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CHAPEL HILL ROAD'S BRIDGE READY TO GO

Chapel Hill Road is ready to be reopened to traffic at the Crooked Creek Bridge after several weeks of being closed for repair. Built in 1970, the bridge had been deemed unsafe by state inspectors. It was closed Sept. 19 and Crown Paving and Contracting of Princeton has completed most of the repairs. Approaches were still gravel early this week, but by week's end they should be paved. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said a state inspector was on site Monday to review the work. The inspection report will determine the bridge's weight limit and when it can reopen, likely by the time you're reading this.

SEE SANTA SATURDAY AT LIONS CLUB BUILDING

Santa will be hearing children's wish lists from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3. Crittenden County Lions Club's annual Snack With Santa will be at the Lions Club Agriculture Building at the fairgrounds in Marion. This is a free event.



FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES ON FOHS POLAR EXPRESS

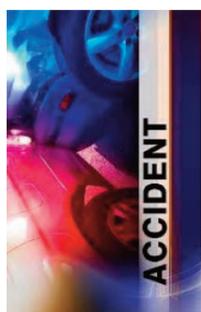
A fun-filled morning of activities to get kids in the Christmas spirit will begin at 10 a.m., Saturday at Fohs Hall. Polar Express golden tickets will be given to everyone in attendance. Kids are encouraged to wear their pajamas and hear a reading of the Polar Express and have a chance to visit with Santa. There will be an elf training course, a coloring station, craft station and hot cocoa and cookies. Admission is free. The event is sponsored by the Community Arts Foundation, Crittenden County Public Library and the Marion Tourism Commission.

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW....

- Fredonia Christmas Parade is at 6 p.m., Friday. See who will be this year's grand marshals on page 4.
- Salem's Lighted Christmas Parade, postponed last weekend, will now be held starting at 5 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 17.
- Financial donations for Community Christmas are being accepted at Farmers Bank. There are Angel tags on the Christmas tree at Farmers Bank to sponsor a teen in various dollar amounts and those can be turned in or mailed to the bank. Drop off Angel tag donations at Marion Baptist Church between 9 a.m., and 1 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15 during set-up for distribution. Volunteers are needed for set up. Distribution is 9 a.m., to noon, Friday, Dec. 16 at the church.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Livingston County Board of Education meets at 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 12 at LCHS.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Rocket Arena.



Last Seven Crittenden Yearly Crash Data

ON OUR ROADS & HIGHWAYS	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Crashes with Injury	70	60	49	53	39	29	44
Crashes with Fatality	3	1	4	3	2	3	2
With Property Damage	179	160	159	137	133	85	97
Total Persons Injured	90	82	73	76	59	40	60
Total Persons Killed	3	1	4	3	2	3	2

Just Days to Go for Merciful Year No fatalities so far in 2022

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent has a going away gift he'd like for Christmas – a safe driving December. Agent has been sheriff here since 1999 and this is his final month in office. If the community can make it about 30 more days without a traffic fatality, it will likely be the first time in his career as the county's top lawmaker.

"It's amazing really. I bet there aren't too many counties like that," he said when talking about going a full year without a death-related traffic accident. While Crittenden has seen several serious wrecks, some near-fatal,



Agent

according to EMS paramedic Kenneth Davenport, it's gone unscarred by a fatality so far in 2022. "It's been by the grace of God," said Agent, who admits his department is unable to provide too many days of extra patrols on the county's roads due to limited manpower.

Davenport, who has a very keen sense of memory,

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A little more hunger might go a long way

With our bellies full, Thanksgiving in the exhaust and Christmas bearing down on us full throttle, it is a great time to reflect on where the next meal will come from.

Sitting in the woods over the last couple of weeks lying in wait for a trophy buck, it has been, as always, enlightening to watch God's creatures browse for berries and nuts and go about their daily course of survival. Observing critters on their continual quest for a meal helped bring into focus a human condition that's bruising, if not crippling, our society.



Chris Evans
Press Editor & Publisher
About Town

American culture is covered in complacency. Could it be a direct result of too much free food?

As a country, we give freely year round, leaving low-hanging fruit, so to speak, just about everywhere. In most cases, free food is available for just about anyone who wants it. Not to be judgemental, but wonder how many standing in food bank lines across our country really are unable to work and provide for themselves?

Grandma always talked about the Great Depression and how hungry everyone was during that period. Counterintuitive it was that she smiled when talking about those tough times from the 1930s. Despite struggles to simply persist during that economic ice storm of poverty and peril, grandmother spoke reverently, almost in worship, of those hard times. Hearing what seemed to be almost glorification in her voice, it never occurred to a young lad like myself that those were indeed terrible, terrible times.

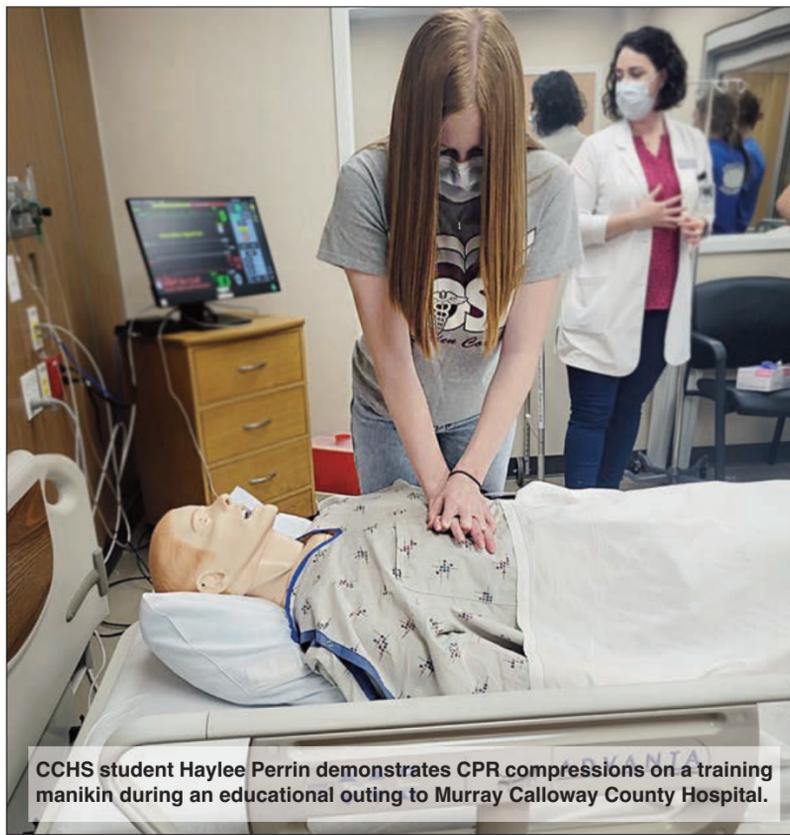
During the Depression, breadwinners worked daylight to dark, six or seven days a week just to feed the family. There was no government assistance in those days – not until FDR created welfare. Other than soup lines in cities, the only safety net families had was the toils of their own labor. Mothers sewed, gardened and cooked. Children helped. To combat real unemployment, President Roosevelt created the Works Progress Administration in 1935 to allow heads of households to preserve their skills and self-respect by going to work building schools, roads, bridges and more. The WPA put 8.5 million folks to work during its eight-year lifespan.

