

Spay/neuter vouchers offered

Crittenden County Animal Shelter will be selling spay/neuter vouchers from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 6 at the shelter off U.S. 60 east of Marion. The cost is \$50 for dogs or cats and will be available to the residents of Crittenden, Livingston and Lyon counties. They are good for 90 days with no refunds and can be used at Animal Practice of Marion, Crittenden County Animal Clinic, Flanary Veterinary Clinic, Lyon County Animal Hospital, Princeton Veterinary Clinic, Rogers Veterinary, Stone Veterinary Clinic, Tradewater Animal Hospital and Williams Veterinary Clinic.

Victory Gardens need help picking

Help is needed to pick the community Victory Gardens at 6 p.m. Mondays. Organizer Robbie Kirk said about seven pickers showed up this week. More are sorely needed, he said. Fresh vegetables are distributed from the garden each Tuesday starting at 9 a.m. at the garden pavilion. An access to the gardens is on the north side of Shopko.

Reunion slated for local veterans

The fourth annual Army Reunion is set for next month in Marion. The reunion is for members of A Company, 1st Battalion, 123rd Armored Regiment of the Kentucky Army National Guard as well as all other veterans and their families. It will begin at 10 a.m. Sept. 6 at the Lions Club Building off Country Drive in Marion. A potluck dinner will be served at noon and guests are asked to bring a dish.

For more information, contact Roger Lubben at (270) 625-0971 or Ricky Nelson at (270) 704-1392.

Regular column returns next week

Brenda Underdown's weekly column, *Forgotten Passages*, does not appear in this week's issue due to space limitations. It will return next week.

Correction

Last week's ballot preview for the Nov. 4 election in Crittenden County contained an error. In the race for Kentucky House District 4, only incumbent Rep. Lynn Bechler, a Republican, and challenger Jarrod H. Jackson, a Democrat, will face one another this fall. Matthew "Macky" Armstrong failed to file his paperwork to appear on the ballot as an independent candidate.

Public meetings

- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday) in the judge-executive's courthouse office in Marion.
- Livingston Fiscal Court will meet at 5:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the judicial center in Smithland.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the district office on East Main Street in Salem.
- Crittenden Health Systems Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the hospital administrative annex.
- Crittenden County Board of Education meets for its regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Rocket Arena.

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Crittenden County Rockets
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Rockets kick off season Friday



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From elementary to high school, pigskin is back in play

Second-grader Bryan Chaney gives it his all during Saturday morning's flag football skills assessment on the campus of Crittenden County High School. Flag football is a free youth sports program sponsored by the Rocket football program. Players are evaluated and placed on a team with parity the focus. Flag football teams play on Saturday mornings at Rocket Stadium. Meantime, the high school football team kicks off its 2014 campaign Friday, hosting the Fulton City Bulldogs beginning at 7 p.m.

3 city residents charged with theft of water service

STAFF REPORT

Three Marion residents face misdemeanor theft charges following separate investigations by the Marion Police Department and Marion Water Department.

Over the past week, police have filed criminal charges against Candace Millikan, 36, of Old Shady Grove Road; Bobby R. Smith, 37, of Rochester Avenue; and Monty Hollis, 52, of Ky. 506.

Court records indicate that the three were charged after city water department employees discovered the residents had circumvented locks on water meters or water lines in order to obtain free services.

Hollis and Smith face charges of theft of services and criminal mischief. Court records allege that each of them had broken locks on water meters in order to provide service to their residences. Records said the city

had turned off the water to Smith's home in February due to delinquency. Hollis' water was turned off in April for the same reason.

The police report says about 12,700 gallons of water estimated to cost about \$447.53 had gone through the meter at Smith's residence since it was officially shut off and about 12,400 gallons is believed to have been stolen at Hollis' house.

Millikan was charged with theft of services. City officials said her meter had been completely removed when it was last shut off. Court records say Millikan used a water hose to bridge the gap between the water line to her home and the water main in front of her house.

City officials say they will continue to pursue criminal charges against residents who illegally tap onto public services.

Grain yield forecast down

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

This is shaping up to be a rough year for Kentucky's grain farmers, with both projected yields and prices tumbling just as record corn and soybean crops are forecast nationwide.

Kentucky's corn crop is projected to plummet 18 percent from last year, while soybean production is forecast to fall 17 percent, the USDA's National Agricultural Statistic Service's Louisville field office reported last week.

Lack of precipitation is a key factor in plunging yield outlooks. Rain has become scarce since June ended — only 2.47 inches has fallen in Crittenden County from July 1 through Monday, according to the Kentucky Mesonet weather and climate data station in the county — and just less than half of the topsoil and subsoil across the state was rated short or very short for moisture as of Sunday.

Crittenden County Ag Extension Agent Meredith Hall is uncertain of what the harvest may bring locally.

"I've been out in some fields where the ears look great and some fields that the ears didn't fill out and some of the corn plants are stunted," she said. "The same goes for the soybeans. That long stretch we went without any rain sure didn't help anything."

As a result, the condition of Kentucky's corn and soybean crops, which looked very promising in early July, has dropped.

As of July 6, more than 80 percent of Kentucky's corn and soybean crops were rated in good or excellent condition. As of Sunday, that had fallen to less than 60 percent for both crops — and the

portion rated poor or very poor is approaching 20 percent, according to the USDA.

Based on conditions as of Aug. 1, corn yields across the state are projected to average just 138 bushels per acre, down 32 bushels from last year.

Nationally, corn yields are expected to be up 8.6 bushels per acre from last year, to 167.4 bushels. The U.S. corn crop is

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With \$130,000 price tag, American Dream out of reach for most U.S. households

So you'd like to have a piece of the American dream? You believe that if you work hard enough, spend well enough and plan wisely enough you can achieve that picturesque lifestyle of success and happiness for you and your family.

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But if you'd like to buy into that American dream, you're going to need a good job...a really good job.

According to a recent report in USA Today, the price tag on the American dream is more than \$130,000 annually for a family of four.



That makes the dream, well, just a dream for the average American. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, only 16 million households across the nation, or 1 in 8, earned that much last year. Certainly, few of those were from around here.

The cost of the American dream, as estimated by USA Today, is pretty generous. For example, it includes annual payments on a \$275,000 home, \$11,039 in yearly expenses for a four-wheel drive SUV, a lavish \$4,850 summer vacation, \$5,000 a year stashed away in college savings for two children and a maximum contribution of \$17,500 per year to a 401(k).

In Crittenden County, the median household income is \$32,839 per year, according to the Census Bureau. So the breadwinner of the average family of four might need a second job to achieve the

American dream. In fact, both spouses might need two jobs to afford that Utopian lifestyle. You might also consider putting the kids to work.

Naturally, the estimated cost of the American dream varies from location to location. It's certainly not going to cost as much in western Kentucky to achieve the dream as, say, the Hamptons, Fort Lauderdale or the Napa Valley. But no matter your ZIP code, chasing the American dream is becoming more and more difficult.

Sadly, in the Western World, society seems to suggest that money can buy hap-

piness. In fact, after the financial crash of 2007, the number of suicides in North America and Europe rose significantly, according to a study recently published in the British Journal of Psychiatry. Overall, there were more than 10,000 suicides tied to the financial crisis.

Additionally, study after study has proven poverty and social inequality can negatively affect the mental health of Americans.

If discovering the American dream is so far out of reach causes you to feel a little blue, it's OK. You're certainly not alone around here.


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Community has role in providing education

By VINCE CLARK
CRITTENDEN COUNTY
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Crittenden County School District is off to a great start! Our current enrollment of 1,363 pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade students is the highest enrollment we've had in several years. In our school system, we are striving to empower and engage every student every day. Providing our students with a high quality education is essential to the future growth of our community.

Clark

At this time each year, each board of education across the state must set the tax rate to generate revenue for their school district. This is especially important due to the fact that we are currently replacing buses, implementing mandated pay raises and recovering from increased energy, fuel and

insurance costs. We are challenged to absorb this cost while providing high-quality instruction and support services for all our students and staff.

Occasionally, our board of education is forced with the decision to create more local revenue for our district to maintain the level of service that our students and staff deserve as our state and federal revenues continue to decline. In an effort to do this, our board of education is going to propose a 4-percent increase on property tax, the first since 2011.

As shown in the Proposed Property Tax Rate Comparison chart accompanying this column, the proposed 4-percent increase would cost a taxpayer an additional \$7.50 on \$50,000 of assessed property value. Overall, this would generate about \$134,000 of revenue for our district to use toward the purchase of school buses for student transportation, instructional resources such as technology and textbooks and coverage of the increase

Proposed property tax rate comparison				
ASSESSED VALUE	COMPENSATING RATE WITH EXONERATIONS 2014-15	PROPOSED 4-PERCENT INCREASE OVER 2013-14	DIFFERENCE	
Per \$100.....	46.3 cents.....	47.8 cents.....	1.5 cents	
Per \$1,000.....	\$4.63.....	\$4.78.....	15 cents	
Per \$100,000.....	\$463.00.....	\$478.00.....	\$15.00	
Per \$50,000.....	\$231.50.....	\$239.00.....	\$7.50	

in the cost of insurance, energy and fuel expenses, as well as staff compensation.

