Class D felonies. He was sentenced to three years in prison, minus time served, which was 90 days. The commonwealth opposed probation.



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

## Rand Paul visits Marion

U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky flew into Marion last Thursday afternoon to speak with constituents about a number of issues of concern, including health care and overregulation by the federal government. About 30 local representatives of education, city and county government, health care, the farming community and other interests packed the lounge at Marion-Crittenden County Airport where the first-term Republican senator landed as part of a series of informal town hall-type meetings across the state. Paul voted against a Senate health care plan to replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA) because it would not have fixed what he called the "death spiral" that he says has seen premiums double in the last six years under the ACA, or Obamacare. He added the effects of the ACA have left half of the nation's counties with only one insurer writing policies and several with none. His fix would be to allow individuals of like-occupations – farmers, teachers, etc. – to join large, nationwide groups in order to make premiums more affordable. Right now, the junior senator from the Bluegrass State said the federal government is helping only insurance companies, giving them their largest annual profits ever.

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## Massey to be county attorney in Caldwell

STAFF REPORT

Marion attorney and Crittenden County Board of Education counsel Roy Massey IV will soon step into public office, taking over for a mainstay in Caldwell County politics.

Massey has been selected to replace 24-year Caldwell County Attorney Bridgie Miller, who announced his retirement plans earlier this month. Massey will be sworn in late this month and officially take office Sept. 1. He will fill Miller's unexpired term that ends in December 2018. Massey plans to seek election to the office next year.

A resident of Princeton, Massey is a partner at Frazer and Massey Attorneys in Marion and serves as legal counsel to both Crittenden and Webster County boards of education. He plans to retain those two positions and continue private practice on a limited basis.

Massey, a 2002, graduate of Caldwell County High School, earned a bachelor of arts degree in education in 2007 from the University of Kentucky. He then received his Juris Doctorate from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 2010. Later that year he began practicing law in Marion.



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TWO Crittenden County women, Idabelle Riley and Birdie Thomas, turned 100 Sunday. Pictured above is Thomas' family (front, from left) Ashley Thomas, Dorothy Nichols, Demi York, Birdie Thomas, Michael Thomas, Ethan Thomas (middle) Patrick Thomas, Chad Thomas, Edna Almon, Lema Pugh, Ronnie Thomas, Riley Thomas, Julie Thomas, Rusti Thomas, (back) Ricky Thomas, Ty Thomas, Bobby Thomas, Zach Thomas and Darrell Holloman. Below, pictured with Idabelle Riley on her 100th birthday are her children (from left) Sue Gobin, Connie Thomas, Peggy Reid, Ronnie Riley and Cheryl Land.

## 2 women turn 100 on same day

STAFF REPORT

It's not every day someone in Crittenden County turns 100. It's especially rare that two people would celebrate their 100th birthday on the same day.

With much ado, there were monumental celebrations for Idabelle Riley and Birdie Thomas Sunday, as they were surrounded by their families while celebrating their 100th birthdays.

While Riley was flanked by her five children and numerous grandchildren at her home in Marion, Thomas' celebrated in the Hebron community.

Thomas and her late husband Jick raised seven children in the Cotton Patch and Hebron communities near the Ohio River. Their children



include daughters Lema Pugh, Dorothy Nichols, Edna Almon and sons Bobby, Denny, Ronnie and Ricky. Idabelle Riley and her husband, the late Owen

Riley, lived most of their married life in Marion, where they raised their six children, Sue Gobin, Connie Thomas, Peggy Reid, Ronnie Riley, Cheryl Land and the late Tommy Riley.

Amazingly, both women still live at home with assistance of their families as caregivers.

Riley and Thomas are among at least five Crittenden Countians who turn 100 in 2017, including husband and wife Robert Lee and Ada White and Ethel Tucker. Marion resident Helen Springs died just weeks before turning 100 earlier this year.

All six were recognized by the Pennyryle Area Development District this spring for their centennial celebrations.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Marion considering tax rate increase

Marion City Council will meet later this month to set 2017 tax rates, and a bump in the levy will be discussed.

At last week's meeting, Councilman Donnie Arflack proposed increasing property tax revenue by 4 percent, the highest allowable amount without taking the increase to the ballot box. The proposed levy of 23 cents per \$100 valuation for real property and 22.2 cents for tangible assets would generate and extra \$7,772 in tax revenue for a city struggling to make ends meet.

The current tax rates of 22.4 cents and 18.6 cents, respectively, are expected to generate \$224,749 in general fund revenue. The proposed rate would bring that up to \$232,521.

For homeowners, bumping the real property rate 0.6 cents would mean an extra \$6 in city taxes for a \$100,000 home or \$4.31 for the average property owner based on the U.S. Census Bureau's median home value for the county, \$71,800.

Though the council meets

Monday for its regular monthly meeting, a special meeting to finalize the tax rate will follow a public hearing on the matter at 5 p.m. on Aug. 31.

### Piney School Road closed for repairs

Piney School Road in Crittenden County is scheduled to be closed today (Thursday) and remain closed for approximately one week.

The work to be done on Piney School Road is at the intersection of Ky. 506 and there will be two cross drains replaced that have failed, causing the road to collapse. The road will be left open over the weekend so as not to disrupt weekend traffic.

### Comer town hall today in Smithland

Congressman James Comer, R-Tompkinsville, will host a town hall meeting this week in Smithland. The event will be at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) in the Livingston Circuit Courtroom at the courthouse.

The 1st District Congress-

man has already held town hall events in 20 counties so far this year.

Comer will host a town hall in all 35 first district counties by the end of the year.

### Rogers Group in on Kindness Rock trend

Rogers Group has found itself at the center of The Kindness Rocks Project, a growing cultural phenomenon in which small rocks are painted with short, inspirational quotes. The project made its way to Crittenden County and Rogers Group jumped at the chance to get involved.

The company's Crittenden County Quarry donated rocks to local businesses in town, and those rocks can now be seen painted and placed in public areas, such as parks, sidewalks, and parking lots, etc., all over the county. And now, a teacher at Crittenden County Middle School has asked Rogers Group to partner with the school by donating a rock for every student for an activity on the first day of school, which was Wednesday.

"It's great to know we will be a part of the students' first

day of school this year," says Amanda Dossett, Rogers Group sales representative, in a press release.

"This was a fortunate intersection of opportunities for us - working with local schools, helping to inspire children's creativity, playing a part in encouraging random passers-by - all from donating a few buckets of rocks," said Tom Kenley, Rogers Group communications specialist. "We just could not pass it up!"

— From Aggregates Manager, AggMan.com

### Public meetings

- Crittenden Fiscal Court will convene at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the courthouse for its regular monthly meeting.
- Marion City Council will convene at 6 p.m. Monday at city hall for its regular monthly meeting.
- Crittenden Health Systems Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the hospital administrative annex.

## Roads talk of leadership breakfast

STAFF REPORT

When the community's leaders came together last week for breakfast, roads were the talk of the table.

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce and Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. (CCEDC) held their second Leadership Breakfast of the summer on Thursday and although there were a number of local issues discussed, roads dominated the floor.

City Administrator Adam Ledford and Judge-Executive Perry Newcom were the featured speakers. Ledford updated those attending on the state of repairs at Country Club Drive, which has become a hot-button issue lately - because of the cost of repairs and the city's one-time plan to close it, which was reversed earlier in the week.

Ledford also talked about an idea of creating a community foundation where tax-deductible contributions could be made to benefit a variety of services.

When the floor was opened for questions, all of them directed toward Ledford were with regard to the status and

future of Country Club Drive. The takeaway most received was that any hopes of the state taking over the road are a distant prayer at best. Meantime, the city is apply for some emergency funding from the commonwealth that might lessen its financial burden on the costly repairs, which were about \$80,000 at last count.

Judge Newcom also talked about roads. He said the county has multiple roads facing similar problems as the one inside the city.

"We have three county roads where base failure is a problem," Newcom said. "It's something we just have to deal with."

Newcom said rising costs of repairs coupled with declining financial assistance from the state make it very difficult to keep the county's 390 miles of roads up to snuff. He and other county leaders blame the declining revenue on the fuel tax structure. Also, more fuel efficient vehicles means less spent on gasoline, which is where most of the tax revenue comes from to build and repair roads in Kentucky.

Newcom said the county is currently applying for some grant funds that might speed up the construction of the new U.S. 641 between Marion and Eddyville.

The next leadership breakfast will be in October, followed by one in January where the results of a joint Chamber-CCEDC business survey to be conducted this month will be released.

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Area Deaths

Phillips

Lois Phillips, 84, of Marion died Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a member of Hurricane Church.

Survivors include her husband, H.B. Phillips of Marion; children, Paula (Jerry Ray) Belt of Marion and Tammie Kolb of Madisonville; brother, Col. Paul (Mary) "Tittle" Ryan (Ret.) of Kuttawa; grandchildren Leslie Belt, Staci (Ryan) Blackburn and Laura (Travis Faughender) Kolb; and great-grandchildren Kolbey Faughender, Aubree Faughender and Anna Beth Blackburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dewey and Bonnie Elizabeth Ryan; and four sisters.

Services were Friday, Aug. 11 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Hurricane Camp.

Jones

Donna Jo Jones, 55, of Eddyville died Saturday, Aug. 12, 2017 at Livingston Hospital.

She was a retired bookmobile librarian for Marshall County library and attended Life in Christ Church.

Surviving are her husband, Glenn Jones of Eddyville; a daughter, Autumn Harris of Metropolis, Ill.; a brother, Jerry Boswell, Oneonta, Ala.; and four grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday, Aug. 16 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Love Cemetery.

Johnson

Beverly Jewell (Wilson) Johnson, 82, died Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.



She was born in Livingston County to U.B. and Katie Belle (Ramage) Wilson on June 26, 1935. She was a graduate of Salem High School, a graduate of University of Louisville and a registered nurse. She worked for Burkhart Health Clinic for over 25 years.

Johnson was a member of Salem Baptist Church and enjoyed reading, sewing, cooking and genealogy.

Surviving are her daughter, Laura Gordon and her husband Glenn of Salem; three grandchildren, Sarah Gordon of Salem, Zeb Gordon and his wife Jessie of Ledbetter and Johnson Gordon of Hopkinsville; and a brother, Dean Wilson and his wife Nona of Oneida, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Odell Johnson; brothers, Ernie C. Wilson and Carl Wilson; and her parents.

Services were Saturday, Aug. 12, 2017 at the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Joel Frizzell officiating. Burial was at Pinckneyville Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Gideons International, P.O. Box 304, Salem, KY 42078.

Croft

Franklin G. Croft, 80, of Evansville, Ind., died Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2017. He was born May 3, 1937, in Tolu to the late Roy and Ruby Croft.