Fast forward to the 21st century. In the course of a day's time, about 250 emails pass across my laptop. Just guessing, about a quarter of them deal with current pressures on the limping economy. Teacher shortages. No nurses. Restaurants can't find servers. Electricians, plumbers and HVAC specialists are tougher to get on the phone than a congressman. There aren't enough school bus drivers, store clerks, custodians, short-order cooks or candle makers.

Our county's businesses are struggling on a number of fronts, mostly from Help Wanted. It's a pervasive problem from Miami to Maine and east to west.

Is the reason we're not working because we're not hungry? Our compassion is immeasurable. We care so much that we've enabled ourselves and our neighbors to become complacent, overweight and largely unemployed. Those daily emails back all of this up with data. Jobless figures out of Wash-

See **WORK**/page 4



CCHS student Haylee Perrin demonstrates CPR compressions on a training manikin during an educational outing to Murray Calloway County Hospital.

Real world experience for local students

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) students at Crittenden County High School recently went to Murray Calloway County Hospital to take part in a Murray State

University-sponsored nursing simulation lab.

CCHS teacher and program sponsor Casey Evans said her team left with extensive medical knowledge, a new appreciation for testing requirements and a

host of compliments from the organizers.

"We were told by the program coordinator that we were her favorite group, because our students were so

See **LEARN**/page 3

Perez, HS golfers will lead Marion Christmas parade

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Middle School teacher Mandy Perez, along with the high school golf team, will serve as grand marshals of Saturday's Marion Christmas Parade.

Along Main Street, the parade will begin at 5 p.m., with a theme, Let It Be Christmas.

Perez, who teaches sixth grade English and language arts, was selected as Kentucky's Teacher of the Year a few weeks ago. She is also a finalist for the National Teacher of the Year.

Perez has spent 18 years teaching at Crittenden Middle and Crittenden Elementary schools. She has also been a varsity soccer coach.

For the first time ever, a sports program will be among those who lead the parade.



Perez



CCHS golf team

Under the direction of varsity coach Vicki Hatfield, Crittenden County's entire boys' golf team and two female golfers qualified in September for the All A Classic State Tournaments in Richmond. Girls' finalists were Addie Hatfield and Brylee Conyer. Male finalists were Jeremiah Foster, Grayson Davidson, Avery Belt, Parker Kayse and Jaxon Hatfield. They and their coach will join Perez and other golf team members as grand marshals this weekend.

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Deaths

Dunning

Nova Allene Dunning, 87, of Burna, died Monday, Nov. 28, 2022 at her home.

She had been employed at Potter and Brumfield for 25 years. She enjoyed raising and attending Tennessee Walking Horse shows with her husband.

Surviving are a son, Randall Ramsey of Paducah; a daughter, Randa (Jim) Ramsey Hurt of Cadiz; a grandson, Ramsey (Laura) Ferguson of Benton; two stepdaughters, Kathy (Steve) Williams of Louisville and Ellen (Will) Neff of Dallas; four step-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, Callie and Nova Ferguson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clifford and Mayme Hosick Perrin; her husband, Gene Dunning; a brother and a sister.

Visitation is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 1 at Myers Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 2 p.m., at Hampton Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 701 N. Weinbach Ave., Evansville, IN 47711.

Brantley

Rev. Charles Richard Brantley, 89, of Marion, died Monday, Nov. 28, 2022 at Crittenden Community Hospital. He was a member of Marion United Methodist Church and was a United States Army veteran and Kentucky Colonel.

Surviving are his wife, Doris Brantley; two children, Richard (Connie) Brantley of Paducah and Patty Croft of Ledbetter; five grandchildren, Rachel Guess, Brandon Croft, Lucas Croft, Chelsea Wiggins and Courtney Brantley; and five great-grandchildren, Devin Guess, Kaylee Guess, Foster Croft, Silas Croft and Carline Wiggins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Link and Ruby Brantley; and a brother, Kenneth Brantley.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday Dec. 1 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m., until service time at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to Kentucky United Methodist Children's Home, 1115 Ashgrove Road, Nicholasville, KY 40356.

Club begins old phone collection

The Woman's Club of Marion hosted guest speaker Stacy Crawford-Hughes at its Nov. 17 meeting. Hughes spoke to the group about her new position as the local coordinator for the International Cultural Exchange Services - Kentucky-Youth Exchange Program.

Her work area covers 120 miles surrounding Crittenden County. In addition to recruiting local families to host exchange students, Hughes works with the students from other countries who are attending high school within the 120 miles. Anyone who is interested in hosting an exchange student can contact Hughes.

Club member Nancy Lapp informed the club about a recycling cell

phone/tablet project endorsed by the General Federation of Women's Club, for the Marion club to promote locally.

Donated items by the public are sent to Secure the Cell, a non-profit that converts phones into emergency 911 only calls for victims of domestic violence.