This extra revenue will help our district remain committed to safe transportation, adequate technology and instructional resources, mandated pay raises and support services for our students and staff.

We recognize that our district has a role in reducing cost as well. In order to save our district funds, we have consolidated our alternative school, Pathway Academy and in-school detention programs into the high school as the Alternative Learning Center to best utilize resources and reduce operating costs. Central office

personnel have accepted extra duties to eliminate the need to hire extra staff while accepting reduced extended days. Our certified staff has decreased from 87 in 2003 to 77 in 2013. Administrative and extra-curricular stipends have remained constant since 2000, with no increases.

In closing, we all have a role in providing the best educational system possible for our 1,363 students. We will remain focused on what is best for all students and staff as we strive to prepare them to be college-, career- and community-ready.

Thank you for supporting our school district, as we educate our youth.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tax increase should always be last resort

To the editor
I would like to take this opportunity to bring to light an issue that concerns all individuals in Crittenden County. Crittenden County School Board is considering a 4-percent tax increase to help line its coffers because they claim they are in dire need of funds.
However, it is a fact that the school board collects more taxes each year than the previous year. I encourage any citizen who disagrees with this tax increase to contact their local school board member.
We, the people of Crittenden County, need to be aware of an ever-growing epidemic, a phenomenon where every entity with the power to tax relies upon that as their first course of action to

solve financial situations. There are some great examples of this in our community that one does not need to look too far back into the realm of history to uncover.
I always enjoy making things as simple as possible so that we can really get down to the root of a problem. So to help explain this epidemic, I have come up with an acronym – SOPM (Spending Other People's Money).
Our local, state and federal entities have no problem with SOPM. For instance, if we look at just the taxes we pay locally, in the county and city, they add up quickly.
First, the county taxes: county net profit (for those who pay it), county payroll tax, county insurance tax, school tax, library tax, county Extension tax and fire department dues. Second, the city taxes: city net profit, city payroll tax, city insurance tax, school tax, library tax and county Exten-

sion tax. Third, on utility bills a school tax is imposed as well.
Remember, these are just local taxes that we, the people of Crittenden County, pay. Regardless of the entity, an increase in funds or taxes will never solve any financial issue if the problem is poor management. First priority should always be given to properly managing what funds one has, then as a last resort should a tax be implemented or raised.
Please note, I can only offer

my opinion based on what I know from the facts made available and my expertise from 40 years of accounting. However, I strongly encourage any individual who is against a 4-percent tax increase, or any tax increase, to contact Crittenden County School Board or their local school board member and let their opinion on the matter be heard.

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When he's not gardening or in his woodworking shop, Crittenden County resident Paul Malcom enjoys classic cars. His 1934 Ford Coupe was purchased 54 years ago for less than \$300.

Malcom enjoys gardening, classic cars

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

It can easily be said Paul Malcom has a green thumb. Just one stroll through his vegetable and fruit beds demonstrates his hard work, dedication and care for his plantings. But Malcom's agriculture abilities stretch beyond the produce he's planted. He's able to grow vegetables and flowers he doesn't even plant. Motorists along U.S. 641 in Crayne have probably admired the large sunflower growing on his property across from the post office. Malcom said he didn't plant the sunflower or the other sunflowers that dot his lawn and gardens.

He was also surprised to find a soybean plant growing in his yard near the highway. He attributes its arrival to a seed that most likely fell from a grain truck.

Like most gardeners, Malcom enjoys harvesting those fruits and vegetables he did plant: squash, cucumbers, strawberries and tomatoes and sharing the bounty with

friends. Earlier this spring, a peach tree produced fruit so large it heavily weighed down its limbs.

"It had the biggest peaches I had ever seen in my life," he said. "Some of them were four inches across. This is the third year it bared fruit and it never had been anywhere close to being that big."

While he doesn't have a gardener's secret, he does believe in the importance of frequent watering, especially during days without rain. Wood chips used as mulch from his woodworking shop help maintain moisture for the plants. Malcom works with wood from different types of trees including walnut, cherry, sassafras, maple and sycamore.

Because of their grain and dark color, walnut and cherry are his favorites to work with. He's also had good luck with making a jewelry box out of sycamore. Maple is his least favorite type of wood because of its hardness.

A native of Crittenden County, Malcom took wood-

working classes while in Louisville. There he worked at General Electric and at L and N Railroad. He came back to this area and worked at an industrial plant in Calvert City before retiring from the aluminum plant after 27 years.

Woodworking and gardening aren't his only hobbies. He also enjoys classic cars. In 1960 Malcom purchased a 1934 Ford Coupe for \$250. The car's owner was from Calvert City. He said it originally came with a flat head motor that smoked so badly he could hardly see to drive. He replaced that with a '57 Ford 312 engine. Currently it has a 289 Ford engine.

"In 1990 I tore it completely apart, the body off the frame and everything. I worked on it three years. I took it piece by piece to a body shop in Morganfield," he said.

Although it's often mistaken for black, Malcom said he had the coupe painted Twilight Blue. He plans to one day give the car to his grandson.



Mauri Collins (at left) and Maegan Potter placed in the junior smoked ham categories at the Kentucky State Fair. Also participating were Landon Crider, Anzie Gobin and Mckenzi Zahrt.

Local youths compete in 4-H ham competition

STAFF REPORT

Approximately 700 youth from across the state participated in the 4-H Country Ham competition at this year's state fair. Five of those participating were from Crittenden County. All county youth competed in the junior division and smoked ham categories.

Youths entering the competition this year and receiving recognition include:

Mauri Collins: Grand Champion- Junior Division; first place in Smoked Speech; first place in Smoked overall; 2000 age division Champion.

Maegan Potter: Reserve

Champion - Junior Division; second place in Smoked Ham; fourth place in Smoked Speech; first place Smoked overall; 2003 age division Champion.

Other county participants were Landon Crider, Anzie Gobin and Mckenzi Zahrt.

Every youth participating in the Country Ham project is required to give a speech on an assigned topic based on junior/senior division. Hams were scored based on a set criteria including conformation, workmanship, meatiness, color and aroma. The combined score from the ham and the speech is

the determining factor in placing with the junior and senior divisions and also in the age division.

"To have both the Junior Division Grand Champion, and Reserve Champion come from Crittenden County is a huge success and speaks well of our youth and their dedication to this project," said Rebecca Zahrt, who served as the Extension contact for local 4-Hers in this multi-county project. "We at the Crittenden County Extension Service could not be more proud of all of the children's accomplishments."

LCMS sets SBDM schedule for its school year

STAFF REPORT

Regular meetings of the Livingston County Middle School School-Based Decision Making Council take place on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the school's Cardinal Room.

SBDM meetings for the 2014-15 academic year will

occur on Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18, April 15, May 20 and June 17.

Parent and teacher elections are held in March or April of each school year.

Everyone is encouraged to join the SBDM standing

committee of their choice at any time to provide input for school improvement.

These committees meet monthly on Mondays after school. Call the school at (270) 988-3263 to put an item on the SBDM agenda, join a committee, volunteer or ask questions.

Livingston library to host literacy program in September

STAFF REPORT

An award-winning family literacy program is coming to the Livingston County Library next month.

The Kentucky Humanities Council, in cooperation with the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, will bring Prime Time Family Reading Time

to the public library in Smithland.

The program will begin at 5:30 p.m. each Thursday beginning Sept. 4 and continuing until Oct. 9. The program is free of charge and includes meals, door prizes and educational childcare for younger siblings.

The goal of the program is to help families bond around the act of reading and discussing books.

For more information on registering for the program contact the Livingston County Public Library at (270) 928-4100 or visit the library at 321 Court St. in Smithland.

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Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement
We have audited the Crittenden County Sheriff's Settlement – 2012 Taxes for the period April 17, 2012 through April 15, 2013 – regulatory basis, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the County Sheriff on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the County Sheriff, as of April 15, 2013, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting
In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period April 17, 2012 through April 15, 2013 of the Crittenden County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards
In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated April 1, 2014 on our consideration of the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying comment and recommendation, included herein, which discusses the following report comment:

2012-01 The Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties

Respectfully submitted,

Adam H. Edelen
Auditor of Public Accounts

April 1, 2014

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88 Dip thieves sentenced to 5 years

STAFF REPORT

Circuit Judge Rene Williams revoked probation for the couple who stole money from Jones 88 Dip restaurant 18 months ago, sending them both to prison for five years.

The judge also revoked probation for another man involved in a local burglary and sentenced two others on drug and weapons charges.

Laura Jean Wallhead, 30, of Sturgis had been on felony probation for her role in stealing almost \$2,000 from the 88 Dip in February 2013. She and co-defendant Eric Scoles, 34, also of Sturgis, were charged days after the case was opened by Marion police and they pleaded guilty to the crime last summer. Each of them received probation after short stints in the county jail, and both were back before Judge Williams last week for violating various terms of their

early release. Failure to stay in contact with their parole officers and having contact with one another – against terms of their probation – were among the reasons the judge cited in sending them to prison for five years each.