Franklin was the owner of Nifty Plastics and commercial and residential owner of Frank Croft Rentals.

Surviving are his son, David Croft; his wife, Julie of Evansville; a daughter, Debbie (Kevin) Williamson of Evansville; three grandchildren, Colin, Amanda and Amy; great-grandchildren, Eddie, Kelsey, Katie and Lilly; a brother, Harold Keith Croft of Marion; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Neil Croft; and a sister, Helen Robinson.

Services were Friday, Aug. 4 at Ziemer Funeral Home East Chapel in Evansville. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Park with Pastor Levon Dozier officiating.

Obituary Information

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Kentucky State Treasurer Allison Ball returned \$1,481.38 worth of unclaimed property to Crittenden County during the second quarter of 2017.

This initiative proactively searches for unclaimed property in three key areas: local government, schools and charities.

"I am a big believer in property rights," Treasurer Ball said in a statement. "One of my favorite things to do in government is to return people's property to them. It's why the Unclaimed Property Division in my office is so important."



Ball

The Kentucky State Treasurer administers Kentucky's Unclaimed Property Fund. Unclaimed property generally consists of payroll checks, unclaimed safety deposit boxes, old life insurance policies, stocks, or vendor checks that have remained unclaimed by their owners after several years.

Since Treasurer Ball has taken office, the Unclaimed Property Division has been working on proactively seeking schools, local governments, and charities in the state that have unclaimed property. This first two quarters alone, the division was able to proactively return a total \$495,332.72 across the Commonwealth

"Proactively reaching out to schools, local governments, and charities has been a priority of mine since taking office," Treasured Ball shared. "It's important to make sure these groups are aware that they have unclaimed property and we get it returned quickly. These institutions are essential to local communities and any bit of money we can return to them can go a long way in strengthening the local economy."

In total, Treasurer Ball has returned over \$13.2 million dollars of unclaimed property during the first two quarters of 2017 and over \$38 million since she took office.

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Loftis reunion

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Calendar

– Crittenden County **Friends of the Library** will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday (today) in the meeting room at the Crittenden County Public Library.

– The **CCHS Class of 1964** will have a reunion picnic Sept. 9 at Riverview Park (formerly Dam 50) beginning at 1 p.m. A barbecue dinner will be served at 5 p.m. The cost is \$40 per couple or \$20 per single. RSVP along with remittance no later than Sept. 1 to Fred Brown, 351 Briarwood Drive, Marion, KY 42064. Please contact Minnie Brown at (270-) 704-2132 or minnielou45@att.net or Sandra Belt at (270) 704-1122 should you have additional questions.

– The 61-year class reunion of the **Crittenden County High School Class of 1956** has been scheduled for Sept. 2 at the Marion Cumberland Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 224 W. Bellville St., Marion. Doors open at 11 a.m. with a noon catered meal, cost \$20 per person. Please mail payment to Sarah Ford, 220 S. Weldon St. Marion, KY 42064. Deadline is Aug. 15.

– In celebration of its 40-year reunion, **Crittenden County High School Class of 1977** is organizing a multi-class reunion for the classes of 1975-1980 beginning at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 16 at Fohs Hall. Cost is \$20 per person payable at the door, which includes finger foods, soft drinks and music. Please RSVP for planning purposes by calling Phyllis O’Neal at (270) 556-3813 or Teena York at (270) 965-2749 by Sept. 5 or by posting on the Class of ’77 Facebook page or the Multi-Class Reunion of ’76, ’77, ’78, ’79 and ’80 Facebook page.

– The 20-year class reunion for **CCHS Class of 1997** is scheduled for 6 p.m., Sept. 9 at Drake Creek Golf Club, 1 Torrey Pines Dr., Ledbetter, Ky. Entertainment by Ridin Shotgun. Cost is \$30 per person. Please mail your payment in advance to Lee Anna Porter Boone c/o CCHS class of ’97 P.O. Box 75, Crayne, KY 42033.

Extension

– Judy Archie from Strawberry Hills Pharmacy will be the guest speaker at the **Diabetes Support Group**, beginning at 10 a.m., Friday at the Extension Office. This support group is open to anyone.

– A **budgeting and couponing class** will offer tips for saving money at the grocery store at 2 p.m., Aug. 30, at the Crittenden County Extension Office, 1534 U.S. 60 E, Marion. Pre-register by calling (270) 965-5236. This class can count as a credit for Community Christmas.

– **Extension Homemaker meetings** will begin in September. These meetings offer informational lessons on various topics each month. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this organization is welcome. Dues are \$10/year. For more information, stop by the office located at 1534 U.S. 60 E, or call (270) 965-5236.



Dunn, DeBoe engaged to marry

Randy and Rhonda Dunn of Marion announce the engagement of their daughter, Rheanda Dunn, to Brandon DeBoe, son of Charlie and Ann DeBoe of Marion.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Delores Travis of Marion and the late Ted Travis and the late Mervin and Virginia Dunn of Marion.

She is a 2007 graduate of Crittenden County High School, a 2011 graduate of Murray State University and attends Life in Christ Church. She is employed by Family Practice Clinic.

Mr. DeBoe is the grandson of Marie Redd of Tolu and the late Junior Todd and Terry Black of Salem and the late Calvin DeBoe.

He is a 2009 graduate of John A. Gupton with an associate’s degree in Mortuary Science. He attends Life in Christ Church and is employed by Boyd Funeral Directors.

A Sept. 30 wedding is planned.

**Hunt**

Duncan Anderson “Andy” and Brooke O’Nan Hunt of Marion announce the arrival of their second son, Bennett Maxwell Hunt.

Bennett arrived at 8:39 a.m., Aug. 3 at Baptist Health Paducah. He weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 22 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Charlie and Nancy Hunt of Marion. Maternal grandparents are Ginny O’Nan of Sturgis and Dennis and Sue O’Nan of Sturgis.

Bennett is joined at home by a brother, Beckett Anderson Hunt, 20 months.

**Rhyme**

Chip and JoEllen Rhyme of Tarpon Springs, Fla., announce the birth of a son, Maverick Allen July 30. He weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces.

Grandparents are Mark and Terri Tharp of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and John and Paulette Rhyme of Tarpon Springs, Fla. Great-parents include Ms. Carolyn Guess of Dover, Tenn. and the late Bruce Guess of Marion, Mr. and Mrs. Allen West of Smyrna, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Tharp of Salem, Ms. Virginia Spence of Christiana, Tenn. and the late Ernest Spence and Mr. and Mrs. Butch Rhyme of Newport, N.C.



Where in the World

Christina Rouse added Seydisjörður, Iceland to the list of places she has taken The Press in order to share photos with her mother, Norma Atwell Rouse, back in Marion.

Latham earns accolade for commitment at jail

Crittenden County Detention Center’s employee of the month for August is Sgt. Zach Latham.

Latham was born and raised in Crittenden County and has been with the detention center since 2015. Not long after he was hired, he became a supervisor on third shift.

He is a C.E.R.T (Corrections Emergency Response Team) member and participates in annual O.C. (pepper spray), taser, and firearms training. Recently, he also became a member of the Federal Detainee Transport Team.

His supervisors say he cares about his community, is very civic minded, evidenced by his



Latham involvement on the Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department

and Crittenden County Rescue Squad.

Latham was selected as employee of the month because he takes pride in his work, officials say. He cares about how his job performance affects the safety of others and the community.

“When he talks about his work a huge smile spreads across his face because he sincerely cares about people,” said Jessie Collins. “He considers his co-workers a second family and treats inmates with respect.

“Zach’s positive attitude is a good example to the employees that he supervises as well as the inmates that he oversees.”

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 franks and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, peach cobbler and cornbread with margarine.

– Friday: Menu is oven fried chicken, new buttered potatoes, buttered broccoli, wheat rolls and pears. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

– Monday: The center will be closed in observance of the eclipse.

– Tuesday: Menu is tomato chicken parmesan with spaghetti noodles, cucumber salad, whole wheat roll and peach cobbler.

– Aug. 23: Menu is meatballs with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, a whole grain biscuit and pears. Bingo will begin at 10:30 a.m.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability. PACS provides milk, coffee, tea or water each day.

Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center. The center is a service of Pennyrile 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.



Francesca Pierce, a recent graduate of Crittenden County High School, was the recipient of the Gareth Hardin Memorial Scholarship, presented by Dulcie Hardin (left) and Eddie King representing the Heritage at Marion Country Club.

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# Ferry connects rural lives

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people each day, from the time it first shoves off the bank of Illinois at 6 a.m. until the time it leaves Crittenden County's shore for the last run around 9:50 p.m. Owned and operated by Lonnie Lewis, it offers the only public river crossing between the U.S. 45 Brookport Bridge in Paducah and the Shawneetown Bridge in Old Shawneetown, Ill. The ride, both scenic and brief, typically lasts

about six-and-a-half minutes, crossing a 2,400-foot river at normal level. Without the ferry, the alternative drive between Marion and Cave In Rock would turn a 12-mile trip into 63 miles by way of the bridge at Old Shawneetown.

A ferry at the site of what is now Cave In Rock predates Illinois statehood in 1818 and the formation of Crittenden County. According to southern Illinois historian Jon Musgrave, the first ferry probably originated in the late 1790s, when the landing on the Kentucky side was in newly-formed Livingston County, which didn't split to form present-day Crittenden County in 1842.

"Folks in Livingston County petitioned the county in the summer of 1799 for a ferry," Musgrave told The Crittenden Press.

According to Musgrave, the initial service appears to have begun after a group of bounty hunters overran a band of outlaws who had holed up in an Illinois cave that gave Cave In Rock its name.

"It's interesting that this took place probably just after Captain Young and his posse of 'Ex-terminators' battled or drove

out the river pirates from the cave earlier that summer."

## Study tells story

A recent study by The Crittenden Press provides evidence of the ferry's value and reveals trends among those using the service, which is offered at no cost to motorists thanks to allocations from Kentucky and Illinois transportation budgets.

Twenty-one years ago, a similar survey by the newspaper found that the number of Illinois motorists using the ferry outnumbered Kentucky vehicles 2-to-1. But the results of this summer's survey reveal that while Illinois motorists still outnumber those from Kentucky, the gap is not as substantial as it

was in November 1996. Today, about 52 percent of motorists using the ferry originate in Illinois, compared to 41 percent from the Bluegrass State. The survey, conducted at the ferry crossing at various hours during four different days in June, found that 7 percent of the motorists were out-of-state travelers.

A lack of fueling stations, food stores and retail shopping in extreme southern Illinois makes Marion the closest destination for many household necessities, including groceries. Elizabethtown and Cave In Rock residents travel as far north as Harrisburg – more than 30 miles away – to acquire groceries, gas, medication or even cleaning supplies.