Collection boxes for outdated or discarded cell phones are located at the main office of Farmers Bank & Trust on Main Street and at the Crittenden County Public Library.

The Woman's Club traveled to Princeton Nov. 30 for its annual holiday outing.

The club will take a break during the Christmas season and will meet for its regular club meeting Feb.1. Carolyn Belt



Susan Alexander, club secretary, visits with Stacy Crawford-Hughes prior to the club's November meeting. Hughes spoke on her new position as the local coordinator for the International Exchange Services. Crittenden County currently has one foreign exchange student but Hughes hopes to increase that number if more host families become involved.

will be the program chair.

The November meeting was hosted by club of-

ficers Annie Rubino, Carolyn Belt, Susan Alexander and Roberta Shewmaker.

Extension Events

The following is a list of Crittenden County Extension events for December:

- Hooks & Needles Crafter's Corner Club will meet from 1-3 p.m., Dec. 13 at the Extension annex. Anyone interested in needlework - embroidery, knitting, tatting, etc. - is welcome to attend. This month they will be working on orna-

ments for the Extension Office Christmas tree.

- After Hours will not have a meeting in December. Their next meeting will be at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 10.

- Challengers will not meet in December. Their next meeting will be at noon, Wednesday, Jan. 11 at the Extension annex.

- Quilt Club will meet from 1-3 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15 at the Extension Office. There are sewing machines available. Participants of all levels are

invited. For more information, call the extension office at 270-965-5236.

- Cooking Club will meet at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15 at the Extension annex.

- Dee Heimgartner, Ag Agent, will be presenting a class entitled "Evergreen Christmas Decorations" at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15 at the Extension annex. Participants will learn how to utilize items from their yard to decorate with and will take home their own

evergreen decoration. Call the Extension Office to register.

- The Extension Office will be closed Monday, Dec. 26- Monday, Jan. 2.



Rocket honors

Crittenden County Schools' students of the month for November were recognized by the Crittenden County Board of Education Nov. 29. Pictured (front from left) elementary students Kaisyn Price and Waylon Wood, (back) seventh grader Azariah Rich and senior Nicholas Pendley.

Stuff the Bus returns Dec. 14

Crittenden County 4-H is will conduct its seventh annual Stuff the Bus Christmas gift campaign, and is particularly in need of teen and pre-teen gifts. Each Crittenden County school has a collection drive with public donations welcome between 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Dec. 14 in front of Crittenden County Mid-

dle School.

Rewards will be given to each school, including homeroom competitions at CCES; grade-level competitions at CCMS; and club competitions at CCHS.

Gifts collected through Stuff the Bus will be donated to Community Christmas for local distribution.

Several programs are on tap in December at the Crittenden County Public Library. Programs are offered for children, teenagers, adults and families at no cost for participants.

The following are planned and are free to participants:

Children's Programs

Book Club meets from 4-5 p.m., Dec. 19. Snacks, activities and freebies will be provided as well as the next month's book. December's book for discussion is Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire by J. K. Rowling.

Teen Programs

Studio Hall is held from 3:30-5 p.m., each Wednesday. Studio Hall is an after-school program designed to equip young artists with the tools, time and space needed to work on creative projects. This program is for middle and

high school students.

Adult Programs

Book Club meets from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Dec. 26. December's book club discussion is The Children's Blizzard by Melanie Benjamin.

Family Programs

Holiday Movie Night: featuring the movie Elf

will be shown at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16.

Historic Voices Series

Christmas in the Colonies will be presented by Eddie Price at 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 5.

Price will present Homemaking on the Frontier at 6 p.m., Dec. 5.

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Livingston Central High School homecoming will be on Friday, Dec. 16. The Cardinals and Lady Cardinals will play Union County. There will be a homecoming ceremony between games and a dance afterwards. There are 10 senior homecoming queen candidates and three underclassmen will be part of the court. Pictured are (front from left) freshmen Adriel Barnes, sophomore Blaire Champion, junior Danielle Starczewski and seniors Brookelyn Rupcke, Riley Martin and Calista Jennings, (back) seniors Lydia Smith, Ashley Adams, Bella Chittenden, Faith Jewell, Bailey Guill, Danyelle Thompson and Rylee Culver.

Crittenden County Detention Center Census



DETENTION CENTER REPORT NOVEMBER 21, 2022

JAIL CENSUS	Nov. 21, 2022	Oct. 20, 2022	Monthly Average 2022
State Inmates	99	99	91.5
Federal Inmates	57	54	64.1
Other County Inmates	18	23	26.1
Crittenden County Inmates	12	14	12.9
TOTAL INMATES	186	190	194.5
Weekenders	6	2	3.1
Work release	0	0	0.0
Out to Court	0	0	0.0
Actual Inmate Bed Count	192	192	197.6

The Crittenden County Detention Center report is provided monthly to magistrates during Crittenden County Fiscal Court meetings. The inmate count was accurate for the day the report was created.

Last Month REVENUE	October 2022	September 2022	Monthly Average 2022
State Housing Payments	\$105,454.56	\$90,894.48	\$87,235.34
Federal Housing Payments	\$84,525.00	\$99,176.25	\$107,881.01
Federal Transport Payments	\$7,193.25	\$10,339.25	\$7,777.04
Lyon Co. Housing Payments	\$24,588.00	\$26,172.00	\$26,456.73
Other County Housing Payments	\$2,432.00	\$1,984.00	\$2,914.91
Weekend/Work Release	\$224.00	\$192.00	\$526.55
TOTAL HOUSING	\$217,223.56	\$218,418.73	\$225,014.53

Last Month ANALYSIS	October 2022	September 2022	Monthly Average 2022
Cost of Crittenden Inmates	\$15,648.00	\$17,440.00	\$13,166.55
Numbers of Co. Housing Days	489.00	545.00	411.45
Daily Housing Rate	\$32.00	\$32.00	32.0
Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates	15.77	18.16	13.57

- Federal Inmates \$49 Per diem
- State Inmates \$31.34 Per diem
- Lyon County Inmates \$36.00
- Other County Inmates \$32.00

LEARN

Continued from page 1 engaged and respectful," said Evans.