In an unrelated case, two young men were back before Judge Williams for violating terms of their probation, too. They had previously pleaded guilty to stealing an iPad, iPhone and cash from a vehicle parked at Marion Baptist Church.

Aaron Morgan, 22, of Marion and Brett Allen Brian, 20, of Benton had been on probation or pre-trial diversion for the burglary. Both had spent some time in rehabilitation centers, but Morgan had three times failed to complete his program. Judge Williams gave Brian another opportunity at rehab, but Morgan's pre-trial diversion was set

aside and he will be formally sentenced next month. He is facing up to five years in prison.

In other cases:

- Timothy D. Matthews, 43, of Princeton pleaded guilty to first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (Percocet), a Class C felony. The commonwealth attorney did not oppose probation in this case.
- Judge Williams sentenced Matthews to five years in prison, but agreed to probate the time for five years while the man participates in the drug court program.
- Tyler Charles Saucier, 20, of Wickliffe pleaded guilty to misdemeanor carrying a concealed deadly weapon and felony receiving stolen property (firearm).
- Judge Williams sentenced Saucier to five years on the felony and 12 months on the misdemeanor with the terms to run concurrently. Prosec-

tuor Zac Greenwell said the commonwealth would not be opposed to a pre-trial diversion in the case since Saucier had an otherwise clean record.

Judge Williams approved the diversion, which is similar to probation, but after five years the charges will be dropped, if Saucier completes terms of the diversion program. He was also ordered to serve 30 days in the county jail starting next Friday.

Court records say that Marion Patrolman Bobby West was called to a domestic issue at 605 N. Weldon St. on March 14 where he found Saucier to be in possession of a handgun and three magazines of ammunition.

A background check on the gun's serial number indicated that it had been reported stolen from Caldwell County.

The Crittenden County Board of Education will host an open forum for members of the public Thursday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Rocket Arena Conference Room

Discussion will be related to the proposed increase in the county’s school tax.

Seven indicted last week by grand jury

STAFF REPORT

Seven individuals were indicted by the Crittenden County Grand Jury during its monthly meeting last Thursday at the courthouse.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It simply determines whether enough evidence exists in a criminal case to prosecute a case in circuit court.

Among those indicted last week were:

- Melanie K. Ford, 51, of Marion was indicted on first first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia. According to court records, the defendant had a glass pipe with residue inside what was believed to have been from methamphetamine. Police found the pipe in her makeup bag along with a small baggie containing crystal meth. Trooper Darron Holliman had gone to Ford's residence on Ky. 1943 on July 10 while following up on a burglarly. The trooper's re-

port says items which had been reported stolen were also found.

- Daniel G. Purdue, 27, of Marion was indicted on one count of receiving stolen property. The property in question included chainsaws, blowers and chainsaw chains, valued in excess of \$500. Trooper Holliman was the investigating officer. The items were found near the defendant's residence July 10 on Owen Road south of Dycusburg.
- Rebekah E. Caudill, 33, of Dawson Springs was indicted on charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia. The indictment stems from the above investigation July 10 at a residence on Owen Road in southern Crittenden County. Trooper Holliman allegedly found a small baggie with meth, plus a pipe with residue, hypodermic needles and a spoon.
- Sandra A. Gibson, 26, of

Marion was indicted on charges of theft (shoplifting), public intoxication of a controlled substance and promoting contraband. Marion Police Officer Heath Martin was called July 17 to Family Dollar Store to investigate the report of a shoplifter. There, he found Gibson in possession of four items valued at \$6.50 allegedly taken from the store. Gibson appeared under the influence of drugs, according to the police report, and was charged with public intoxication and shoplifting. After being booked into the Crittenden County Detention Center on those two misdemeanor charges, Gibson was found to have had in her cell a bottle of pills (Clonazepam). Police think she smuggled them into the jail after being initially searched at the time of processing. For that, she was indicted on a felony promoting contraband charge.

- Jamie L. Hall, 35, no address available, was indicted for first-degree promoting contraband at the Crittenden

County Detention Center. No other information was available in the case file other than that Hall is accused of smuggling methamphetamine into the jail on Nov. 12, 2013. The case was investigated by state police.

- Zachary L. Clevenger, 31, no address available, was indicted on charges of first-degree promoting contraband into the Crittenden County Detention Center and second-degree promoting contraband into the detention center. Court records say that Clevenger is believed to have smuggled marijuana and tobacco into the jail on Dec. 2, 2013. The case was investigated by state police.
- Charles Brent Beard, 51, of Marion was indicted on a charge of first-degree promoting contraband into Crittenden County Detention Center. Court records say that Beard is believed to have smuggled a marijuana cigarette into the jail on March 17. The case was investigated by state police.

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Mail carrier injured in Friday crash

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky State Police investigated a single-vehicle, injury collision that occurred Friday on Ky. 506, approximately nine miles east of Marion. The accident occurred at 2:05 p.m.

The preliminary investigation revealed that rural mail carrier Nancy Robertson, 64,

of Marion was operating a 2002 Buick Century west-bound on Ky. 506 when she ran off the left side of the roadway, over a guardrail and down an embankment. It came to rest in a creek bed.

Robertson was removed from the vehicle by the Crittenden County Rescue Squad

and transported via ambulance to Baptist Health Paducah for treatment. There were no passengers involved.

Trooper First Class Darron Holliman investigated the collision. Crittenden County Sheriff's Department, Crittenden County Rescue Squad and Crittenden County EMS assisted at the scene.

YIELDS

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estimated at a record 14.0 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last year's current record of 13.9 billion bushels.

Meanwhile, Kentucky soybean yields are forecast to average 40 bushels per acre, down 9.5 bushels from a year ago.

By comparison, U.S. soybean yields are projected to average 45.4 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last year. The U.S. soybean crop is forecast at 3.82 billion bushels, up 16 percent from a year ago. That would dwarf the current record of 3.4 billion bushels in 2009.

Kentucky's grain woes come at a time that commodity prices are slipping amid expectations of the bumper crops nationally. December

corn futures on the Chicago Board of Trade at press time Tuesday were \$3.72 per bushel, down from around \$5 in early May and more than \$6 two years ago. November soybean futures, meanwhile, were at \$10.52 per bushel, down from \$12.80 in late May and \$12 a year ago.

Meanwhile, Kentucky's hay production is also tumbling. Alfalfa hay production is projected to be down 21 percent while other hay is down 12 percent.

Press seeking World War II vets

The Crittenden Press would like to honor all World War II veterans living in Crittenden County in an upcoming issue of the newspaper.

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Crittenden County Board of Education Notice of Public Hearing

The Crittenden County Board of Education will hold a public hearing in the Rocket Arena Conference Room on September 4, 2014 at 7:00 PM to hear public comments regarding a proposed general fund tax levy of 47.8 cents on real property and 47.8 cents on personal property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2014 was 46.1 cents on real property and 46.1 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$1,616,312.49. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 47.8 cents on real property and 47.8 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$1,750,889.70. Of this amount \$317,045.17 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax rate for 2015 is 46 cents on real property and 46 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$1,684,956.61.

The general areas to which revenue of \$134,577.21 above 2014 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$5,383.09; building fund, \$7,940.06; programs and services, \$60,000; instruction (textbooks, technology, transportation, personnel), \$61,254.06.

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City of Marion eyes lower 2014 tax rate

STAFF REPORT

Marion residents should see a drop in property tax rates reflected on their tax bills later this year.

On Monday, council members introduced an ordinance setting the tax rates for the 2014. The city elected to take the compensating rate, which is expected to produce an amount of revenue approximately equal to that produced in the preceding year. Since property assessments were up, the rates dropped.

The rates introduced were 23.3 cents per \$100 of assessed value of real estate and 19.1 cents on personal property. The 2013 rates were 23.8 cents and 28.9 cents, respectively.

The council was expected to approve the new rates at a special called meeting set for Wednesday evening.

City Administrator Mark Bryant said there was a 54-

percent jump in personal property assessments, going from \$10.9 million in 2013 to \$16.7 million this year.

"That's the reason for the substantial decrease," Bryant said of the drop in the personal property tax rate.

The tax rate on motor vehicles and watercraft, set by state law, will remain 29.9 cents per \$100 of assessment.

In other action Monday, the city council agreed to sign over a half-acre tract of land to the Commonwealth of Kentucky needed for the tie-in of the new U.S. 641 with the current highway.

The property sold for \$4,000. It is located south of the city limit just off the current U.S. 641 across from Coleman Road. The tract is part of 8.8 acres the city purchased in 1941 in order to protect the watershed of City Lake. The city originally paid \$800 for the entire property.



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Fruits of the spirit

Rev. Lucy Tedrick has a knack for growing oversized produce. Last fall, her garden yielded dozens of oversized sweet potatoes. This year, it's cantaloupe. Tedrick said the same garden that produced last year's giant yams has yielded cantaloupes exceeding 10 pounds, with one growing to 18 pounds. She has harvested about a dozen of the mammoth melons, including the 16- and 13-pounders shown above.

NEWS BRIEFS

Classes required for Christmas charity

Families wanting their children sponsored through Community Christmas in 2014 must attend a minimum of three approved educational classes before the end of September. Eight classes are scheduled, but more are expected to be added by the end of August.