Because of that, many residents of Little Egypt make a weekly commute to Marion. To many, the city of only 3,000 could be considered the Promised Land, where gas is typically cheaper and a pack of cigarettes is about half the cost of Illinois smokes. Among the 34 percent of Hardin Countians surveyed, 44 percent said they travel to Marion to shop. Trips to the gas station for fuel and tobacco products and to grocery stores were among the most common responses. Another 17 percent traveled to Marion for recre-

ational purposes.

Crittenden County residents put the ferry to good use as well, but for a different purpose. Among the local respondents, 48 percent use the ferry for work commutes. The second most common reason for crossing the river – 17 percent – was for visiting Illinois friends and family.

The ferry operates seven days a week, unless mechanical problems or Mother Nature interfere. Maintenance-related delays are virtually non-existent, but high winds, a swollen river or sometimes ice flow will shut down the ferry for a matter of hours to several days. Alerts to closures are dispatched to news outlets by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and are posted on signage on West Bellville Street/Ky. 91 North just before leaving Marion city limits.

A deckhand on the Loni Jo, Chris Berton, said the boat's traffic rarely slows down, with its busiest days coming on weekends and holidays when the vehicle count can soar above the 500 on an average day. During special events like the Hog Rock motorcycle gatherings in Hardin County or the annual biker rally in Sturgis, traffic at the ferry can be backed up for miles.

The survey found that 46 percent of ferry motorists made the trek several times weekly, with 16 percent making it monthly. The study found that 88 percent of those who travel across the river use the ferry either daily or several times weekly.

The ferry is not just for commuters, shoppers and sightseers. Commerce and agriculture are also beneficiaries. It regularly carries everything from bicyclists to 18-wheelers, heavy farm equipment and even an occasional pedestrian.

## Bistate cooperation

But if traveling between the two states is so important, why is there not a bridge over the Ohio River at Cave In Rock?

Keith Todd, a public information officer for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, said it's simply not economically feasible.

"We don't have \$100 million



sitting around," said Todd, a resident of Marion. "I think the ferry normally gets around 500 cars per day, and that would not be a high enough traffic count to justify a bridge."

By contrast, the Shawneetown Bridge in Union County carries about 3,800 vehicles per day. There are four other highway bridges that join Kentucky and Illinois.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky partially funds two ferries across the Ohio River into other states – the Cave In Rock Ferry and the Augusta Ferry from Bracken County into Ohio. It also finances one across the Mississippi River into Missouri – the Dorena-Hickman Ferry in Fulton County. Additionally, there is a privately funded ferry across the river into Ohio, the Anderson Ferry in Boone County.

Prior to November 1994, Cave In Rock Ferry passenger vehicles were charged \$5 for each trip across the Ohio River. However, efforts between the two local and state governments led to 100-percent public funding of the operation of the ferry, which lies exactly 100 miles from where the 981-mile Ohio River flows into the Mississippi. The funding is split evenly between Kentucky and Illinois, with each paying \$402,000 annually to keep the ferry afloat.

Most business owners in Marion would agree that the

price tag is small in exchange for the boost to local commerce. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom owned a farm supply store in Marion prior to first being elected seven years ago. He said southern Illinois customers made up a large portion of his store's demographics.

"Due to the operation of the ferry, we have a great deal of retail customers shopping Marion," Newcom said. "It was not uncommon for me to have at least five or more customers per day in the store from southern Illinois. On days the ferry could not operate due to bad weather or flooding, we could tell the difference. Most of my (Illinois) customers would routinely comment about how grateful they were to have the ferry in operation due to the lack of retail options nearby their homes other than in Marion. When they couldn't come to Marion, they would go to Harrisburg or farther for the same services."

While the process of embarking across the water can sometimes be lengthy if river traffic is busy with tows and recreational watercraft, the fun and beauty that come with journeying across the Ohio River is unparalleled. So next time you're approaching the ramp to board the Cave In Rock Ferry, don't think of it as an inconvenience – think of it as an opportunity; one that allows Kentuckians and Illinoisans to enjoy the best of both states.

Without the Cave In Rock Ferry, motorists would have to drive dozens of miles out of the way to either the Ky. 56 Shawneetown Bridge or U.S. 45 Brookport Bridge. Using the Cave In Rock Ferry and Ky. 91 North, there are only 11 miles between Marion and Cave In Rock.

## AT TOP

Old photos depicting the ferry at Cave In Rock show slight changes in the ferry over the years. The two photos to the left are undated, but show the packet boat loaded with pedestrians alongside automobiles and even a horse-drawn cart on the pontoon transported by a tug. An undated photo from the 1970s or 1980s shows the ferry preparing to dock on the Kentucky shore. These images were shared with The Crittenden Press by Crittenden County Historian Brenda Underdown.

## AT BOTTOM

Current photos of the Cave in Rock Ferry offer a look at how the service is operated today. At top left, vehicles disembark the pontoon on the Illinois side into Cave In Rock. At top center, the Loni Jo is the tug that currently ferries the pontoon and its load across the Ohio River. At top right, the ferry prepares to dock on the Crittenden County side with a ramp that adjusts with the height of the river in order to allow access to Ky. 91 North. The bottom two photos taken with a drone camera show the ferry from above at the Kentucky shore.



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# Rocket offense maturing in time for Rebels

STAFF REPORT  
Crittenden County’s spread of offense may reach maturity this season behind junior quarterback Hunter Boone.

The Rockets committed a few years ago to the multi-receiver concept, and appear closer than ever to making it work after last week’s pre-season scrimmage. Crittenden kept 4A Calloway County on its heels last Friday night, beating the

Lakers 42-0 in the varsity portion of the scrimmage.

The first regular-season test is coming up Friday at Dover, Tenn., where the Rockets play Stewart County for the first time ever. The Rebels play in Tennessee’s Class 3A and were 3-7 a year ago.

Stewart County graduated its all-time leading rusher after last season and will have to be more varied in its offensive approach be-

hind senior QB Josh McDonald. Senior running back Shaheem Davis will likely be Stewart County’s go-to guy but a couple of sophomores will also figure into the running game. After losing a 2,000-yard rusher, the Rebels plan to become more balanced so look for them to test the passing game against their first out-of-state opponent this season. Second-year coach Chanz Swartz has scheduled

his Rebels to play another Kentucky team, Fulton County, in the fourth week.

Stewart County has played three pre-season scrimmage games. It is a slightly larger school than Crittenden. Dover has about half the population of Marion, but Stewart County has almost 4,000 more residents than Crittenden. The Stewart County school enrollment is 675 while Crittenden’s is

about 375.

In Crittenden’s only pre-season scrimmage game, Devin Nesbitt and Ethan Dossett scored twice apiece and Hunter Boone threw a TD pass. Gavin Dickerson rushed for a touchdown and Joseph Estes, who intercepted two passes in the game, also recovered a fumble and scored for the CCHS defense, which completely stymied Calloway.



Crittenden County’s Peyton Purvis (pictured above in blue) and Lauren Gilchrist (right inset) were among All A Classic state qualifiers after their regional golf rounds last week at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. Other state qualifiers were (above from left) Livingston’s Aaron Denfip, Zach Fleet, Cameron Head, Darit Barnes, T Roy Ringstaff, Purvis and UHA’s Weston Wood.



## Purvis, Gilchrist earn state All A golf berths

STAFF REPORT  
Crittenden County eighth-grader Peyton Purvis overcame a rough start last week to earn a spot in the Class A state golf tournament.

Purvis went out of bounds on the first hole then struggled over the next two before steadying his game. The middle schooler finished the front nine at 9 over par, but finished with an 11-over 83, capturing one of the two at-large spots for the All A Classic Kentucky Championship Sept. 9 at Eagles Nest Golf Course in Somerset.

Crittenden sophomore Lauren Gilchrist shot an 86 to earn her third-straight berth in the All A state tournament, which will be Sept. 9 at Woodson Bend Golf Course near Somerset.

Livingston Central won the team division on its home

ALL A SECOND REGION GOLF	
LEADERS BOYS' DIVISION	
Cameron Head, Livingston	76
T Roy Ringstaff, Livingston	80
Darit Barnes, Livingston	82
Peyton Purvis, Crittenden	83
Weston Wood, UHA	84
Jiles Wyatt, UHA	85
Tate Roberts, Crittenden	86
Sam Greenwell, Crittenden	87
Logan Belt, Crittenden	94
Addison Whalen, Dawson	97
LEADERS GIRLS' DIVISION	
Campbell Knoth, Lyon	82
Lauren Gilchrist, Crittenden	86
Rheaghan Lindsey, UHA	106

course with a strong presence from Salem-area golfers. LCHS Junior Cameron Head won the regional tournament with a 4-over 76.

Crittenden County was second in the team standings, firing a 350, 12 strokes behind the Cardinals.

# Runners gear up for 3.1-mile fall feature races

STAFF REPORT  
What started as an opportunity for Crittenden County track and field athletes to receive experience running longer distances has since become a sport for athletes of all abilities with the return of an organized, school-affiliated cross country team at CCHS.

Headed by track and field coach Angela Starnes, the resurrected cross country team will see its first taste of action when runners compete Tuesday at Union County. Prior to school board approval in July, this team was nothing more than an idea.

“For me, as a coach, I love running, and to

## Cross Country

have an opportunity be a part of this program is amazing,” Starnes said. “We are so appreciative of Supt. Vince Clark and the board of education for being willing to assist these athletes to excel.”

Starnes originally petitioned for the program as an outlet for her track and field distance runners to gain competitive experience, but the team has received interest from other student athletes as well.

Cross country runners compete in a 3.1-mile race, commonly known as a 5K.

Runners like Kate Keller, Gavin Davidson, Sawyer Towery, Tyson Steele and Aaron Lucas are among distance runners Starnes says will be on the team.

“We have several distance runners from the track team coming out that made a statement for Crittenden County in the spring and I feel they will do the same in cross country,” Starnes said.

With the addition of several newcomers to distance running – Noah Perkins, Kalli Champion, Jayden Carlson, Maddux Carlson, Pate Robinson and Hunter Robinson – Starnes is poised to have a successful season. Thus far, they have fielded a full team of

10 boys and a team of three girls, although Starnes is still looking for interested female runners to compete.

With highly-touted athletes like Lucas, a two-time state qualifier in distance races, and Keller, a second-team all-area track selection on the roster, Starnes thinks fall running will only broaden their appeal to prospective collegiate scouts.

“I feel that both of these athletes will run 3.1 cross country miles better than two miles on the track,” Starnes said. “Your true distance runners love cross country and do track to help them with cross country.”

# Let’s take a look at UK’s colorful characters

With all the football he watches on the practice field or in the film room, Kentucky secondary coach Steve Clinkscale doesn’t always want to watch football on TV when he gets home.