Her students also were commended for their thoroughness with an outstanding performance in the programs, such as "What's Wrong Room," where 33 recorded items were deliberately set up incorrectly for students to evaluate. Not only did the CCHS team find all of them, but also they found more, which organizers noted were also problematic finds.

Students participated in a code simulation, performed CPR and trained in automated external defibrillator (AED) use. They practiced monitoring vital signs and learned from Murray State professors about nursing school requirements and different opportunities within the healthcare industry.

Evans said early experiences like this motivate and encourage students in their future careers. Kentucky and other states are currently seeing a near crisis in the number of available nurses for hire.

"This was an experience that many students do not get until they are in nursing school," said Evans. "Working with our



Students Allie Beard and Emme Lynch examine fluid samples during the educational exercise.

Area Health Education Coordinator (AHEC), our students were able to gain real world experience in this nursing simulation lab."

Junior Allie Beard said the experience made her more excited for her future.

"Afterwards, we talked about the ACT and everything that depends on those scores," she said. "I realized how important it was to do well on the

test. I have a greater interest in studying, so I can perform better and get more scholarships."

Beard wasn't alone in her revelation, and principal Melissa Quartermous said those connections are music to her ears.

"Many times, state testing doesn't seem to have a purpose for some students, but doing well on state assessments, such as the ACT, is important for students," she said. "Having the motivation to do well, which these students are gaining, plays a large part in their success."

Temporary heat going in courthouse

STAFF REPORT

The main entrance of the Crittenden County Courthouse will be closed for the remainder of this week to facilitate the use of a portable heating unit to warm the courthouse.

Duct work is going to be run into the courthouse through the front door, so that warm air can circulate throughout the building's hallways, offices and courtrooms.

Front sidewalks will be closed off with appropriate signage.

This temporary heating system belongs to the Crittenden County Rescue Squad and is being deployed to eliminate continued use of multiple space heaters in the courthouse. As we reported in last week's Crittenden Press, the courthouse is without heat because a new boiler, which was approved for purchase in June, has yet to be completely installed.

County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the contractor installing the new boiler system expects to be finished by Monday. At that point, the temporary heating device can be removed.

School data gathered

Crittenden County School District is hosting focus group sessions this week with hopes of gathering information that will help shape the direction of local education.

"We are continually seeking ways to improve for our students, families and staff," said district spokesperson Tiffany Blazina.

Parents, individuals and community leaders were invited to participate in focus groups or guided conversations that will be conducted by an outside education partner, the Studor Group.

Sessions were scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday.

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 103 ACRES - Located in big buck territory, this scenic property features a spacious home, garages, a barn ideal for equipment or storage and a diverse blend of habitat types!

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 50.26 ACRES - \$123,137 - Mostly timber hunting tract with excellent habitat! This tract has several improvements geared toward big bucks and is ready for the 2021 season!

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Pam and Steve Faughn and their grandson

FAUGHNS TO MARSHAL FREDONIA PARADE

Steve Faughn and Pam Rogers Faughn have been chosen grand marshals of the Fredonia Christmas Parade, which is Friday.

The parade theme is Hometown Christmas.

The Faughns are life-long residents of Fredonia and are active in community events. Pam was involved in organizing the first T-ball league in Fredonia played at the park named for her father, Buddy Rogers. Steve is involved at Bright Life Farms and spent many years coaching youth baseball. He was a long-time member of the Fredonia Lions Club. A local historian, Pam was a founder of the Fredonia Valley Heritage Society and has been its president for the past 15 years.

The couple is also involved in the First Baptist Church.

2 CCHS FFA STUDENTS EARN REGIONAL STARS

Four area students, including two from Crittenden County High School, have been recognized with the presti-

gious Murray State FFA All-Region Stars.

Selected were Hunter Denney and Wyatt Hodge for demonstrating leadership in FFA. The award was presented to the two teens during the annual Stars Banquet and Murray State presented by the Hutson School of Agriculture.

Hodge and Denney are seniors. They are active in many local FFA and school activities, including Fall on the Farm at the elementary school.

"Both of these young men have led from the front with recruitment and retention of members. They have also been involved with the membership and fundraising committees," said CCHS FFA advisor Jessica Abercrombie.

Awards were presented to students from the Purchase, Pennyrile and Green River regions. Livingston Central High School had two students earn Star awards. They were Brookelyn Rupcke and Dacey Reasons.

RETIREMENT EVENT FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS OPEN TO PUBLIC FRIDAY

Crittenden County Courthouse will be closed to the public on Friday, Dec. 2 between noon and 1 p.m., for the annual County Employee Christmas Luncheon. The courthouse will be open otherwise on Friday and there will be some other special events that the public

may attend.

At 1:15 p.m., Chief Circuit Judge Rene Williams will be swearing in all newly elected local officials in the Judicial Courtroom on the top floor of the courthouse.

From 2 to 4 p.m., there will be a retirement reception for all county elected officials and others who are retiring from office at the end of this year.

Everyone is urged to stop by and say farewell and good luck to Judge Williams, County Attorney Rebecca Johnson, Sheriff Wayne Agent, Jailer Robbie Kirk, Magistrate Dan Wood, PVA Ronnie Heady and Co. Road Department employee Noble Easley. Retirement gifts will be presented at 2:10 p.m., by the county, followed by special comments, cake and punch.

MAIN STREET CLOSED TO TRAFFIC SATURDAY FOR HOLIDAY PARADE

Main Street through downtown will be closed to through traffic Saturday night between roughly 5 p.m., and 6 p.m. The town's annual holiday parade runs along U.S. 60 (Main Street) and traffic will be blocked at either end from the intersection with KY 91/US 641 on the south end of town to a point near the intersection with First Street on the northern end.

Marion Police Department, Crittenden County Sheriff's Department, and rescue squad personnel will be providing traffic control during the event.

Passenger vehicles may self-detour via side streets. However, there is no practical detour for commercial trucks.