Classes slated through September cover topics such as nutrition education, positive discipline for children, couponing, time management, discovering signs of drug and alcohol abuse and becoming tobacco free. On Sept. 30, there will be a blitz of classes available to those parents who have waited until the last minute to earn Community Christmas credit.

Classes require pre-registration. The registration deadline for several of those is within the next two weeks.

For a complete list of classes or further information, contact the Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.

McConnell, Grimes agree to KET forum

Kentucky Educational Television says Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and his Democratic challenger, Alison Lundergan Grimes, have both accepted the network's offer to appear at a candidate forum on Oct. 13.

McConnell's campaign told

the network Monday that he would participate.

Grimes had accepted the offer a couple of months ago. The "Kentucky Tonight" event is about three weeks before voters decide who will represent the Commonwealth in Washington.

McConnell and Grimes were also scheduled to appear at another candidate forum sponsored by Kentucky Farm Bureau on Wednesday.

— The Associated Press

Excavation going on at Ky. ark attraction

Workers are clearing land in northern Kentucky to build a long-stalled tourist attraction featuring Noah's Ark.

Ken Ham, head of the Christian ministry Answers in Genesis, posted video of the excavation work on his Facebook page last week.

It is the first sign of large-scale construction activity at the site in Grant County since plans for the 510-foot long biblical ark were announced by Answers in Genesis in 2010. The project had been delayed when private donations did not keep pace with the construction timeline.

Answers in Genesis said in a news release that the project also recently secured a federal permit that is allowing construction to proceed. Last month, a state tourism board gave preliminary approval for up to \$18 million in tax rebates for the ark attraction.

— The Associated Press

TAX

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local property taxes, we are not expecting to raise the total revenue for the school district," Chairman Chris Cook said. "We are simply trying to replace the loss of state and federal funds."

For the 2014 tax year, the board is eyeing a levy of 47.8 cents per \$100 of assessed value on both real estate and personal property. That is up 1.7 cents from the 2013 tax year.

Of the new revenue generated by the proposed increase, more than \$121,000 would be allocated for instruction, programs and services during Fiscal Year 2015.

If the new rate is approved, the average real estate owner in Crittenden County will pay \$331.25 in school taxes based on the county's mean property value of \$69,300 reported by the website Tax-Rates.com. That is \$11.78 more than was paid last year.

The revenue generated by a tax rate of 47.8 cents is 4-percent more than the compensating rate of 46 cents per \$100 of assessment for the 2014 tax year. The compensating rate produces an amount of revenue approximately equal to that generated in the preceding year from real property taxes. State law limits the increase in local property tax revenues from real estate, exclusive of new property, to 4 percent annually for each local taxing jurisdiction. Increases larger than 4 percent are subject to recall by voters.

There will be no vote by the public, but taxpayers will have two opportunities to voice their opinion on the proposed tax increase before a final decision by board members.

The first opportunity will come next week. An open forum is scheduled for 6 p.m. next Thursday in the Rocket Arena conference room. A public hearing at the same location will then be held at 7 p.m. on Sept. 4, preceding a special-called meeting of the board to vote on the tax rate. That meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., also in the conference room.

School board members conceded at last week's working session that the decision to raise taxes is a difficult one, given the relatively weak economic conditions of the county. However, they were also concerned about continuing to provide services and programs the district currently offers to students.

School property tax rate history

TAX YEAR	REAL ESTATE	PERSONAL PROPERTY	MOTOR VEHICLE	TAX RATE LEVIED
2003.....	40.2	40.2	54.1	4 percent
2004.....	40.2	40.2	54.1	Compensating
2005.....	40.2	40.2	54.1	Compensating
2006.....	40.2	40.2	54.1	Compensating
2007.....	41.4	41.4	54.1	4 percent
2008.....	42.7	42.7	54.1	4 percent
2009.....	44.2	44.2	54.1	4 percent
2010.....	45.6	45.6	54.1	4 percent
2011.....	45.6	45.6	54.1	Other
2012.....	46.1	46.1	54.1	Compensating
2013.....	46.1	46.1	54.1	Compensating
2014*	47.8	47.8	54.1	4 percent

*Proposed. All rates expressed as cents per \$100 of assessed value

Crittenden County Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark said the discussion to raise taxes resulted from a combination of factors. He indicated the district's revenue is very close to its expenditures, which vary from the day-to-day to the unexpected.

For example, last year's utility bill for the school district was almost \$37,000 more than the previous school year. Part of that increase was due, in part, to the cold winter. The price of diesel fuel for buses has also increased.

An unanticipated expense recently sprung on the school district was a hefty bill from the failed Kentucky School Boards Insurance Trust. The trust announced last year that it would disband due to financial woes and school districts would have to pay off outstanding claims of about \$60 million. The trust offered insurance for worker's compensation, property and liability claims. The local school district's bill for workers comp was \$69,003.

Additionally, earlier this year, Kentucky lawmakers mandated raises for teachers and other school employees. The state's two-year spending plan requires all school districts to give those employees a 1 percent raise in the current school year and a 2 percent raise next year.

If the school board votes next month to raise the tax rate to meet the rising costs of operation and decreased funding from outside sources, it would mark the fifth time since 2003 that the rates have been increased.

Over the last decade, Cook said the board has tried to take into account the economic situation of the community and not raise tax rates every year.

"We try to be as good of stewards of the resources entrusted to us as we can. We have cut expenses over and over ever since I've been on the board," Cook said. "If we

don't manage our district, then the state has the option to come in and manage it for our community. I have a feeling people from out of town are not going to be very sensitive to what our community's financial condition is. That's something we try to do. That's why we haven't taken (a tax increase) every year."

Clark said the decision to raise taxes isn't easy for the school board and cited concerns over the community's unemployment rate, cost of gas, insurance and food. As superintendent, he said he's equally concerned about increasing revenue for the school district and not eliminating vital programs he feels both teachers and students need in order to succeed.

"You don't want to ask for more," Clark said, "but if you want a progressive school district and want to grow the opportunities for your kids and your staff, I think every once in a while you have to ask that hard question: What is it that you want to do for your district compared to what you have to do?"

"You want to be able to find a balance in there somewhere where we can continue to move forward and keep the positive momentum that we're growing and at the same time not ask the community to do too much."

Even with the proposed increase to 47.8 cents per \$100 of assessment on real and personal property, the school district's rate would likely remain significantly lower than the average school tax levy in Kentucky. According to the Kentucky Department of Revenue, the average 2013 school tax rate on real property was 58.3777 cents per \$100 of assessed value and 58.4268 cents on personal property.

"For our students, just to make sure they are happy and healthy and connected, is that price worth that investment?" Clark asked of the proposed new tax rate. "In my heart and my mind, I think it is. As a new person sitting in this chair, that's what I'm struggling with right now. How do I get our 9,000 residents of Crittenden County to understand that? I think if they looked at it that way, most people would say that's fair and reasonable. I don't think anyone wants to see our district get to a point where we're going to have to cut some things."

Last year's school property tax rates

DISTRICT	REAL ESTATE	PERSONAL PROPERTY	MOTOR VEHICLES
Statewide average.....	58.3777	58.4268	55.5682
Caldwell County.....	37.6000	37.6000	53.8000
Crittenden County.....	46.1000	46.1000	54.1000
Livingston County.....	44.6000	44.6000	44.6000
Lyon County.....	42.5000	42.5000	43.6000
Webster County.....	47.6000	47.6000	48.0000
Union County.....	54.2000	54.2000	55.7000

All rates expressed as cents per \$100 of assessed value



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Explicit signs warn the end is near

There are explicit signs warning the end is near. God only knows the day and the hour, but He gave us explicit signs to watch for, so His children would not be taken unaware.

Jesus told His followers what to watch for before the destruction of Jerusalem. When it happened 40 years after His resurrection, not one Christian lost their life, because they saw the signs and escaped to the Judean hills before the final siege which cost over a million lives.

The following are a list of signs left for us to watch for before the return of Christ in the clouds to take His followers home with Him as is found in 1 Thesalonians 4:13-17.

All of the following signs are too close for comfort.

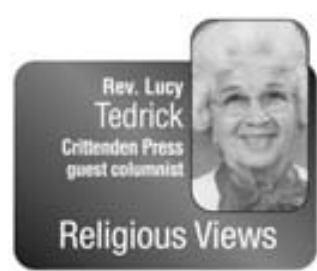
The first to note is the prophet Daniel in Daniel 12:1-4: "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

(Can we not see the trouble worldwide on every hand, and who really knows what to do?)

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

(Men on the moon. Unprecedented electronic inventions. Millions of words and pictures on a 3- by 4-inch handheld device. That sign is here.)

Paul, in 2 Timothy 3:1-5, informs us of the signs to watch for and we are in them at this moment: "These know also, that in the last days, perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful,



unholy, with unnatural affection, false accusers, without self control, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

These signs are so apparent they need no comment.

Jesus warns us in Luke 21:10-11, 25-28 and 34-36: "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and great earthquakes shall be in many places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from Heaven. And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with confusion."