Often, though, his wife, Jasena, has a different idea.

“My wife watches more football at home than I do. I come home and I don’t want to watch football and she wants to watch football all day Saturday and Sunday. I just want to watch TV and relax. But not her. She loves watching football,” said Clinkscale.

She also obviously enjoys raising a family. The Clinkscales have four children ranging in age from 11 to 14. That includes 11-year-old twins Zion and Zivon.

“The twins are like a spitting image of myself,” Clinkscale said. “It is like three of us walking around there giving my wife a hard time. I have a 12-year-old, Elijah, and my oldest son, Isaiah, is 14. My wife is clearly an angel.

“My oldest two play football and track and my youngest two are into baseball. They all love Kentucky. They love living her and love the players and enjoy being around them.”

Clinkscale, who came to UK from Cincinnati before last season, said it was almost liking having triplets since his twins were born about a year after Elijah.

“The twins were born a little early, so they were in the hospital for 75 days. Their situation was a little different,” Clinkscale said. “Both my twin sons were born weighing less than two pounds. They did a great job at the hospital with them as well as my wife and myself. We never panicked. We had



Larry Vaught  
UK Sports Columnist  
*Vaught's Views*



Defensive backs coach Steve Clinkscale, center, sometimes has to watch more football than he wants at home because his wife wants to watch. (Vicky Graff Photo)

faith.”

Kentucky coach Mark Stoops certainly had faith in Clinkscale when he hired him and he’s turned out to not only be a solid coach, but a gifted recruiter. In UK’s 2018 recruiting class, he’s helped secure verbal commitments from lineman Marquan McCall, one of the top two players in Michigan; linebacker DeAndre Square, one of the Midwest’s top linebackers from Michigan; and Quinton Wilson, a big-time offensive line prospect from Cincinnati.

Perhaps it is his diversified background. He played four years at Division II Ashland University. He played in the Snow Bowl, the premier Division II all-star game, in Fargo, N.D. He coached seven seasons at Ashland — where he was also the team’s academic liaison. He spent a year at Western Carolina and then moved on to Toledo where he coached Desmond Marrow, the nephew of UK recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow.

“I think all experiences help from Division II to 1-AA to the SEC. I think you learn how to work with players at all levels and different situations and different skill sets. It set a good foundation for me being a teacher,” he said.

He was a four-star recruit in high school and all-state in South Carolina not only in football, but also basketball for two seasons. He picked Kentucky over offers from Arkansas, Clemson, Louisville, South Carolina and Mississippi.

Many expected Blake Bone to give UK a needed playmaker. At 6-5, he was the big, athletic target quarterbacks liked.

But in three seasons at UK, Bone has just 39 catches for 486 yards and three scores. Last year he was not a major part of the offense as he had just five catches for 82 yards, and 57 of the yards came in the loss to Tennessee.

Kentucky coach Mark Stoops has talked about challenging Bone and laying out what he has to do. Bone has admitted he almost gave up football.

Receivers coach Lamar Thomas has spent a lot of time on and off the field with Bone. He’s not ready to write him off.

“He has had some come to Jesus meetings with myself and coach Stoops and we laid it on the line and he stepped up to the challenge and had a great spring practice,” Thomas said. “Really proud of him not just on the field, but off the field for the way he has handled himself.

“He seems like he wants it now. We will see exactly how he handles it. If I was a betting man, I would bet he would handle it great because I think he really wants it and understands what it is all about now.”

Thomas also seems to understand that Bone is a “little different dude” from others on the UK football team from his colorful hair styles to a variety of tattoos.



Blake Bone



Yancy

**Yancy etches name in recordbook**  
Crittenden County’s Taylor Yancy has made his mark on Kentucky high school baseball. The Kentucky High School Athletic Association has included Yancy’s 0.19 ERA for the 2017 season in its all-time baseball recordbook. He gave up just one earned run in 36.1 innings pitched for the Rockets this spring during his senior season. Yancy struck out 31 batters and walked only a dozen. His mark was the second best ERA in KHSAA history.

**Duo wins tourney**  
Local golfers Jeremy Shoulders and Kyle Myers won the 2-Man Scramble last week at The Heritage at Marion Country Club shooting a 36-hole score of 28-under par. They fired 14-under each day. Based on available information, that was the lowest 18-hole and 36-hole score in tournament history.



## Crittenden Fall Sports

### Rocket Golf Scores

Here are previously unreported scores from Crittenden County’s golf team:

Tuesday, Aug. 8 vs. Lyon and Livingston at Deer Lakes. Team Scores: Crittenden 157, Livingston 173, Lyon 221. Individual scores: Peyton Purvis 36, Sam Greenwell 38, Tate Roberts 39, Logan Belt 44 and Lauren Gilchrist 45.

Thursday, Aug. 3 vs. Livingston at Deer Lakes: Greenwell, 36, Purvis 38, Roberts 42 Belt 48 and Gilchrist 40.

### Wood bat exhibition games

There will be a wood bat exhibition doubleheader between Crittenden County and Webster County players at 4 p.m., Saturday as part of the SolarFest at Marion-Crittenden County Park. The players will be 14-under.

### Flag football assessment Saturday

Crittenden County’s flag football league will have its player assessment starting at 9 a.m., Saturday at Rocket Stadium. All players need to attend and be dressed and ready to participate in football-related drills.



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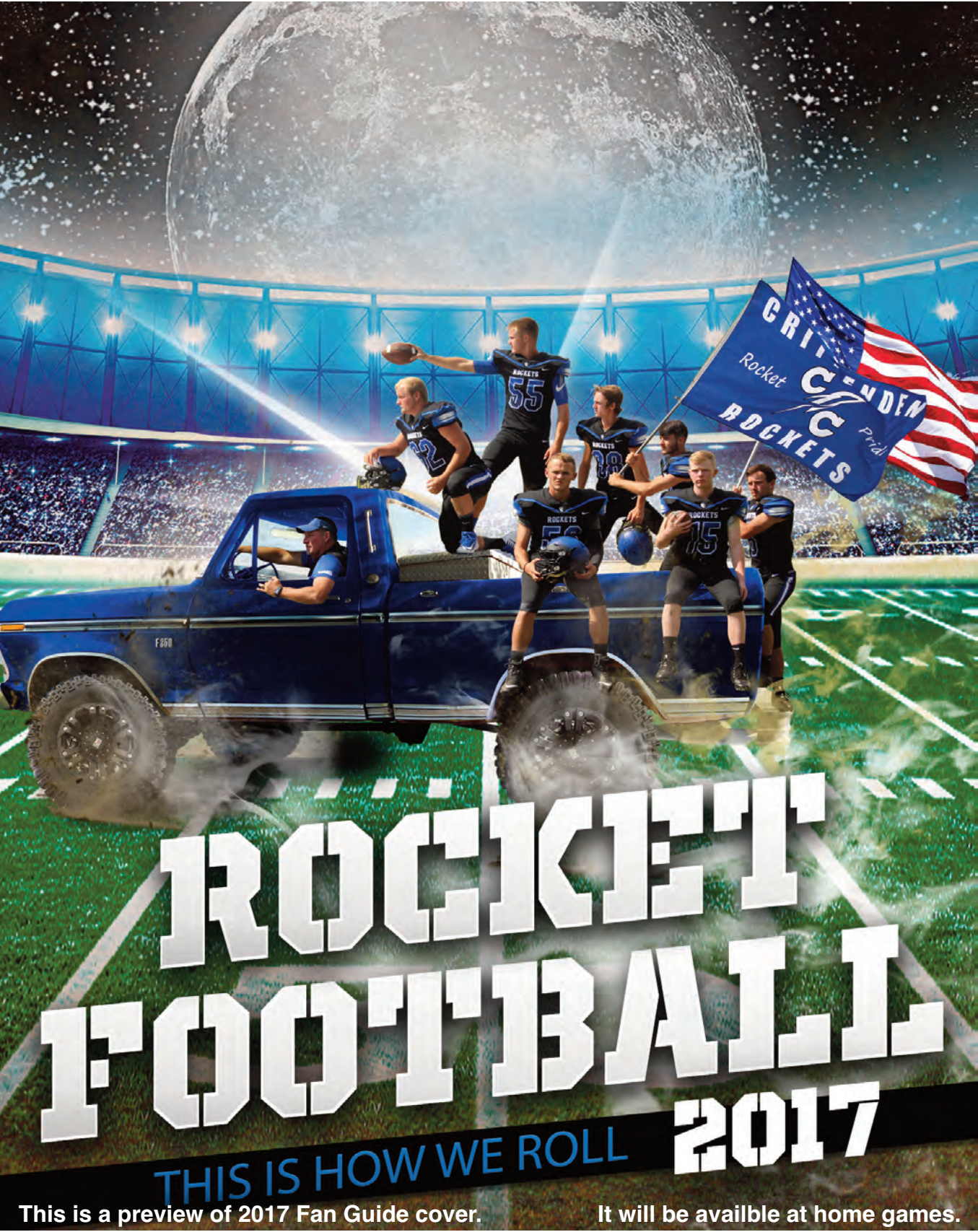
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# FALL SPORTS PREVIEWS

## ROCKET FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 18	at Stewart County, Tenn.
Aug. 25	Open
Sept. 1	Trigg County
Sept. 8	Caldwell County
Sept. 15	at Webster County
Sept. 22	at Union County
Sept. 29	Fulton City*
Oct. 6	Ballard Memorial
Oct. 13	at Fulton County*
Oct. 20	Russellville*
Oct. 27	at Hopkins Central
Nov. 3	Playoffs

\*Denotes Class A district game



### Coaches & Support Staff

Head Coach: Al Starnes  
Associate Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator: Sean Thompson  
Defensive Coordinator: Jeremy Wheeler  
Assistant Coaches: Gaige Courtney, Bryan Qualls, Jared Brown, Adam Perkins, Nick Castiller, Noah Dickerson, Maeson Myers, Nathan Boone  
Video Technicians: Ronnie Myers, Dwight Sherer  
Statistics/Website: Andy Hunt & Chris Evans  
Managers: Emma Atchison, Lily Berry, Lynzee Lynn, Ethan Shaffer  
Public Address Booth: Jody Porter & Matthew Hardin  
Clock-keeper: Dr. Steve Crider, Wayne Winters  
Team Photographer: Tony Myers  
WMJL Radio Broadcasts: Keith Davis, Taylor Davis, Evan Cruce