ALMOST EVERY KY COUNTY SHORT ON YOUTH SUICIDE HELP

Kentucky Health News

Counties that have shortages of mental-health providers tend to have seen their rates of youth suicide increase in recent years, a study has found.

The study, published in JAMA Pediatrics, found that after adjusting for demographic and socioeconomic characteristics, counties with a mental-health workforce shortage were associated with an increased youth suicide rate, and an increased youth firearm suicide rate, when compared to counties with no or partial mental health shortage designations.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among U.S. adolescents, with rates rising over the last decade. This is also true in Kentucky. Every county in Kentucky is officially designated as a Mental Health Professional Shortage Area, except Boone, Campbell and Grant counties in Northern Kentucky.

"Our results underscore the critical need to expand the mental health professional workforce in counties across the country," lead author Dr. Jennifer Hoffmann, an emergency medicine physician at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, said in a news release. "In addition, policies that restrict firearm access to young people may be considered as a suicide-prevention strategy."

Using youth suicide data from every U.S. county, the researchers found there were 5,034 suicides by youth between the ages of 5 and 19 from 2015 to 2016,

with an annual suicide rate of 3.99 per 100,000 youth in that age group. The study found that among all the counties where a youth suicide occurred, more than two-thirds, or 67.6%, were designated as mental-health workforce-shortage areas.



Collin Barnes of Salem bagged this nice buck.



Barrett Sherer of Tolu took this nice trophy buck.

COUNTY DEER HARVEST AGAIN BELOW AVERAGE

Crittenden County's 2022 deer season was a tad better than last season, which saw a 10-year low in the county harvest.

The rifle deer season, when most animals are taken by modern firearms, ended Sunday after 16 days of hunting. It's the only segment of the deer season when high-powered rifles can be used to take animals. There are other seasons for taking deer including muzzleloader, crossbow and archery. The bow and arrow season goes until Jan. 16.

Hunters took around 1,999 deer with modern firearms during November. That's slightly above last year's take of about 1,977. These figures do not include deer taken by other means during the rifle hunting segment, such as bow or

blackpowder harvests.

The average modern firearm harvest for the five-year period ending in 2020 was 2,400. In 2019, 2,588 were taken.

Crittenden County has typically been among the top three counties when it comes to deer harvests, but last year it was fifth in overall harvest at the end of all deer seasons and this year the county has slipped even farther down the list to seventh in the state.

FORMER GOV. BROWN FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The body of former Kentucky Governor John Y. Brown Jr., lied in state in the Capitol on Tuesday and there was a public visitation at Rotunda.

The 55th Governor of Kentucky, Brown served from 1979 to 1983. He was 88 years old when he died Nov. 21.

A private memorial service was held at the Capitol Wednesday.

Brown's business ventures included purchasing Kentucky Fried Chicken from founder Harland Sanders in 1964. Brown turned KFC into a worldwide success and sold his interest in the company for a huge profit in 1971.

Kentucky Today reports that during the 1970s, Brown also owned the Kentucky Colonels of the American Basketball Association, as well as two NBA teams, the Boston Celtics and Buffalo Braves (now the Los Angeles Clippers).

When he ran for governor in 1979, his motto was "Run the state like a business."

His son, John Y. Brown III, also a Democrat, served two terms as Kentucky's secretary of state, from 1996 to 2004. He did not follow in his father's footsteps, as he left politics after running unsuccessfully for the Democratic nomination as lieutenant governor, as the running mate of Kentucky House Speaker Jody Richards.

10 YEARS AGO

December 6, 2012

■ Duke Energy erected a tower on Barry Chittenden's farm near Hampton. It was designed to test the wind to determine whether there was enough to justify a wind farm in the area.

■ The Hayward House once again had new owners. This historic landmark located on North Walker Street was built in 1904 by E.J. Hayward and at different times it served as Marion Hospital and Marion High School.

■ The birth of Mela Kate Penn on the unique date of 10/11/12 was announced to the community. Mela weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19¼ inches long.

■ The Crittenden County third-and-fourth grade little league football cheerleaders made their debut in The Press. On the squad were Addy Kirby, Mallory Lynn, Hadlee Rich, Hannah Faughn, Ryleigh Tabor, Raina West, Kenlee McDaniel, Callie Brown, Kate Keller, Jaelyn Duncan, Allie Geary, Charly Conyer, Cameron Howard and Emma Williams.

■ Jeff Ellis greeted Dr. Richard Coffey, Director of the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center, following Coffey's presentation to the Crittenden County Extension Council. The recognition dinner was held at the Marion Ed-Tech Center.

25 YEARS AGO

December 11, 1997

■ Crittenden County's KIRIS scores ranked them 6th among all of the state's middle schools. Out of the list, Crittenden was also the only rural school competing for the top 10 placement against large schools



from Fayette and Oldham County. This title received CCMS the honor of being the state's most improved middle school regarding the student's test scores.

■ Eight prisoners and one guard were injured when a van ran off U.S. 641 to avoid a head-on collision. The van was owned by Transcor America and was en route to pick up a prisoner at the Crittenden County Jail when it crashed about four miles south of Marion. Transcor is a prisoner transport company that used Crittenden County Jail as a temporary holding facility for inmates being transported from one prison to another.

■ The Crittenden County Lady Rockets beat Providence by dominating in every facet of the game. Kristi Sutton led the Lady Rockets with 18 points as they manhandled Providence 92-35. Summer Smith added 17 points and 15 rebounds for the victors as well.

■ Former WKU and professional basketball player Carlisle Towery and former high school phenom George Hart were the first two players inducted into the Crittenden County Sports Hall of Fame during a ceremony before the Rockets' game. The two sat on the bench next to coach Jimmy Croft during the game.

50 YEARS AGO

December 7, 1972

■ The Crittenden County Fiscal Court postponed any action concerning a "Public Defender" for this county

as part of the judicial district composed of Crittenden, Webster and Union Counties. This was in light of the Public Defender Act which was recently passed authorizing state attorneys who represent indigent persons to be paid for their service. The act allocates \$14,000 to each judicial district to be appropriated as payment.