(Doesn't confusion and strife reign worldwide?)

"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."

(ISIS is striking fear in the hearts of all listening people, and who really has a solution?)

"And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Take heed less that day come upon you unaware, for as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth."

Again the words of Jesus in Matthew 24:11-13, 31 and 36-39 tell us what to watch for: "And many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many."

(Look how many preachers are denying the truths in God's word only to please men.)

"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nation; and then shall the end come."

(The Gospel of Jesus has been preached in every nation on earth.)

"And he shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. But as the days of Noah were so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Notice, they did not know until they were taken away that the end for them had arrived.

Just as is today, most go on with business as usual, not making plans for eternity, but plans for their future in a world that has a time bomb attached to it by its Creator.

Everyone knows we have to die. How wise it is to obey the words of Peter: First make our calling and election sure with our Maker, then regardless of how it goes, we are winners.

How sad the life and future of an atheist. If he is right, I don't lose anything. If I am right, he loses everything.

Remember Paul's warning about that last trump in 1 Corinthians 15:51-52? "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the

trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised in corruptible, and we shall be changed."

(Look at the warning of the suddenness of the end.)

I'm sure some reading this may be as those Peter wrote about in 2 Peter 3:3-9 concerning this subject, but it won't change God's plan: "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying: Where is the sign of His coming, for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. They have forgotten about God destroying it all once with a flood. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

To bring it even closer to home, the Revelator tells us in Revelation 20 that before the end, the evils of atheism, with its false religious teachings, will have deceived the world. Atheists will totally encircle every born-again Christian over the entire breath of the earth and will have gathered all the evil forces to battle the Christians. And God Almighty steps in and sends fire down from Heaven and devours them.

Aren't all Christians in the entire world surrounded with deception, hate and lost religious freedoms even in America? Aren't there false religions that dedicate to destroy God's people, and some of this is already seen so vividly in Iraq with ISIS today?

My plea to all the lost is the plea of Jesus: "Repent or perish!"

(Rev. Lucy Tedrick of Marion shares her views regularly in this newspaper. Her opinions are her own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper.)

64th Anniversary of Ministry

Piney Fork
Cumberland Presbyterian Church

will celebrate the 64th Anniversary of
Rev. Wendell Ordway's first preaching ministry

Sunday, August 24, 2014 • 6 p.m.

Reverend Ordway began his ministry of preaching as a sixteen-year-old person at the Piney Fork Church on the fourth Sunday evening of August 1950. The anniversary celebration will be a special service of music with a message titled "Children, The Great Ministry Field" (Mark 10:13-16).
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Church notes

■ Barnett Chapel Church will be showing the movie, "God's Not Dead," at 6 p.m., Sunday. Bro. Steve Tinsley and the congregation welcome everyone to attend.

■ Unity General Baptist Church is offering to help, talk or listen to those individuals going through a family crisis or needing someone to speak with. Visit the church at 6 p.m., Monday. There is no charge.

■ The Ohio River Baptist Association, which is comprised of 42 Southern Baptist churches in Crittenden and Livingston counties, will host an On Mission Celebration

Rally at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 27 at Livingston Central High School in Smithland.

■ Made by Mercy, a Blue Gospel group from Tupelo, Miss., will be the featured singers at the annual weiner roast at Maranatha General Baptist Church at 1 p.m., Aug. 30. Enjoy a day of good music, food and fellowship. The church is located on Cedar Grove Road in Salem. ■ The Gospel Music Ex-

travaganza will be held at Victory Church, located at 615 Brown Rd. in Madisonville on Sept. 5 and 6. The Childress Family will host and appear both days along with Squire Parsons, the Conquerors and Southern Sound at 6 p.m., Sept. 5 and Tribute Quartet, The Crossmen and Lambsong at 2 p.m., Sept. 6. Admission is free. An offering will be received. For information, call (270) 825-1459.

Come worship with us...

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

Hurricane Church
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Bro. Wayne Winters, Pastor
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Sunday and Wednesday evening services, 6:30 p.m.

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Marion Baptist Church
College and Depot streets, Marion • 965-5232
• Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.
• AWANA: 5:45 p.m.
• Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
• Sunday contemporary service: 8:15 a.m.
• Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.
• RA's, Gals and Youth Crazier: 5:45 p.m.
Pastor Mike Jones

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Father Ryan Harpole
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Marion, Ky.
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Barry Hix, pastor • 365-5836 or 625-1248
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.

Frances Presbyterian Church
Bro. Blitch Gray • Bro. A.C. Hodge
Wednesday night prayer meeting and youth service: 7 pm
Sunday school: 10 am • Worship service: 11 am
Every fourth Sunday evening service: 5:30 pm

Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church
State Route 506 - Marion, Kentucky
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Bible Study 6 p.m.
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Crooked Creek Baptist Church
261 Crooked Creek Church Road, Marion, Ky.
Sunday school, 10 am
Sunday worship: Morning, 11 am | Evening, 6 pm
Bro. Mark Giten, pastor
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Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Mexico Baptist Church
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Rev. Trae Gandee

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Crayne Cemetery Road
Marion, Kentucky
Pastor: Bro. Tommy Hodge
Wednesday night Bible study, 6 p.m.
Sunday school, 10 a.m. | Sunday worship, 11 a.m.

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• Sunday worship: 11 a.m. Barnett Chapel Road
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Caregivers need to be alert to summer heat

Summer is a great time to spend outdoors with family at picnics and other get-togethers. It is important to remember, however, that older adults or people with disabilities are at higher risk for dehydration and heat stroke.

In addition to packing sunscreen, hats, sunglasses



Nancy Hunt
UK Extension
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and cool clothes for outdoor activities offer water or non-

caffeinated liquids throughout the day.

Be mindful of a person's abilities, limitations, safety and preferences when planning activities. Include periods of down-time and opportunities for individual or small group discussion.

Large groups of people and too much background noise

can make it difficult to hear and may be overwhelming.

If some family members have trouble with memory, be sure there is a designated person to spend one-on-one time with them.

Do not leave small children in their care, even for a minute.

Just because someone has

a cognitive or physical impairment does not mean that he or she can no longer participate in meaningful activities, such as a family gathering.

Being together with family actually contributes to health and well-being, as the memories that are shared and created are priceless.

The common family history then keeps hopes, dreams and values alive.

(Nancy Hunt is the Family and Consumer Sciences Agent at the Crittenden County Extension Service. For more information on programming, contact the Extension Service office at (270) 965-5236.)

Gardeners spruce up Salem

Flowers, edging now present at iconic bell monument

STAFF REPORT

Salem Garden Club recently finished its latest project within the city limits this summer.

The historical bell on display at the intersection of Lola Road and U.S. 60 got a new look with the addition of a brick border, whiskey barrels and plantings. Christina Kirk took the lead on the project. She used bricks salvaged from an old building in Salem to trim out the bed. With the help of Pam Buijk, Susan Tharp and Donna Howard, they added whiskey barrels planted with purple fountain grass and dwarf zinnias.

Club members enjoyed visting several gardens this summer. In May, Marty Kaiser opened her garden to the public for an Iris Walk. With a large collection of irises, it was a great show. She always has several plants for sale and has the greenest thumb of all, said club president Janet Hughes.

In June, club members went to the Henderson Garden Tour. It is a biennial event and the club plans to go back in 2016.

This tour had something for everyone, from the small quaint garden in the city to a large estate in the coun-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The historical bell on display at the intersection of Lola Road and U.S. 60 in Salem received a new look with the addition of a brick border, whiskey barrels and plantings.

try.

"The most interesting was an old family dairy farm," Hughes said.

Every tree and plant was marked with the traditional name and scientific name. The current proprietors are grandchildren of the former dairy farmers. They had spent two years reviving the landscape and installing new plantings around a large swimming pool and guest house. The guest house was once the kitchen for the large mansion next door.

In July, Tricia Tabor welcomed the club to her home and garden in the country. She is an antique enthusiast and incorporates them within her garden beds.

"The fairy garden and chickens were a hit," said Hughes.

Inside, each room was decorated with antiques and everything had a story behind it. The large greenhouse window in the kitchen was the perfect spot for small plants and, of course, more antiques.

The garden club is now looking forward to Sept. 20, the date of Salem's Fall Jamboree.

The jamboree, which is gospel music on Main Street, added a new event last year. A barbecue cook-off between five teams lined up on Court Street behind city hall. The street was called BBQ Alley for the night.

This year, teams will cook all day and winners will be announced at 5 p.m. before the singing starts. A new category of competition will be Back Yard Grill Master.

"For those guys or gals who think they have the best hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and ribs, this competition is for you," Hughes said.

Cash prizes and trophies go to the top winners. This is also a chance for churches and clubs to raise money.

Vendors are also being sought for the jamboree.

For more information, contact Hughes (270) 988-2145 during the day or (270) 988-3835 at night.



Peek-Oliver

Rosanne Chandler and Jimmy Peek of Marion announce the engagement of their daughter, Savannah Rose Peek, to Casey Johnson Oliver, son of Joey and Cathy Oliver of Marion.

Peek is the granddaughter of Rose Clark and the late William D. Clark and the late Ruben and Ruby Peek, all of Marion.