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No.	Name	HT	WT	Pos.	Pos.	Class							
55	Beavers, Adam	6'3"	205	OL	DL	12	72	Peek, Dylan	5'10	210	OL	DL	11
38	Belt, Cody	5'9"	125	WR	DB	12	54	Porter, Devin	5'6"	190	OL	DL	11
62	Birk, Brady	5'8"	175	OL	DL	12	11	Riley, Payton	5'10"	145	WR	DB	11
15	Castiller, Kyle	5'7"	150	WR	DB	12	75	Gobin, Riley	5'10"	195	OL	DL	10
56	Estes, Joseph	5'8"	165	OL	DL	12	20	Guess, Travis	5'7"	145	RB	DB	10
21	Hunt, Mason	5'10	150	WR	DB	12	51	Hayes, Jagger	5'9"	190	OL	DL	10
8	Russellburg, Jacob	5'7"	130	RB	DB	12	9	Jones, Hunter	5'7"	145	QB	DB	10
7	Boone, Hunter	5'10"	200	QB	DB	11	32	Marshall, Alex	5'1"	105	WR	DB	10
4	Dickerson, Gavin	5'11"	200	RB	LB	11	53	Phillips, Justin	5'9"	140	OL	DL	10
10	Dossett, Ethan	5'11"	160	WR	LB	11	77	Tucker, Alex	5'9"	250	OL	DL	10
59	Gibson, Jake	5'10"	210	OL	DL	11	5	Tabor, Xander	5'9	135	RB	DB	9
2	Joyce, Mitchell	5'6"	145	WR	DB	11	22	McCalister, Caden	5'9	150	WR	DB	9
65	Kemper, Drake	5'7"	160	OL	DL	11	24	Ford, Douglas	5'5	150	WR	DB	9
76	Kinnis, Travis	5'9"	240	OL	DL	11	41	Easley, Lathen	5'7	160	RB	LB	9
16	Lamey, Branen	5'11"	155	WR	DB	11	12	Boone, Tyler	5'11	180	TE	LB	9
50	Langston, Brock	5'10	240	OL	DL	11	60	Ellington, Ian	5'8	168	OL	DL	9
6	Lynn, Matt	5'10	150	WR	DB	11	64	Dobyns, Benjamin	5'7	153	OL	DL	9
1	Nesbitt, Devon	5'8"	150	RB	DB	11	3	Winders, Braxton	5'10	180	QB	LB	9
57	O'Leary, Sean	5'9"	185	OL	DL	11	85	Perkins, Noah	5'2	100	WR	DB	9





Crittenden County Middle School football players are (seated from left) Nate Faith, Rowan Perkins, Charles Morris, Luke Mundy, Kollin Graham, Trace Derrington, Preston Morgeson, Kaleb Nesbitt, Brayden Hill, Logan Bailey, Trey Swaggirt; (middle) Bryson Baker, Seth Guess, Briley Berry, Luke Crider, John Sigler, Ethan Curnal, Sammy Impastato, Tanner Beverly, Joshua Land, Zach Counts, Kaden Langston, Case Gobin, Addison Steward; (back) assistant coach Tyler Coleman, head coach Bryan Qualls, Tyler Swaggirt, Isaac Sarles, Isaac Phillips, Maddox Carlson, Hayden Adamson, Holden Cooksey, Tucker Sharp, Coleman Stone, Ben Evans, Dylan Yates, Keifer Marshall and managers Alyssa Bozeman and Mallory Lynn.

# Coach likes team’s improvements

STAFF REPORT  
Crittenden County has beefed up its middle school football schedule this season, adding Calloway County and Caldwell County.

Second-year head coach Bryan Qualls says this year’s eighth-grade group has matured a great deal from their rookie season in middle school and he expects a great deal from them.

“I don’t think they’re a bit scared of this schedule. In fact, I think they’re excited about the competition.”

The Rockets dropped Ballard County and its customary Saturday encounter in the Trojan Bowl to make room for the two teams. Calloway is a newcomer, but Caldwell was once a traditional matchup on the schedule, but had been absent the last several years.

“We’re probably underrated,” Qualls said. “But I think we’re a lot better.”

It starts with quarterback Luke Crider, who started last season as a seventh grader. Crider has worked hard in the offseason, gaining strength, confidence and improving his arm.

“He’s taking control of the offense and I like what I see,” Qualls said.

Seth Guess will be the seventh-grade QB and Crider’s backup.

At running back will be a host of boys led by seventh graders Preston Morgeson and Sammy Impastato, who are quickest of the lot. Eighth graders Keifer Marshall, Tanner Beverly and Maddox Carlson will also carry the ball.

Crittenden will run the Tony Franklin spread offense just like the high school team. At receiver are eighth-graders Trace Derrington, Dalton Wood and Carlson, all who played a great deal at that position last year on the seventh-grade team. Newcomers Logan Bailey, Hayden Adamson and Luke Mundy will also get in on the action at receiver. All three are first-year middle school players although they are in eighth grade.

The coach says the receiving corps has a good mix

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of quickness and good hands.

Up front, Ben Evans returns as the starting center and he will be flanked by Tucker Sharp and Coleman Stone at the guard slots. Holden Cooksey and Dylan Yates will be the tackles. Yates played a good bit last season as a seventh grader. All of the linemen are eighth graders and the coach says there isn’t much depth up front. Seventh graders Zach Counts and Seth Blackburn will provide help if needed.

Cooksey is the team’s biggest starting lineman. He’s 6-foot-1 and 220 pounds and the coach says Cooksey has dedicated himself during the offseason and has become stronger in the weightroom.

Josh Land and Rowan Perkins are battling for the kicking job and Bryson Baker appears to be the team’s punter at this stage. Evans will be the longsnapper.

On defense, Crittenden’s base alignment will be just like the high school’s. It will be a three-man front with extra defensive backs to defend what is expected to be a number of pass-oriented teams.

“About everybody we play runs the (Franklin) system or some type of spread,” Qualls said.

On the frontline will be Evans and Yates at the ends and Sharp at noseguard.

Stone, Carlson and Wood will be the linebackers.

The cornerbacks will be Marshall and Derrington, both of whom saw some time last year with the eighth-grade team.

While the aforementioned projected defensive starters were key contributors on last year’s seventh-grade

team – and in some cases saw time with the older group – the rest of the defensive unit will be made up largely with seventh graders or newcomers to the team.

Adamson, Impastato and Morgeson appear to have the edge at the three safety spots.

Others who will likely see playing time on defense are Beverly, Bailey, Kollin Graham and Kaleb Nesbitt.

The developmental team will be anchored by Guess, Bailey, Mundy, Briley Berry, Braydon Hill and Perkins.

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4	Seth Guess	QB/LB 7
11	Kaleb Nesbitt	RB/DB 7
18	Briley Berry	WR/LB 7
20	Sammy Impastato	RB/LB 7
27	Rowen Perkins	RB/LB 7
31	Wesley Fritts	RB/LB 7
33	Kaden Langston	WR/DB 7
51	Zach Counts	OL/DL 7
55	Charlie Morris	OL/DL 7
56	Case Gobin	OL/DL 7
59	Trey Swaggirt	OL/DL 7
60	Addison Steward	OL/DL 7
62	Seth Blackburn	OL/DL 7
63	Tyler Swaggirt	OL/DL 7
72	Issac Phillips	OL/DL 7
80	Issac Sarles	WR/DB 7
81	Nate Faith	WR/DB 7
10	Logan Bailey	WR/DB 8
12	Luke Crider	QB/DB 8
13	Keifer Marshall	RB/DB 8
14	Hayden Adamson	WR/DB 8
17	Braydon Hill	RB/DB 8
22	Trace Derrington	WR/DB 8
24	Luke Mundy	WR/LB 8
27	Maddox Carlson	RB/LB 8
35	Tanner Beverly	RB/DB 8
40	Dalton Wood	WR/LB 8
50	John Sigler	OL/DL 8
52	Ethan Curnel	OL/DL 8
53	Coleman Stone	OL/LB 8
54	Ben Evans	OL/DL 8
61	Josh Land	OL/DL 8
64	Holden Cooksey	OL/DL 8
74	Kollin Graham	OL/DL 8
76	Dylan Yates	OL/DL 8
78	Tucker Sharp	OL/DL 8
88	Bryson Baker	WR/DB 8

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# Starnes opens farewell season

## Final campaign may be loaded with excitement

STAFF REPORT

For the past 60 years, Crittenden County High School has put a football team on the field. In nearly half of those seasons, Al Starnes has been the head coach.

Starnes, 56, enters his 27th season as the Rocket skipper and he says it's his last. He came to Crittenden County in 1991 and became the school's 13th coach. The Rockets had gone through a dozen coaches in previous 33 years.

Now, in his farewell lap, Starnes is hoping for something memorable.

"Sure, it's emotional," Starnes said. "It's set in and it's an emotional, bittersweet time, but I will try not to show it."

If the skipper goes out with a bang, junior quarterback Hunter Boone is sure to have something to do with it. Boone threw for 1,801 yards and 18 touchdowns a year ago and led his team to within a few minutes of a berth in the regional championship game. Those hopes folded when Crittenden lost a 29-point lead at Bardstown and fell 43-36 to Bethlehem in the Class A semifinal at Bardstown.

Boone, who is built like an oak bourbon barrel, will trigger a pass-oriented offense designed from the Tony Franklin System. His backup for the second year in a row is sophomore Hunter Jones and freshman Braxton Winders would be next off the sideline.

Boone set all of the school's sophomore passing records last season and has thrown more completions in a single game and a single season than anyone previously. He ranks fifth on the career passing yards list and is at the cusp of setting a number of other school records.

Starnes says Boone can be as good as he wants to become.

"He throws so well in practice, it just amazes me," Starnes said. "And he's very poised in the pocket. He just has to learn to take what the defense gives him, trust his progressions and not force it."

Junior running back Devon Nesbitt is the reigning First District Class A Player of the Year. He rushed for 603 yards and caught 19 passes for 84 yards last fall.

The coaching staff says Nesbitt is "playing downhill" more this season, running behind his pads and punishing those who try to get in his way. He's the second fastest player on the team at 4.85 seconds in the 40-yard dash (right behind receiver and defensive back Branen Lamey at 4.81).

Junior Gavin Dickerson will also be a key ballcarrier. He's a brutal runner and often gets the call in short-yardage situations, especially when the goal line is in sight. He got 120 yards on 30 carries last season, but chances are his number gets called on more snaps this time.

The team has adopted the moniker The Storm: Thunder and Lightning for Dickerson and Nesbitt.