■ In the first home basketball game of the season, Crittenden put together a balanced scoring attack to down Cairo Camelot 63-54. Three Rockets in double figures paced the victors despite a poor shooting night from the field and charity stripe. Eddie Perryman had 15 for the winners followed by David Davis with 14 and Ron Kelly with 12. The Rockets connected on 25 of 65 field goal attempts for 38 percent.

■ Mr. and Mrs. John Holloman of Mott City announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their youngest daughter, Angel Faye, to Jerry Keith McDonald. The bride-to-be was set to graduate with the class of 1973 and Mr. McDonald was a 1972 graduate of CCHS.

■ Three members of the Women's Club of Marion, Mrs. Gerald Kinnin, Mrs. Thomas Tucker and Mrs. Phillip English, prepared for the club's annual Christmas Bazaar by decorating the club building with unique centerpieces for the tables, Christmas trees and garland.

Read Brenda Underdown's online *Forgotten Passages* column between issues.

TRAFFIC

Continued from page 1 cannot recall a year when the county has gone without a fatal crash. He's worked for the ambulance service since 1988 and on the fire and rescue departments even longer. Data for local traffic-related deaths was not readily available for years earlier than 2004.

Crittenden County has around 390 miles of county roads and 190 miles of two-lane state highway. There is no posted speed limit higher than 55 mph on any of them.

Agent and Davenport both say speed is the biggest factor in traffic-related deaths. Inattention and alcohol and drugs are also largely to blame, but even DUI crashes and DUI arrests are declining, particularly since 2019 when Marion legalized the sale of liquor and beer.

Over the years, traffic deaths have moderated in the county, perhaps as vehicles have become safer and there is greater awareness of dangers associated with drunk driving, texting while driving and speeding.

"I cannot remember a year when there wasn't at least one fatality. In 1996, we had 12 and there were several in 1987 because we had five in one vehicle," Davenport said.

Since 2004, Crittenden has averaged 2.9 traffic deaths each year with lowest recorded during 2009 and 2016 with just one each. There were five traffic deaths in 2010 and in 2007, the highest single years in the past two decades.

"Please continue to be cautious and keep your speed down. We definitely want to have a good year and a great holiday season," said the sheriff.

WORK

Continued from page 1 ington and Frankfort indicate that unemployment rates are low, low, low. Sure they are, because those metrics largely only measure people who are jobless and actively looking for work. Not figured into the equation are those currently not working nor seeking work. How can we be so foolish in our attempt to enumerate the real number of those pulling the wagon?

Animals go about their daily jobs to feed themselves with great zest. Their primary objective every waking moment is to snack themselves toward survival. They work at it constantly and diligently. Just watch a squirrel or a blue jay. Feeding is really all they do in a normal day's time.

Food drives the entire animal kingdom.

Why don't we enable those able-bodied people to work? Let's empower them with the basic tools they need to earn a living. Improve access to free education. Maybe give them free transportation to get to and from jobs. A common thread among people who aren't working is they don't have a car. Can we provide the basic needs folks have, but drop the free food? Would it work?

Don't misunderstand. Our collective empathy for those who are food insecure is noble. But it may have gone too far.

A little hunger might go a long way toward putting America back on track. Working gives us a sense of self accomplishment, pride. Maybe that's why grandmother was always smiling.

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What do we do while we wait?

For Christians Sunday was the first Sunday of Advent. It is the beginning of the Christian calendar. Two things always come to my mind this time of year. First is the likely pagan background of the day on which Western Christianity celebrates Jesus' birth. Second is what does it mean to wait, or rather, what do we do while we wait?

The relationship of Christmas with the winter solstice is unmistakable. It is on the darkest day of the year that we celebrate the coming of the light of the world. This is a beautiful image for those who believe that the birth of Jesus set in motion the most important religious events the world has ever known. It is also obvious that there is a massive amount of mixing different religious celebrations and cultures at this time of year - it is called syncretism.

Syncretism does not in any way reduce its value or the honor we give to Christ at this time of year. The important thing is to keep God at the center of all we do and not be dragged into judging or accusing others who celebrate differently. It is one of the strengths of our nation that most of us have learned to do this. Paul addresses this while dealing with a different set of circumstances in Romans 14:4-6, "Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own mas-

ter that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand. One man esteems one day as better than another, while another man esteems all days alike. Let everyone be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. He also who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God; while he who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God."

Waiting at this time of year offers us a challenge; especially those of us hosting family and friends. There is still enough activity in our lives that our house constantly has that slightly cluttered "lived-in" ambiance. We are jam-it-in-a-box-and-put-it-in-the-closet people when pushed to have the house presentable to occasional visitors. The season of Advent for us is usually more a season of activity and preparation than quiet and meditation.

Both are important aspects of what it means to anticipate the arrival of Jesus. This season gives us an opportunity to reflect on our habits for the rest of the year. There are examples of both contem-

plation and activity in the Bible. Both are necessary parts of staying ready while we wait.

One powerful example of waiting in worship and prayer is the prophetess, Anna, in Luke 2:36-38, "And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow until she was 84. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem."

As an example of what we do while we wait for Jesus' return, we have parables. One of these tells of a noble who went away and left his servants resources to look after and use. All but one spent the time waiting by using the resources to gain more. One did not. That one was judged harshly. (Luke 19:11-27).

Let me add here a brief note about holiday greetings. A few years ago, we went through a ridiculous social battle con-

cerning whether to say, "Merry Christmas" or, "Happy Holidays." I still hear remnants of it today. There are many religious holidays in December, with every major world religion celebrating one. Most of them include or incorporate "light" in one way or another, no doubt because of the darkness that continues to descend on us in the Northern Hemisphere.

My perspective is Christian. It is also massively influenced by my language, culture and faith heritage. It has taken most of my life to become aware of how those things have influenced me, and I still have a long way to go. I have concluded that saying, "Happy Holidays" does not in any way affect my eternal destination. Nor does thanking someone for wishing me well during Hannukah or Pancha Ganapati (a Hindu holiday at the same time as Christmas). If I must insist on "Merry Christmas", I can have the grace to allow others to express their holidays to me.