She is a 2011 graduate of Crittenden County High School and is attending West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah pursuing a business degree.

Oliver is the grandson of Ed and Betty Darnell of Princeton and Shoney and Sylvia Oliver of Marion.

He is a 2011 graduate of Crittenden County High School and a 2012 graduate of Southeast Lineman Training Center in Trenton, Ga. He is employed by William E. Groves Construction in Madisonville.

The wedding will take place at 2 p.m., Aug. 30 at Mexico Baptist Church. All family and friends are invited to attend. Formal invitations are not being sent.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

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 age 60 and older. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested. All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and use of the exercise equipment. Call the center at (270) 965-5229 for further information.

This week's activities and menu include:

- Today: Bible study begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is beef noodle casserole, corn salad, broccoli, wheat bread and Jell-O cake.

- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is baked chicken and gravy, seasoned

cabbage, macaroni and cheese, whole wheat roll and Mandarin oranges.

- Monday: Ladies' exercise by Full Body Fitness begins at 9:45 a.m. Menu is chicken strips, twice-baked potato, baked pork and beans, wheat bread slice and pineapple slices.

- Tuesday: Nutrition Listen with Sue Parrent begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is ham and bean soup, corn on the cob, tropical fruit cup, cornbread and snickerdoodle.

- Wednesday: Game day with Barb begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is pork chop sandwich on wheat bun, buttered new potatoes, seasoned peas and brownie.

- Next Thursday: Bible study begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is Mexican lasagna, steamed broccoli, whole wheat roll and chocolate cake.



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Chamber honors city

City of Marion was named the Business of the Month for August by the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce. Pictured are (from left) Tammy Wallace, Meredith Hall, Randa Berry, Elliot West, Brad Gilbert, Robin Curnel, Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, City Administrator Mark Bryant, Devon Atwell and Scott Belt.

Community CALENDAR

Thursday, Aug. 21

- The Crittenden County High School SBDM Council has rescheduled its meeting for 3:30 p.m., at the high school conference room.

Saturday, Aug. 23

- The Crittenden County Youth Triathlon will be held at the Marion Country Club. Race day check-in and late registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 24

- Crittenden County Animal Shelters will host a Whims and Wishes Paint Party from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., at St. Williams Catholic Church Parish Hall, located at 860 South Main St., in Marion. The cost is \$35. De-

signs offered will include new Fall designs (scarecrow, pumpkin, ghost & witches hat), football, cat paw, bone & sunshine. Contact Lila Black Edmonson at (270) 965-1025 or Toyia Redd at (270) 965-1166 or via Facebook for more information or to make a reservation.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

- A Relay for Life wrap-up meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m., at the Italian Grill in Marion. In addition to a discussion on final goals, awards will be given. Please RSVP to Natalie Parish.

Saturday, Aug. 30

- The Crittenden County High School Class of 1956 will hold

its 58th class reunion at 5 p.m., Aug. 30 at the Majestic Steak House in Princeton. Dinner will be the buffet.

Tuesday, Sept. 2

- Crittenden County Farm Bureau's annual meeting will be at the Ed-Tech Center on Industrial Drive in Marion. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. There will be a short business session, election of officers and a by-law revision. The speaker will be Eddie Melton. Call (270) 965-4624 or visit the Farm Bureau office in Marion to make reservations by Aug. 27.

Friday, Sept. 5

- Mustang Mafia of western Kentucky will hold a Cruise-In

for Hunger from 6 to 9 p.m., at Food Giant in Marion. The community is encouraged to help stock the Crittenden County Food Bank by bringing non-perishable food items. Donations are welcome. For more information contact Leigh Elsey at elsey.leigh@gmail.com.

Saturday, Sept. 27

- Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's Pumpkin Festival Car Show will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. This year the show will also feature antique tractors. To register for booth space, contact the Chamber at (270) 965-5015.

50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Gregory of Marion will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 30, at the home of Steve and Marie Burkhart. All friends and relatives are invited. The couple requests no gifts.

Mr. Gregory and the former Jan McDaniel were married Aug. 30, 1964, at Barnett Chapel General Baptist Church in Crittenden County by the Rev. David Winders. Their attendants were Bob Babb and

Hazel Croft.

Mrs. Gregory has been employed for 38 years as V.P. of Human Resources at Crittenden Health Systems. She is the daughter of Mona McDaniel and the late Orville "Bobby" McDaniel.

Mr. Gregory is a retired farmer and worked for many years at Whirlpool Corporation in Evansville, Ind. He is the son of the late J. L. and Lois Gregory.

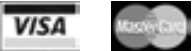
They have one daughter, Kelly Platfoot, and one grandson, Deken Platfoot, both of Marion.

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notices

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that on August 13, 2014 Michael Ordway of 521 Locust Street, Sweetwater, TX 79556 was appointed executor with will annexed of Marvin D. Ordway, deceased, whose address was 4728 U.S. 641, Crayne, Ky. 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 with will annexed on or before the 13 day of February, 2015 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

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To: Unknown spouse of James Cox

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Legal Notice

The Crittenden County Treasurer's settlement for 2013-14 is available for inspection at the Crittenden County Judge-Executive's office during normal business hours. The financial settlement is, according to Kentucky statute, available for public viewing in hard copy format at the Judge's office in lieu of publishing the entire document in the newspaper. For more information, contact the County Judge-Executive's office at (270) 965-5251. (1t-08-c)

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 14-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 39.26 OF THE MARION CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ALLOW FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE CRITTENDEN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION THROUGH THE MARION REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its regular called meeting held on August 18, 2014, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular called meeting of the City Council held on July 21, 2014, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows: This Ordinance authorizes the City Council to fund activities of the Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation with Revolving Loan Fund Proceeds. 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.

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Legal Notice

COMMONWEALTH

OF KENTUCKY

CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT

CIVIL ACTION 14-CI-00022

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.

PLAINTIFF vs.

SHEILA A. JENKINS, ET AL

DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the July 10, 2014, I will on Friday, September 5, 2014, beginning at the hour of 9:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

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This the 11th day of August, 2014.

Brandi D. Rogers

MASTER COMMISSIONER

CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
(3t-10-c)

Legal Notice

COMMONWEALTH

OF KENTUCKY

CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT

CIVIL ACTION 14-CI-00042

FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE

COMPANY PLAINTIFF vs.

KEITH A. MATEJA, ET AL

DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the July 10, 2014, I will on Friday, August 22nd, 2014, beginning at the hour of 9:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 540 East Bellville Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064.

DESCRIPTION:

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PREP CALENDAR

CCHS upcoming events
THURSDAY
Golf at Princeton Country Club
Volleyball hosts Webster County
Soccer hosts Dawson Springs
FRIDAY
Varsity Football hosts Fulton
SATURDAY
Golf at Pennyryle All A Classic
Volleyball at Cardinal Classic
MONDAY
Golf hosts Lyon County
Soccer hosts Ballard Memorial
Volleyball at Paducah Tilghman
TUESDAY
Volleyball hosts Hopkins Central

FOOTBALL

Junior pro jamboree
Crittenden County's Junior Pro football teams kick off their play Saturday with the annual pre-season jamboree at 10 a.m., at Mor-ganfield.
Flag football kickoff
Crittenden County's youth flag football league will kickoff Satur-day, Aug. 30. Games start at 10 a.m., at Rocket Stadium.

BASKETBALL

Founders Day action
Eddyville Founders Day will host a 3-on-3 basketball tournament starting at 8 a.m., Saturday at the Lyon County Courthouse parking lot in Eddyville. Entry fee is \$40 per team. Proceeds benefit Lyon County High School basketball teams. For more information, con-tact Paul Akridge at 270-388-2910. There will be youth age divisions from 8 to 14.

RUNNING

Glow run Sept. 5 at park
The second annual Glow in the Park 5K and Fun K will be held at dusk Sept. 5 at City-County Park. T-shirts and glow in the dark ac-cessories will be provided with the \$25 registration fee. Registration deadline to guarantee a shirt is Aug. 25. Spirit awards for teams of five or more members based on costume, team theme and name. For a registration form or more in-formation, call 270-704-0447.

SOCCER

Youth league photos
Crittenden County Youth Soccer Association is accepting bids for team photographs. For more infor-mation, call Ashley Smith at 270-704-1669.

RUNNING

Running, swimming, biking
The annual Crittenden County Youth Triathlon will be held start-ing at 8 a.m., Saturday at Marion Country Club Pool. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. Cost is \$10. For infor-mation, call 270-704-1871.

BASEBALL

Wooden bat old timers
There will be an Old Timers Wooden Bat Baseball Game at 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 14 at City-County Park. Proceeds benefit youth baseball. Cost is \$20 per player, which includes a T-shirt if you register and pay by Sept. 5. No one under 30 may pitch. You do not have to be a Crittenden County alumnus to play. Wooden bats will be available. Contact Chris Evans at 270-704-0435 or Brian Hunt at 270-704-0232.