"If (Boone) is smart, he will get the ball in their

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H-E.Dossett, C.McCalister, L.Easley  
Z-C.Belt, P.Riley, N.Perkins, D.Ford  
Y-B.Lamey, M.Joyce, T.Boone  
X-M.Hunt, K.Castiller, M.Lynn, A.Marshall  
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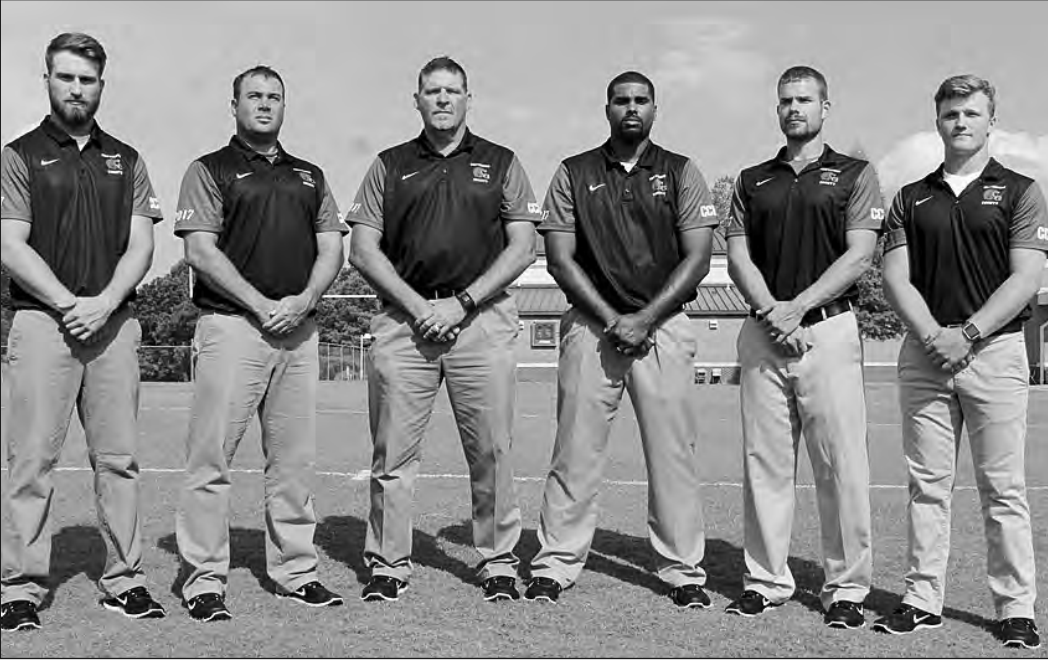
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N-B.Birk, A.Tucker, B.Langston, T.Kinnis  
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Rocket Varsity DEPTH CHART



Crittenden County coaches are (from left) Noah Dickerson, defensive coordinator Jeremy Wheeler, head coach Al Starnes, offensive coordinator and associate head coach Sean Thompson, Bryan Qualls and Nick Castiller.

ter.

Jacob Russellburg, a senior who missed most of last season after tearing a ligament in his knee in the season's second week, has recovered and returns to the backfield. He was a step slower in pre-season drills this summer. Last year, he was the fastest man in camp with a 4.76 time in the 40. This year's time was 5.03. Still his presence will provide key depth on offense and special teams, and he will be a starter on defense.

The ultra-vital receiving roles will go to a host of able athletes. Cody Belt, Lamey, Payton Riley, Mason Hunt, Kyle Castiller and Mitchell Joyce round out the top half dozen targets. Hunt is something of a newcomer. He had gone to school here earlier, and recently returned to find himself a starting spot in the receiving corps.

Lamey, Belt and Dossett have been the names on the coaching staff's lips most of the time this preseason. They will be among the players who will make highlight reels.

Up front is a mix of veterans and newcomers. Brock Langston has earned the center's spot as Devin Porter, who started there some last year, is now at left guard. Joseph Estes has played a good bit over the last couple of years and returns to a starting spot at guard. The tackles are Jake Gibson and Adam Beavers. Beavers will be one of the top players in the region, but will probably get more publicity for his de-

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2000.....	5-6
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2007.....	4-7
2008.....	10-4
2009.....	10-3
2010.....	7-4
2011.....	3-8
2012.....	3-8
2013.....	3-7
2014.....	4-7
2015.....	7-5
2016.....	5-7

hands as much as possible," Starnes said.

Sophomore Ethan Dossett was getting key playing time and contributing greatly last year as a freshman when he broke his collarbone in the season's fifth week. He returns to the backfield as a starter this time and will be backed up by freshman Caden McCalis-



Team managers are (from left) Ethan Shaffer, Lily Berry, Charity Conyer and Alyssa Snow. Not pictured Lynzee Lynn and Emma Atchison.



Learning from the Dummy

Branan Clifford learns the proper technique for tackling under the direction of little league football coach Tanner Tabor, who holds the tackle dummy. The Junior Pro football players had their first day in pads last week and are gearing up for the fall season.

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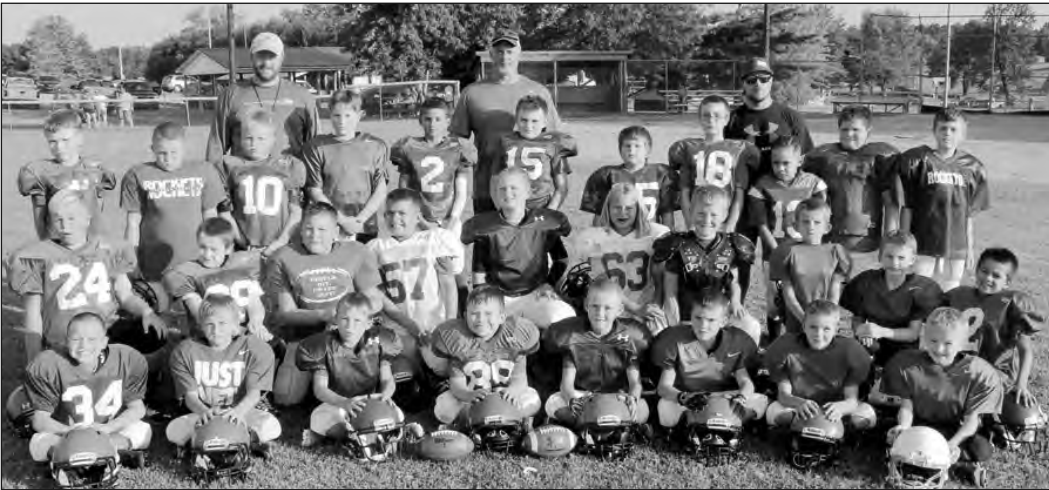
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Members of the fifth- and sixth-grade Rocket Junior Pro football team are (front from left) Trace Scott, Trinity Parrish, Bryan Chaney, Kaiden Travis, Asa McCord, Carson Yates, Caden Howard, Jantzen Fowler, (second row) Bennett McDaniel, Jaxon Hatfield, Noah Atchison, John Rose, Jason Millikan, Hunter Phillips, Hunter Duncan, Chase Conyer, (third row) Travis Blazina, Teague Millikan, Micah Newcom, Gabe Keller, Turner Sharp, Tyler Belt, Mason Crider, Caden Deboe, Hurst Miniard, Lane West, (back) coaches Johnny Newcom, Rusty Miniard, Jacob Courtney, Maeson Myers and Blake Gardner.



Members of the third- and fourth-grade Rocket Junior Pro football team are (front from left) Isaac James, Winston Lynch, Anthony Hunt, Cash Singleton, Brady Dayberry, Logan Martin, Carson Bradham, Breylen Clifford, (second row) Ethan Thomas, Levi Quertermous, Braden Brandsasse, Gunner Topp, Brayden Poindexter, Morgan Stewart, Davis Perryman, Trent Todd, Brennen Clifford, Trey Taylor, (third row) Jaxton Duncan, Jake Rich, Tucker Boudreau, Quinn Summers, Avery Thompson, Garner Stallins, Tate Stump, Dakota Sosh, Tristen Bell, Brody Samuel, Charlie Ledford, (back) coaches Tanner Tabor, Aaron Summers and Brian Bradham.



Fifth- and sixth-grade junior pro cheerleaders are (front from left) Alexis Hughes, Mary Rachel Stephens, Karli Beavers, Aliyah Maraman, Kayleigh Weathers, Jaylee Champion, Kiley Croft, Riley Kirby, (second row) Taylor McKinney, Brooke Winstead, Hannah Mott, Carly Travis, Jenna Maxfield, Makayla Ford, Rachel Mundy, Piper Certain, (back) Aubre Conyer, Tallyn Tabor, Keira Chaney, Abbey Swinford, Sofie Watson, Allyson Bradham, Peyton Maness and Haylee Perrin.

### Junior Pro Cheerleaders

Third- and fourth-grade junior pro cheerleaders are (front from left) Naomi Solomon, Maci Belle Hardesty, Hannah Jent, Miley Snead, Emma Grace King, Kyndal Shouse, Becca James, (second row) Cameron Rushing, Amelia Johnson, Rhianna Maness, Kodi Stoner, Elle McDaniel, Jordyn Potter, Chloe Hunt, (back) Bella Williams, Olivia Hinchee, Lilah Sherer, Aalina Henry, Bristyn Rushing, Emme Lynch and Anna Boone.



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Crittenden County High School's volleyball team members are (front from left) Hannah Bell, Raven Valadez, Chloe Maxfield, Paige Gilbert, Jada Hayes, Kyrn Hicks, (middle) Hannah Bell, Lili Newcom, Southern Pate, Brandy Book, Emmie Smith, Kaitlyn Hicks, Callie Dempsey, Cameron Howard, Alyssa Woodall, (back) Kyonna Ross, Ellie Smith, Kenlee Perryman, Lily Gardner, Madison Champion, Harley Wesley, Alaina Cowsert, Ashleigh Dunkerson, Emma Waters, Jaycie- Driver and Ellie McGowan.

# V-ball girls expect big rebound

**STAFF REPORT**

After an underwhelming season last year that ended with a 5-19 record, Crittenden County High School's volleyball team is poised to bounce back.

The team spent part of its off-season at the University of Kentucky team camp, where it honed its skills and scrimmaged talent from Kentucky and beyond. And with five of six starters returning to the court this year, Head Coach Cara Hunt feels confident its hard work in the off-season will pay off.

"I'm really excited about this season and the girls are too," Hunt said. "I've had people in the school district come up to me and tell me, 'You're going to have a solid team this year.'"

Despite losing seven district matches and losing three seniors to graduation last year, Hunt said she feels like her core of players can step up. She expects junior Kenlee Perryman to step into the primary leadership role for the Lady Rockets, along with other supporting players like junior Paige Gilbert and senior Madison Champion.

But this year is a bit different, as Hunt will tell you. Coming into her

fourth year at the helm of the program, Hunt is familiar with the gamut of talent under her leadership – an advantage that she hopes will translate onto the court.

"This is the first group that I've had that are like my kids," Hunt said. "The majority of the ones I have now started playing volleyball under me, so they're mine. It helps out a lot, not because they've had bad coaching, but everybody here knows my expectations."