Working is part of waiting. Prayer and fasting are part of waiting. Being gracious toward all is part of waiting. Knowing what we are looking for is part of waiting. Enjoy all the forms of waiting during this season.

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Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
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Community Events & News

- Virgil Jones VFW will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8 in the VFW building at 412 N. College Street. Refreshments will be served.
- There will be a special called Extension District Board meeting at noon, Monday, Dec. 12 at the Extension Office Annex to discuss employee options with Kentucky State University.
- Sturgis General Baptist Church will be giving out Christmas Baskets for those in need. Anyone who needs one can call Debbie (270) 285-3886 or Joyce (270) 704-5152 by Dec. 1. A service to hand out baskets will be held at a date yet to be determined.
- The VFW in Marion has Bingo starting at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at 412 N. College St., Marion.
- Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.
- The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. For the time being, the Clothes Closet is operated outdoors from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. Please observe social distancing. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
- Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

Does your group have something planned? Let us know. We post church notes here at no charge. Email to thepress@the-press.com or call (270) 965-3191.

We have to be forgiving regardless of how we've been hurt

Question: I was happily married for 10 years. My husband divorced me and married our mutual friend. I resent his new wife, and I'm angry and bitter toward my former husband. I know the Christian thing is to forgive, but how can I forgive those who have hurt me so much?

Answer: I'm not denying your pain of betrayal or your great loss, but regardless of how much your former husband and his new wife have hurt you, forgive. Jesus taught us to forgive "seventy times seven" (Mt. 18:22). We're to not keep track of how many times an offender asks for forgiveness. We're to just forgive.

Forgiveness is both a choice and a process. Forgiving someone is releasing

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

him from a debt. It means you no longer demand he repay what you lost.

Forgiveness is also a process where we work through the pain of betrayal and loss. You release your offenders from the debt they owe you and you begin trusting God to work justice on your behalf. The Bible teaches, "Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath" (Rom. 12:19). Leave vengeance in God's hands, knowing that one day, He'll set everything right.

We can't afford not to forgive. Unforgiveness is too

great and the burden too heavy to carry. It's a spiritual cancer that will continue to spread. If our heart is sick with unforgiveness, we can't be healed and restored to spiritual health by the Great Physician.

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Father John Okoro

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WEDNESDAY: BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER 6 p.m., AWANA FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS 6 p.m.
CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:45 p.m., PRAISE TEAM: 7:30 p.m.

Sugar Grove

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585 Sugar Grove Church Rd., Marion, Ky. (270) 704-2455
Pastor Jesse Thornton (618) 200-0884
Sun. School: 10 a.m. | Sun. Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Mexico Baptist Church

175 Mexico Rd. (270) 965-4059
Minister of Music Mike Crabtree
Pastor: Tim Burdon
Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

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Bro. Butch Gray
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Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Worship service: 11 a.m.

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108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities: 6 p.m.

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Mattoon school history

From the archives of The Crittenden Press we can recall some fun and exciting times from the schools of yesteryear. Here are some memories and highlights from Mattoon School.

Mattoon School became a reality in the fall of 1929. Oakland, Aplegate, Post Oak, Seminary and Going Springs were consolidated to form a new elementary and two-year high school. It was the first big step in the consolidation of the smaller rural schools. Other schools were incorporated over the next 10-15 years, they were Baker, Dempsey, Bells Mines, Weston, Heath, Prospect, Hoods Creek, Moores and Dam 50.

March 11, 1938 - Mattoon All Star Team

In the Eighth District Regional tournament held at Fohs Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Mattoon was the winner with Shady Grove coming in second. The Mattoon team defeated the Shady Grove Bearcats in the finals Saturday night 27-26 after overcoming a five-point deficit during the closing minutes of play.

April 1, 1938 - Mattoon Senior Play

Local pleasure seekers are promised an unusual treat on the evening of April 2, when the senior class will present the sparkling and witty comedy drama, "Wild Ginger" by Myrtle G. Eley, a very popular American author. As a central character, she has taken a lovable, little girl who faces a life problem which almost breaks her heart. This girl brings tears to many eyes as she strives so desperately against great odds to make her sordid life funner. This role will be played by Kathleen Arnold. The part of Geoffrey Freeman, a young hero, will be played by J. T. Nation. Chester Newcom will play the part of Jake Tallman, a miserable pinchpenny father who makes life miserable for more than one person. Chester Brantley, as Wuzzy Walker, furnishes plenty of fun for he dresses ludicrously, wants to be a chiropractor and wisecracks without provocation.

Senior Class of 1938

These sketches appeared in the April 7, 1938 edition of The Press titled "With Our Seniors." It told some interesting history of six of the class members.

Estil D. Brantley is our honor senior, for he will do the class honors as valedictorian on April 22. His record of As is one to be proud of. He is the son of Johnnie Brantley of Mattoon, and has spent his 12 years of school life here. He is well liked by all his classmates and has a host of friends. He



The new Mattoon grade and 2-year high school was built in 1930. It was the first consolidated school in Crittenden County.

has served for two years as manager of the ball teams. Estil is very good in dramatics where he



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can play well several different character types. His ambition is to become an outstanding radio announcer, and here's guessing he will reach that goal as he has the title of being Mattoon's 1938 honor student.

Marquis D. Morgan came to Mattoon for the first time in September of 1937, but during the year he has become one of the outstanding student leaders on the campus.

Morgan is an outstanding basketball player. He made the All Tournament Basketball Tourney in Marion. He is, also, a social favorite and is noted for his straight forward outspoken manner. Morgan is very nice looking and bears himself like a true man. We wish him luck, and are glad to have him here.

Leonard Newcom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Newcom. He has been in school here for eight years, and as proof of his faithfulness, we now mention how he rides or drives 10 miles daily to and from school in all kinds of weather.

He is a quiet thoughtful young man who studies carefully and thinks straight. He loves a good time and is very jolly when he is playing his usual good game of volleyball.

If Leonard has made his plans for his career after graduation this spring he does not seem anxious to tell us about them. But here's luck to him in whatever he may wish to do.