Members of the Crittenden County Golf Team are (kneel-ing from left) **Sammy Green-well, Braxton Winders, Aaron Locke, Lauren Gilchrist, Will Tol-ley** (second row) **coach Vicki Hat-field, Cole Foster, Reid Baker, Logan Belt, Wade Gilbert, Marcus Tinsley, coach Steven Baker, (back) Brennan Jones, Cameron McDaniel and Colby Watson.**



No fatigues: Golfers ready for action

STAFF REPORT
Trivia question: What does boot camp and golf have in common? Nothing.
Just ask Rocket golfer Cameron McDaniel.
The senior spent most of his summer down south in basic training for the Ken-tucky National Guard. Problem is, there were not too many golf courses at Fort Benning, Ga.
Back in Marion following his summer of military training, McDaniel has re-gained his form on the links and is earning his stripes as the No. 1 golfer on the high school team.
So far, he's averaging about four-over-par for nine holes. McDaniel says

he can shoot better than that, too, and ex-pects to once he gets back into the groove.
Critten-den has a good bit of senior leadership on the golf team, including 12th graders Colby Watson and Cole Foster. Junior Reid Baker also has lots of ex-perience on the course.
Watson is shooting a 41 on nine and Foster is a couple of strokes back. Baker is averaging a 46 and Will Tolly could also figure into the mix.



Vicki (Hardin) Hatfield, a former Lady Rocket golfer, and Steven Baker are coaching the team.
Hatfield said the squad has a nice blend of senior leadership and young tal-ent. Freshmen Logan Belt and Wade Gilbert and sixth graders Braxton Winders and Sammy Greenwell help make sure the team's fu-ture will be bright.
With the top four seeds pretty well locked up, there's plenty of room for some of the younger play-ers to earn a trip on the travel team.
"I will take five or six when we go to away matches," Hatfield said.
Only the top four scores

are used to create the team score, however.
Middle schooler Lauren Gilchrist is the squad's only female golfer. She may even play some with the boy's team. Hatfield said Gilchrist is improving and should be a strong high school competitor.
•In Monday's Class A warmup at Pennyryle State Park, Watson shot a 42, Foster 45, Baker 49, Mc-Daniel 52 and Tolly 56. CCHS had the best score of three teams there.



FOOTBALL FRIDAY
Rockets v. Bulldogs at Rocket Stadium
The Series:
Crittenden and Fulton have met 40 times since 1957 and the series is split perfectly 20-20. However, the Rockets have dominated the matchup since 1994. CCHS has won 14 of the last 15 meetings, including a 35-6 win last year at Fulton to open the season.
Twice as Nice
Fulton and Crittenden will play twice during the regular season. It's the first time the Rockets have played a team twice in the regular season in the modern era of CCHS football.
Better, but still ...
Fulton City is allegedly much better this season. The quarterback is Michael Thomas Jr. His father is the coach. The boy can fling the ball, but he will also line up at flanker. The Bulldogs will have lots of speed, but they only have 18 players. Despite being better, it must be known that Fulton has not beaten a Kentucky opponent since 2009. The 'Dogs are 0-28 since then against teams from their own state. Because Fulton is right on the Tennessee border, they often play teams from there and Mis-souri, just across the Mississippi River.
Injury Report
Crittenden senior RB Lane Wallace (ankle) is questionable this week. Sophomore RB Maeson Myers (leg), who did not play in last week's scrimmage, should be available. Dylan Hollis (leg) will play.
For More, See the Rocket Blog Sports at The Press Online Pre-Game Podcast Thursdays

CCMS rips Massac in '14 opener

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County's middle school football team blasted Massac County, Ill., 40-14 Sat-urday to open the season at Rocket Stadium.
Newcomer Branen Lamey – who transfered here from Webster County – scored a pair of rushing touchdowns from 69 and 58 yards out, Devon Nesbitt had a 78-yard punt return and a seven-yard touchdown run and Gavin Dickerson scored on a four-yard run.
Quarterback Hunter Boone connected with receiver Ethan Dossett for a couple of conver-sion passes and Nesbitt, Payton Riley and Ashton Lamprecht tacked on two-point runs.
Lamey rushed for 140 yards on just three car-ries. Dickerson and Nes-bitt rushed for 28 apiece and Mitchell Joyce had 20 yards rushing.
Defensively, Lam-precht – a football new-comer – had seven tackles from his safety position. Joyce had five stops and Dickerson and Seth Jackson had four apiece. Hunter Jones had three tackles and Dossett two.
The team will be back in action on Aug. 28 at Reidland. This is a game newly added to the schedule that was previ-ously published.



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Rocket middle schooler Ethan Dossett rushes for positive yards against Massac County.



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2014 ROCKETS

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1	Hicks, Dylan	5' 9"	140	WR/DB/K	11
3	Myers, Maeson	5' 8"	163	RB/LB	10
4	Rodgers, Nick	5' 5"	130	RB/DB	10
5	Belt, Jesse	5' 8"	140	WR/DB	11
6	Riley, Paxton	5' 10"	130	QB/DB	10
8	Russelburg, Jacob	5' 6"	135	RB/LB	9
9	Birdwell, Seth	5' 9"	161	WR/DB	11
10	Hood, Tony	6' 2"	165	TE/DL	11
11	Cosby, Alex	5' 9"	145	WR/DB	11
14	Lundy, Jared	6' 4"	164	WR/DB	10
15	Castiller, Nick	5' 10"	175	QB/DB	11
20	Greenwell, Jacob	5' 11"	130	WR/DB	12
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4	Rodgers, Nick	5' 5"	130	RB/DB	10
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6	Riley, Paxton	5' 10"	130	QB/DB	10
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Veneer strong, smooth for 2014 Rockets

STAFF REPORT

On the surface, Crittenden County's football team is in great shape to start the 2014 campaign.

Rocket head coach Al Starnes, in is 23rd year at the helm, returns 10 guys who started at times last season, and there's another eight or so with a touch of experience and a bit of grit and determination.

Nearly perfect, right? Starnes will admit that the veneer is clearly strong. But, peel back the next layer and things start to unravel a bit. Depth is going to be a real problem, at least up front where games are often won or lost.

This will be the Rockets' final season in the Class 2A First District where they will face Murray, Caldwell County and Ballard Memorial in league games. Next season, Crittenden will go back to Class A after four seasons in the higher division.

So far, 2A hasn't been a good experience for the Rockets and there's no indication that 2014 will be much different. Caldwell has nearly everyone back from a state championship caliber team in 2013, Murray is a perennial power and Ballard remains on the uptick with lots of skilled-position players. The Rockets haven't won more than three games in a season since joining Class 2A and last year they made the playoffs despite not winning a district game. That's a far cry from the glory years in 1A where Crittenden had established itself as one of the top three or four teams in all of western Kentucky since the mid 1980s.

This year's Rockets are as well equipped to handle the rigors of a 2A schedule as any of the most recent teams have been. Still, it's going to be a formidable challenge. The biggest problem is having enough of those big, thick bodies to control the trenches. An injury or two could be devastating.

"We're always a couple of linemen away," explains Starnes. "Depth is always an issue."


Devising a depth chart is more like a chess game, moving pieces from one place to another to fill squares rather than bringing in new parts.

"We're waiting for some of these young, inexperienced guys to step up. We have some who should be able to play, but they just need to develop some toughness."

In addition to depth, team speed is always a concern when the Rockets go up

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against traditionally quick teams like Caldwell and Murray. Some of the smaller schools on the Rocket schedule will also have superior quickness. Crittenden has long been known as a team built on toughness and technique, not necessarily speed. To counter potential weaknesses in his attack, Starnes has a few tools that have served him well over the past. A varied offensive approach with multiple formations always confuses opponents. A complicated scheme can sometimes backfire, but Starnes says there in lies his team's strength.

"Experience and leadership," he says are what will drive this year's club. They are students of the game and quick learners.

Although two of the team's five seniors have never played high school football, Starnes has great confidence in the overall football intelligence of his boys. The heart and soul of the team is a 13-member junior class that already has logged plenty of playing time.

There is no doubt, however, that seniors Lane Wallace and Noah Dickerson are the faces of this year's team. Juniors will provide the foundation.

Wallace is the leading returning rusher and a centerpiece of the offense. He ran for 4.6 yards per carry a year ago for a total of 761 yards on 164 carries. No other back had half that many attempts.

"There is no question he is a hard-nosed runner, and a downhill runner," Starnes said. "That's why he is best when we're in the I-formation."

When Wallace is pounding it straight ahead, Crittenden will have some decent quickness for motion plays, screens and sweeps.

If Wallace is the engine, then Dickerson provides the wings. A quarterback for half

Rocket Varsity DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE
QB-Castiller, Dickerson
RB-Wallace, Myers
H-Back-Hollis, Wallace
Z-Dickerson, Hicks
Y-E.Hunt, Beavers
X-Cosby, Birdwell
C-Robinson, Koerner
RG-Fitzgerald, McConnell
LG-Coleman, Estes
RT-T.McKinney, Wright
LT-A.McKinney, Prehn

DEFENSE
FS-Dickerson, Hicks
SS-Castiller, N.Greenwell
CB-Cosby, J.Belt
CB-Birdwell, Hicks
WLB-Myers, Hollis
MLB-Wallace, Coleman
SLB-Hollis, Coleman
DE-Fitzgerald, Beavers
DE-Coleman, T.McKinney
T-T.McKinney, Wright
T-A.McKinney, Robinson

SPECIAL TEAMS
Kicker-Hicks
Punter-Dickerson
Long Snapper-Fitzgerald
Holder-Castiller
Returns-Hollis, Castiller, Myers

of last season after starter Travis Gilbert was injured, Dickerson has been moved back to wide receiver where he is more comfortable and where the coaching staff thinks he will be much more of an offensive threat.