Hunt hopes those expectations are met when the Lady Rockets matchup with Union County in their first match of the year at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 15 at Rocket Arena. Although they notched a 3-1 victory last year, Hunt isn't taking any chances, making defensive adjustments in preparation for Union County's offensive prowess. While the Lady Rockets prepare to take their season one game at a time, Hunt made it clear that her team's prospective goals are simple.

"I fully expect us to be in the top-one or top-two in the district this year," she said. "Their goal for themselves is to make it to regionals this season."

## LADY ROCKET ROSTER

Player	Grade	Jersey	Team
Madison Champion	12	1	V
Kaitlyn Hicks	12	10	V
Brandy Book	11	11	V
Paige Gilbert	11	18	V
Kenlee Perryman	11	16	V
Chloe Maxfield	11	24	V
Raven Valadez	11	5	V
Kyrn Hicks	10	12	V
Hannah Bell	10	3	JV/V
Ellie McGowan	10	17	JV/V
Harley Wesley	10	8	JV
Jaycie Driver	10	25	JV
Alaina Cowsert	10	4	JV
Kyonna Ross	10	22	JV
Ellie Smith	10	20	JV
Emmie Smith	10	9	JV
Ashleigh Dunkerson	10	15	JV
Jada Hayes	9	13	F/JV/V
Amanda Estes	9	14	F/JV
Cameron Howard	9	18	F
Lily Gardner	9	21	F
Southern Pate	9	16	F
Lili Newcom	9	3	F
Emma Waters	8	7	F
Addy Kirby	8	5	F
Callie Dempsey	7	-	F
Alyssa Woodall	7	22	F



Crittenden County High School's golf team members are (from left) coach Teresa Foster, Lauren Gilchrist, Sam Greenwell, Payton Purvis, Tate Roberts, Logan Belt, Landon Crider and coach Vicki Hatfield.

# Gilchrist, young linksters center of Rocket golf world

**STAFF REPORT**

The center of Crittenden County High School's golf future looks exactly like the present. A group of young, talented players are ready to forge Rocket golf headstrong into this season and probably many to come.

Sophomore Lauren Gilchrist is the centerpiece to a talented young Crittenden County High School golf team. She's gained a bit of celebrity status over the last couple of years with big showings in regional events and summer tours. She started this season with a big win in an invitational meet, carding a 3-over-75.

Coach Vicki Hatfield says Gilchrist's ceiling is high and she expects great things from her only female golfer.

The youth movement on the boys' team continues this fall as the team returns all but one player from last season's squad and most are still in ninth grade or below.

Logan Belt is the only senior returning to the lineup and so far he's being challenged mightily by the baby boomers, particularly freshmen Sam Greenwell and Tate Roberts and eighth-grader Peyton Purvis. In

early matches, those underclassmen are carrying the top cards at every turn.

"I look forward to this season. Even though we are a young team, we have a lot of potential, and I know we can be successful," said Hatfield, herself a former state qualifier as a high school student more than two decades ago.

"This is Peyton's first year with us and it is Landon Crider's first year on the varsity team," Hardin said. "We have no juniors or sophomores, and there are three freshmen."

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Aug. 3 Livingston & Caldwell @ Deer Lake VB/VG  
Aug. 8 Lyon Co @ Deer Lakes VB/VG  
Aug. 10 Class A Regional @ Deer Lakes VB/VG  
Aug. 15 Caldwell Co @ Princeton VB/VG  
Aug. 21 Livingston @ Deer Cree VB/VG  
Aug. 22 Union Co @ Breckinridge VB/VG  
Aug. 24 Hardin Co @ Deer Lakes VB

**September**

Sept. 2 Marshall Co. Invitational @ Calvert City VB/VG  
Sept. 5 Dawson @ Deer Lakes VB/VG  
Sept. 6 Trigg & Livingston @ Drake Creek VB/VG  
Sept. 7 Dawson Springs @ Pennyrile VB/VG  
Sept. 12 Hardin Co @ Cave In Rock VB  
Sept. 14 Lyon Co @ Mineral Mounds VB  
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# Rebuilding mode will challenge soccer girls

STAFF REPORT

After a couple of historically successful soccer seasons, the Lady Rockets have been hit hard by graduation and gear down this fall for rebuilding mode.

Eight seniors left after last year's club lost in the regional tournament to Henderson. The Lady Rockets were upset in the district finals last year after winning its first ever title the season before. Now, it's time to challenge the up-and-comers and work toward another district crown, said second-year coach Summer Riley.

Although the Lady Rockets have done well in district play the last couple of years, it's a tough region. They've combined for just 11 wins over two seasons and finding success on a nightly basis this fall could be a real test.

Returning is record-setting junior Ashley Wheeler, who is a veteran of high school soccer and summer travel action. In the past, she's made her mark as an assist specialist, setting up others for goals. In fact, she has posted the second most assists in a single game in Kentucky high school sports history and is listed in the state record-book. This time, however, Wheeler will be called upon to push it in the net herself.

She and freshman Leah Fritts, a first-time starter, will probably carry the offensive load, but first-year player Kacie Easley, a freshman, might help them a bit after she earns some stripes. Easley brings speed to the lineup, something the team is not blessed with otherwise. The team returns five starters from a year ago.

Goalie Bailey Barnes is the team's only senior. She's the returning starter at keeper and is physically prepared for the rigors of playing that key spot.

Juniors Shelby Summers and Hanna Easley will be key contributors this season, too. There's a core group, says coach Riley, that will be counted on for a great deal of leadership both on and off the field. All of the aforementioned players are in that group.

"We're going to depend on them to hold things together," the coach said.

Without much speed, Crittenden will employ a possession-style offense this year. Ball control will be key to its chances of competing for a district title.

The team opened its season this week with a match at Union County and will be at Webster County on Monday.

## LADY ROCKET SOCCER ROSTER

VARSITY			
2	Lilli Hayes	Fr	Defender
5	Bailey Barnes	Sr	Keeper
6	Allie Geary	Fr	Defender
9	Hanna Easley	Jr	Defender
11	Cassandra Newcome	Jr	Midfielder
16	Bree Schane	Fr	Midfielder
21	Shelby Summers	Jr	Def./Midfielder
22	Kacie Easley	Fr	Forward
24	Ashley Wheeler	Jr	Center/Midfielder
32	Jaelyn Duncan	Fr	Midfield
33	Emily West	Fr	Defender
34	Leah Fritts	Fr	Midfield
40	Caitlyn Riley	So	Defender
JUNIOR VARSITY			
3	Makenna Myers	7th	Defender
4	Taylor Guess	7th	Forward
5	Raven Hayes	7th	Midfielder
6	Lyli Wesmoland	7th	Midfielder
7	Abby Kirk	9th	Defender
10	Carman Guess	9th	Defender
12	Hailey Belt	Fr	Midfielder
14	Kaitlyn Guess	8th	Defender
17	Leah Long	8th	Midfielder
21	Sadie Pile	9th	Midfielder
25	Jacey Frederick	8th	Forward
27	Averie Clark	So	Def./Goalie
32	Emilee Russellburg	7th	Forward
34	Maggie Blazina	8th	Midfielder
00	Destiny Knight	9th	Goalie/Def.

2017 Soccer Schedule	
Aug. 15	at Union County
Aug. 21	at Webster County
Aug. 22-24	Class A at Caldwell
Aug. 28	Trigg County
Aug. 29	Mayfield
Aug. 31	at Ballard Memorial
Sept. 5	at Hopkins Central
Sept. 7	Webster County
Sept. 11	Christian County
Sept. 14	Ballard Memorial
Sept. 18	at Lyon County
Sept. 21	at Trigg County
Sept. 26	Union County
Oct. 2	at Caldwell County



Crittenden County High School's soccer team members are (front from left) Leah Fritts, Caitlyn Riley, Ashley Wheeler, Bailey Barnes, Hanna Easley, Shelby Summers, Averie Clark, (middle) Abby Kirk, Destiny Knight, Jaelyn Duncan, Lilli Hayes, Kacie Easley, Emily West, Carman Guess, Allie Geary, (back) Leah Long, Raven Hayes, Taylor Guess, Maggie Blazina, Emilee Russellburg, Kaitlyn Guess, Jacey Frederick and Hailey Belt.



Crittenden County Middle School cheerleaders are (front from left) Addison Faughn, Hadlee Rich, Ryleigh Tabor, Laken Hunt, (middle) Kara Fulkerson, Haylee Jackson, Hannah Herrington, Kaylee Conger, (back) Callie Brown, Raina West, Aliyah Frutiger and Morgan Johnson. Coaches are Brittany Buell and Mandy Winders.



Crittenden County High School cheerleaders are (front from left) Sydney Coomes, Hanna Faughn, Jessie Potter, Hayleigh Bradham, (middle) Kenlee McDaniel, Jenna Potter, Hannah Cooksey, Cortne Curnel, Kirsten DeBoe, (back) Belle Minton, Trinity Hayes, Shelby Brown and Josie Tapp. Not pictured were Jaylin Blackburn, Madison Johnson and Taylor Stoner. The squad is coached by Becca Thomas.



Former Crittenden County and Campbellsville University football player Sean Thompson directs football practice during the preseason. Thompson was named CCHS football's associate head coach last winter and is the heir apparent to Al Starnes, who is retiring after this season.

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Notice is hereby given that on August 9, 2017, Kerry Robinson of Marion, Ky., was appointed executor of Verna Louise Robinson, deceased, whose address was 7228 S.R. 297. Rebecca Johnson, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executor before the 14th day of February, 2018 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-7-p)

I, Melissa Guill, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court, Marion, Ky. do certify that the following has filed notice of Final Settlement: Harold Ray Hunt of 715 Chadd Street, Marion, Ky. 42064, executor of Orman Hunt, deceased, whose address was 2693 U.S. 641, Marion, Ky. 42064.

The foregoing settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on September 13, 2017. All persons having exceptions to said Settlements are to file the same at once. Melissa Guill, Clerk Crittenden District Court (1t-7-p)

**NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE**  
ORDINANCE NO. 17-10: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 17-08 Authorizing The City To Engage Allied Contracting Group To Repair Country Club Drive Under By Noncompetitive Negotiation Due To Emergency. Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at a special called meeting held on July 31, 2017, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., pursuant to City of Marion Code of Ordinances §32.05(B) an emergency was found to exist by at least two-thirds of the City Council and the City Council passed and adopted an Ordinance related to an procurement. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows: This Council having found that Country Club Drive had deteriorated given the recent rains and with school beginning in the next few weeks causing additional traffic on the road, unanimously declared an emergency, and this Ordinance authorizes the engagement of Allied Contracting Group to repair Country Club Drive for the cost of \$72,800.00 \$85,600.00 by non-competitive negotiation pursuant to KRS 45A.095(1)(a). The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection. PREPARED BY: ROBERT B. FRAZER CITY ATTORNEY FRAZER & MASSEY ATTORNEYS –AT- LAW P.O. BOX 361 MARION, KY 42064 (270) 965-2261 August 9, 2017 (1tc7)

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at a special called meeting of the City Council held on July 31, 2017, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows: This Ordinance amends Ordinance No. 01-23 such that the property located at 508 Chapel Hill Road is amended from MHR Manufactured Home Residential District to R-1 Residential. The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Build-

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## ECLIPSE

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not complete blindness, but vision impairment."