Although he's not blinding fast with 5.0 speed in the 40-yard dash, Dickerson runs good routes, has strong hands and is a fierce competitor. He will be the team's deep threat.

Dickerson caught 14 passes for a team-high 127 yards last year before moving behind center. He had four receptions for 10 yards as a sophomore. That makes him by far the most experienced receiver on the squad.

Dickerson threw for more than 100 yards last year after taking over at quarterback following the Muhlenberg game in Week 5. Nick Castiller was his backup, but took only a handful of snaps. Castiller completed half of four passes and rushed for 96 yards as a sophomore. Now, he will be in charge of running the offense.

Castiller has an athletic 5-10, 175-pound frame. He has a strong arm and is quickly picking up the multiple offensive schemes that will be deployed by his coaches.

Starnes likes the spread offense, but he says the bread and butter will be a traditional Crittenden County ground attack.

"Our philosophy has not changed. We will run the football. We want to keep the ball out of the hands of our opponents and maintain long, sustaining drives," the skipper said.

In his next breath, the coach shares a hint of something more dynamic.

"The more I see it in practice, the more I think we can throw the ball," he said.

Sean Thompson, a former Crittenden County High School and Campbellsville University quarterback, has joined the team as an assistant coach. He is helping with the offense and working closely with the quarterbacks and receivers.



The Crittenden County football coaching staff includes (from left) Aaron Berry, Theodore Nichols, head coach Al Starnes, Jacob Courtney, Sean Thompson, defensive coordinator Jeremy Wheeler.

"We're going to throw because we want to," Starnes said. As opposed to throwing because the team is in a difficult down-and-distance situation.

The rest of the receivers have game experience, but none of them were among the top targets last year. In fact, Castiller caught five passes himself in 2013 while this year's top two returning wide receivers caught a combined five balls in 10 games last season. At the X position in the spread will be Alex Cosby and Seth Birdwell. Both run the 40 in just under five seconds and are among the three fastest players on the team. Birdwell has the team's best 40 time at 4.94.

Up front the Rockets have a new face in junior Tyler Coleman, who transferred from Caldwell County. He will play left guard alongside center Shelby Robinson and right guard Travis Fitzgerald. Only "Fritz" was on the line last year as Robinson sat out the whole season with an injury.

The tackles are Travis McKinney and Austin McKinney. The juniors are not related, but spent a good bit of time together as starting linemen last season.

The interior line is where Starnes has a good bit of confidence, but it's also where he's most concerned. Those returning up front are, in general, proven performers who are expected to get the job done. The lack of depth between tackles is where the coach says there is a problem.

"We could be in trouble if we get some injuries," he said.

At tight end is 155-pound sophomore Ethan Hunt. Although smaller than the typical body at that position, Hunt has proven his worth catching passes. His speciality will be in the spread. Freshman Adam Beavers, at 6-2, 173 pounds, could play tight end, too, especially in running formations.

At fullback, or what's called H-back in some of the Rocket offensive schemes, will be Dylan Hollis. The junior has battled chronic back problems the past two years and he now has a nagging hip injury. Otherwise, Hollis should be a key figure on offense. He has good hands and feet and shows a great

deal of toughness when he has the ball.

Sophomore Maeson Myers will also see time at running back. He too has fought persistent injuries, including a thigh bruise that's holding him back right now.

Freshman Ross Crider is another player that's already been claimed by injury. He would have seen plenty of playing time on the offensive line, but will miss the entire season following a recent surgery.

Defensively, the Rockets are a tad deeper. Jeremy Wheeler, the second-year defensive coordinator, can count on 18 or 20 different players who he believes can contribute. Several of those were regulars last year and a few are rising young players.

The linebackers will be Hollis, Wallace and Myers. There isn't much depth there, however. On the corners are Cosby and Birdwell with Jesse Belt, Dylan Hicks and Hunt providing solid backups. That's about as

deep as it gets.

Castiller will be the strong safety and Dickerson free safety.

The defensive frontline has much the same personnel as does the offensive front. Virtually every starter will go both ways. Fitzgerald and Coleman are playing end while Beavers is improving as a ninth grader at that position.

Tackles are the McKinney boys with Adam Wright and Robinson providing some depth in the center of the defense.

On special teams, Crittenden will replace record-setting kicker Micah Hollamon with Hicks, who joined the team last year and began working as Hollamon's understudy. Dickerson will be the punter, Fitzgerald the long snapper and Castiller will hold on kicks for points.

The Rockets open their season Friday at home against Fulton City, a team Crittenden beat 35-6 to open last year's season.



The Crittenden County High School football trainers and managers are (from left) Jessi Brewer, student trainer; Mayce Shoulders, Megan Hunt and Maddy Mink.

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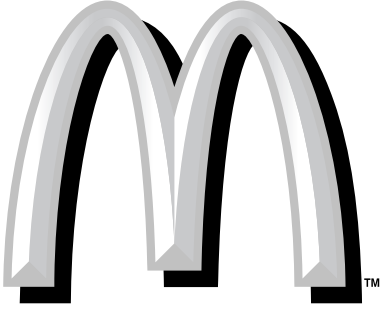
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CCMS will share ball with plenty of backs

STAFF REPORT
In his eighth season as the middle school football coach, Donnie Phillips has a big problem.
He has more running backs than he knows what to do with.
Put that in the *Good Problem to Have* column.
The Rockets were 3-5 last season, but more competitive than the record might indicate. They lost several games by a handful of points and Phillips thinks this team has a good chance of winning a few more games. The CCMS boys got off to a great start with a win over Massac County Saturday.
EightH grader Hunter Boone will be quarterback. He can run and throw and his football IQ is very high.
Behind Boone in the backfield is Devon Nesbitt,

Ethan Dossett and Gavin Dickerson. Each brings his own skill set to the table and Phillips likes what he has seen so far.
Nesbitt is quick and much tougher than last year. Dossett can run, block and catch. He's perhaps the most versatile of the trio. Dickerson is a hard-nosed fullback who is a "load" to quote his coach. Mix in Brannen Lamey, a transfer from Webster County who has quick feet, and the Rocket backfield is solid.
The coach says the Wing-T might be the team's staple offense because of its deceptive nature. With multiple running backs, opposing defenses will not be able to key on one ballcarrier.
Up front Jake Gibson anchors the line at right tackle.



Middle school Rockets are (front from left) manager Sydney Coomes, Hunter Boone, Gavin Dickerson, Payton Riley, Devon Nesbitt, Sean O'Leary, Andrew Polk, Hunter Jones, Brannen Lamey, Mitchell Joyce, manager Lilly Berry, (middle) manager Jenna Wallace, Ashton Lamprechct, Ethan Dossett, Troy Ford, Aidan Smith, Seth Jackson, Devin Porter, Ethan Shaffer, Drake Kemper, manager Chloe Maxfield, (back) coach Donnie Phillips, Travis Kinnis, Skyler James, Thomas Smith, Riley Gobin, Jake Gibson, David Beckner, Justin Urbanowski, Seth Kirk and coach Jared Brown.

He is strong and has good feet and hands. Devin Porter is at center and Sean O'Leary is the tight end. Seth Jackson has the inside track at right guard, but the rest of the positions remain open. Phillips said several players are trying to earn playing

time there.
Hunter Jones and Mitchell Joyce are two other players who will figure into the regular rotation on offense and defense.
Phillips said cutting down on turnovers has been a focus of pre-season work-

outs.
"We had several fumbles at critical times last year. We're working more on taking care of the ball," he said.
Defensively, the linebacking corps of Joyce, Dickerson and Dossett will be a key to success. Payton Riley,

Jones and Lamey are in the secondary along with safeties Nesbitt and Boone.
Up front, the coach is still waiting for big-time tacklers to emerge.
"We have a lot of questions marks defensively," he said.



High School Cheerleaders

Crittenden County High School cheerleaders are (front from left) Aerial Wright, Madison Lynch, Ella LaPlante, Lauren Beavers, Sydney Hunt, (back) Madison Simpkins, Sadie Easley, Kali Travis, Bristen Holeman, Madisyn Jones, Brittany Minton, Katie Travis, Lauren McKinney, Sydney Leibenguth and Tania Thompson.

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Crittenden County Middle School cheerleaders are (front from left) Daelynn Hardin, Cortne Curnel, Madison Johnson; (middle row from left) Kirsten DeBoe, Hannah Bell, Jenna Potter, Ellie McGowan, Jaylin Blackburn, Hayleigh Bradham; (back) Hannah Cooksey, Caitlyn Riley, Shelby Brown, Harley Wesley, Trinity Hayes and Mary Tinsley.



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