Solar retinopathy damages the retina's light cells at the back of the eyeball, effectively causing "sunburn." Damaged cells effectively burn out, shutting down light receptors and leaving blind spots in a person's field of vision. Typically, it's straight-ahead sight that is affected, not peripheral vision, Porter said.

An eclipse offers a particular risk. With the sun almost covered Monday during the eclipse, it may be comfortable to stare at the sun and protective reflexes like pupil contraction and blinking are less likely to kick in than on a typical day. So you won't likely notice pain as the damage occurs, but the harm is still being done.

Porter said permanent blind spots could appear as early as Monday evening.

"I expect I will have patients come in over a few days (after the eclipse) who may be worried about their vision," she said. "But hopefully, everyone will view it safely."

She recently treated a patient who has had eclipse blindness since childhood, when he looked directly at the sun during an eclipse without proper protection.

Protection does not mean sunglasses or even welding shields, Porter cautioned. If you're going to look up, eclipse glasses need to be NASA-approved, with "ISO 12312-2" printed on them. Other so-called eclipse glasses, as well as the recommended versions that may have scratched or wrinkled film, are not considered safe.

Even with the proper gear, Porter suggests looking away every few seconds.

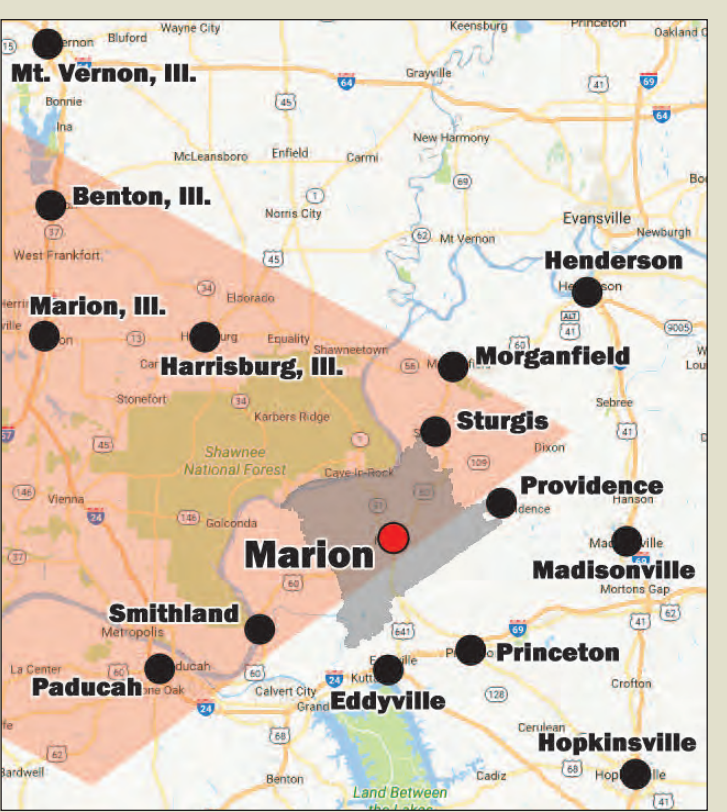
"It's probably a good idea to not watch it continuously," she said. "Just take a little break."

It may all be for naught, as it looks like Mother Nature may not cooperate for the heavenly show in western Kentucky. The weather forecast for Marion at press time, accord-

## Tale of 2 eclipses

On Monday, the Great American Eclipse, the only total solar eclipse in history viewable from only the United States, will darken a 70-mile swath southeastward from Oregon to South Carolina. It will pass over all of Crittenden County in the early afternoon. But if you miss Monday's show, in seven years, another total eclipse will darken the northwestern two-thirds of Crittenden County, including Marion, as a path of totality moves from Texas to Maine. It is rare for an area to see two total solar eclipses just seven years apart, as it is on average about 375 years between events for any given area. At right, the area shaded in red shows the common areas of totality for both next week's and the 2024 eclipses, which includes most of Crittenden County (gray). Below is the timing of the two eclipses as will be seen in Marion.

	Great American Eclipse	April 8, 2024 Eclipse
Duration:	174 min., 58 sec.	155 min, 15 sec.
Duration of totality:	2 min., 31 sec.	58 sec.
Partial begins:	11:54:58 a.m.	12:44:04 p.m.
Full begins:	1:22:56 p.m.	2:02:05 p.m.
Maximum:	1:24:10 p.m.	2:02:33 p.m.
Full ends:	1:25:27 p.m.	2:03:03 p.m.
Partial ends:	2:49:56 p.m.	3:19:19 p.m.



ing to Weather.com and DarkSky.net, is calling for a hot but cloudy day with a chance of light rain in the early afternoon. While overcast skies could block the view of the sun, the phenomenon will still offer a unique experience – darkness at midday



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The partial eclipse in Marion begins at 11:55 a.m. Totality arrives at 1:23 p.m. and lasts 2 minutes and 31 seconds. The entire show is over at 2:50 p.m.

### Don't be left in dark

Several events are planned for the area, and as many as a half-million people are expected to flood into western Kentucky beginning this weekend. That's because Hopkinsville is the epicenter of the eclipse as it darkens a 70-mile swath across 21 counties.

State transportation officials are warning of traffic issues on major highways and interstates, and emergency management officials are urging residents to stock up on staples and gasoline just as they might before a snowstorm. Supplies for two or

three days are suggested.

Local officials are set to meet Friday for one last look at what to expect for the week-end and, especially, Monday.

"We (think) that by then we should have an idea of how many visitors may be in our community for the eclipse," said Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. "If the number of visitors meets the predictions, it will definitely be a strain on our local resources, but will be good for our tourism efforts."

### Solar eclipse events

Crittenden County Schools has reversed course and decided to cancel classes for Monday. For months, Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark said the district would be in session on the day of the eclipse, offering the best opportunity for children to safely view and learn from the rare celestial event. The change was announced Tuesday on opening day for faculty and staff. At press time, Union County Schools was the only surrounding district to have classes scheduled as normal for Monday.

This weekend, Crittenden

County Chamber of Commerce is hosting an event at Marion-Crittenden County Park. "SolarFest: Keeping It Weird" is a mini-festival slated for 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday. Events include a wooden bat baseball exhibition, scavenger hunt, costume contest, comedian, live musical performance, vendors, concessions and lip-sync contest. The night will be capped on the soccer field with a 9:30 p.m. viewing of the 1982 science fiction film "E.T."

On Monday, Crittenden County Public Library will host a solar party from around noon to 3 p.m., covering the entire time of the eclipse from the moment the moon's shadow first crosses the sun until it departs. There will be games, demonstrations and snacks for people of all ages, and NASA-approved eclipse glasses will be available.

Visitors are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on and take part in the events under the sun. Inside, there will be coverage of the event projected onto a big screen, with images of the eclipse as it passes over 14

states.

In Livingston County, Ohio River Baptist Association is hosting SoLivingston at Potter's House Church in Smithland. The event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday and is billed as a free, family-friendly atmosphere.

Dr. Andrew J. Wagers, who holds a Ph.D. in physics and has a research interest in astronomy, will be on hand to share the principles and forces necessary for a total solar eclipse and the impact it has on the planet. There will be games, face-painting and inflatables, all inside the air-conditioned facility.

Free eclipse glasses will be

## Mediacom showing eclipse coverage

STAFF REPORT

Mediacom subscribers in Marion and Crittenden County can watch complete live coverage of the 2017 solar eclipse Monday and see the unique, close-up views NASA will capture with scientific cameras placed along the path of totality. NASA's live broadcast coverage of the solar eclipse will be televised on Mediacom's local channel 22 (HD channels 822 or 722) starting at 9 a.m. and will continuing until 3 p.m.

The NASA-produced coverage will begin with a pre-show hosted at NASA TV's home base at the College of Charleston in South Carolina. The main program, beginning at noon central time, will track the path of totality where the moon fully covers the sun for a few short minutes. The first point of contact begins at Lincoln Beach, Ore., at 9:05 a.m. PDT, with the total eclipse in that location at 10:16 a.m. PDT, or 12:16 p.m local time.

offered until they run out, and the first 400 children receive solar crowns. Concessions will be available, including snow cones once the festivities are taken outside after noon.

## NOTICE

If you purchased Solar Eclipse Glasses from Crittenden Hospital Gift Shop, please return them. Out of caution, several Solar Eclipse Glasses have been recalled and we encourage you to return glasses that were purchased from the gift shop.



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## Back in class

First-year principal Jenni Gilkey greets fourth-grader Cooper Crawford last Thursday evening as he and his mother Stacy arrive for Sneak-a-Peek activities at Crittenden County Elementary School. All students in the county returned to classes Wednesday for a new school year. Country Club Drive re-opened to traffic Tuesday following more than a week of being closed for major repairs to a 275-foot area of failing pavement. The road will remain open at both ends, allowing for through traffic, after Marion City Council last week reversed an earlier decision to dead-end the city street at its junction with Chapel Hill Road.

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needs. Leaders in Marion are not surprised that there is a movement to seek greater cooperation between the two health care entities that lie about 10 miles apart.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom applauds the development.

"I think it is the prudent thing to do for both communities given the current state of health care," Newcom said. The county judge said the

two hospitals have had a great deal of dialogue in the past, but that the "timing may be the best it has ever been for these discussions."

In its joint news release this week, the groups said, "Crittenden Health System and Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services, both charitable hospital organizations, have begun exploring opportunities for collaboration. Within the last week, the board of directors of each organization has approved engaging in high-level discussions with the other,

and has appointed an ad hoc committee to carry those discussions forward."

"With all of the uncertainties in Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance, we believe that it's only prudent for these two small rural hospitals to be talking to each other," said Barry Chittenden, board chairman for LHHS.

The prepared statement said both hospitals share a common mission, that of providing quality health care to the citizens of their communities.



## Congratulations to Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center's Residents and Staff on a Deficiency Free Survey!

We are really proud of the hard work that goes into making this happen. Each year the challenges to obtain this achievement comes more difficult due to the ongoing changes in the healthcare system.

It is through teamwork and dedication that we were able to obtain this evaluation of our care and services.

**We look forward to continuing to provide a homelike environment with a hometown touch for our residents and community.**



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