Chester Brantley is more widely known as "Tildy." He lives right in front of the school campus, and is always on hand with his jolly disposition. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Brantley, formerly of Wheatcroft. Chester has been with us here only two years. He plays ball, acts well in plays and is a great radio fan. Here's best wishes from all of us to "Tildy" for a very happy and successful life.

Chester C. Newcom is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Newcom of the



Mattoon's winning basketball team of 1938 are front from left: #6 Pete Travis, #8 Sammy Nunn, #9 Floyd Brantley, #2 Marcus Morgan, #3 J. T. Nation, #4 Milton Newcom, #7 Chester Brantley, back from left: Coach Lee Warren Fox, manager Estil Brantley, Jake Lowry, Devan O'Neal, D.A. Nation, William Royce Ladd, George Gahagan, Leonard Earl Roberts and Royce Ladd, assistant coach.

Rosebud community. To schoolmates and friends he is known as Pepper or "Pep." He was born July 28, 1920 and has spent the major part of his school life at Mattoon where he holds an excellent attendance record and has very creditable grades.

A list of Pepper's extra school activities read like a curriculum because he is a born leader always ready to take part in anything worthwhile. For four years he has been on Mattoon's basketball team, and for the past two years has been named on the District All Tournament Team. Also, for the past two years he has been winner of the 100 yard dash for high schools at the county fair. He is also a star baseball player.

Pepper is well liked by both boys and girls and is often pointed out as a young man who will go far in life.

John Thomas Nation is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Nation of Repton. He has spent his entire school days at Mattoon and has a 12-year record of all Bs and As with more As than Bs. He is not only an honor student, but he is a leader in all school activities. He has had a leading part in two or three school plays yearly since he has been in high school.

In addition, he takes part in all sports. During the baseball season he was a star player. His major sport, however, is basketball. He is one on the best ball players in this section of our state. In the district tournament, Nation was the high score man with 39 points to his credit.

J. T. is tall with wavy black hair and impressive

dark eyes. He is a good dresser, giving distinction to whatever clothes he wears. His suits are usually dark tailored and very well chosen.

Above all, J. T. has high moral character which is much respected by his fellows. You will wonder has this young man no bad habits? Yes, he likes to sleep late in the mornings.

April 15, 1938 - Mattoon High Commencement

Festivities begin Sunday afternoon with Baccalaureate at 3 o'clock to usher in the opening of commencement events for the senior class of Mattoon High School.

Commencement exercises will be held Thursday evening at eight and class night is to be observed Tuesday. All exercises will be held in the school auditorium.

Estil Brantley is valedictorian with salutatory honors to Sibyl McDowell. Nelda Lowery is president of the outgoing class.

Members are Nelda Lowery, Sibyl McDowell, Leonard Newcom, John T. Nation, Geneva Cullen, Chester Newcom, Chester Brantley, Frieda Gahagan, Mary Katherine Newcom, Aline Tabor, Kathleen Arnold, Atha Rae Woody, Marguis Morgan, and Estil Brantley.

These special times and activities made lasting memories for the students and their families.

(Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com).

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I would like to thank the people of Crittenden County for their vote of confidence on November 8. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve all of you as your next sheriff.

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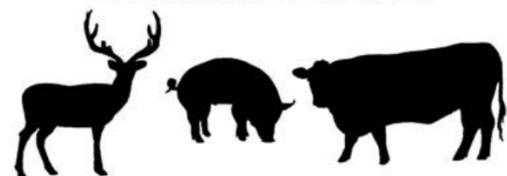
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Rocket basketball team members are (front from left) Gabe Keller, Tyler Belt, Seth Guess, Case Gobin, Preston Morgeson, Bryson Walker, Jaxon Hatfield, Turner Sharp, Tucker Atchison, (back) assistant coach Dawson Jolley, Tyree McLean, Brayden Poindexter, Zach Counts, Kaiden Travis, Travis Champion, Levi Suddoth, Camron Belcher and head coach D.J.Pigg.

Rocket Basketball Schedule

- Nov. 29 at Marshall County
- Dec. 2 Livingston Central
- Dec. 3 Stewart County, Tenn.
- Dec. 5 at McLean County
- Dec. 6 Webster County
- Dec. 9 at Lyon County
- Dec. 13 at Union County
- Dec. 16 at Trigg County
- Dec. 21-22 Logan County Tournament
- Dec. 28- 30 Campbellsville Tournament
- Jan. 7 University Heights
- Jan. 10 at Caldwell, All A Classic
- Jan. 14 at Whitesville Trinity
- Jan. 17 Trigg County
- Jan. 20 at Livingston Central
- Jan. 21 Christian Fellowship
- Jan. 24 Union County
- Jan. 28 at McCracken
- Feb. 3 Lyon County
- Feb. 4 Mayfield
- Feb. 9 Caldwell County
- Feb. 10 Dawson Springs
- Feb. 11 vs Carlisle Co. at Murray State
- Feb. 14 at St. Mary
- Feb. 16 at Hopkins Central

Rockets seek to Pigg out with box of chocolates

STAFF REPORT

To borrow and stretch a bit the nuance from the oft-quoted Forrest Gump line, “Basketball is like a box of chocolates.”

More precisely, brand new Rocketman D.J. Pigg will be biting bits and pieces off the corners until he can find something he likes in his inaugural season.

There’s really no telling what he’s going to get.

The caramel and cream of the crop are two guards who could make about any starting five in the region. At times, Crittenden County junior Travis Champion and senior Preston Morgeson can play at an elite level. For CCHS to be successful they will have to do that day in and day out and the rest of the candy will need to find a flavor with favor.

Among the assortment of supporting pieces will be a bookend bigmen Case Gobin and Zach Counts. They’ve been away from basketball for a time, but both are athletic, have big frames and will bring a taste of toughness to the lineup.

Swingman Seth Guess is another senior, but he’s a long-time program guy. Guess has come up through the ranks and will this season chisel out a regular place on the floor.

“He brings toughness, will get in there and scrap and that’s what our team identity will have to be,” Pigg said.

Like Guess, the frontline will need to be tenacious when it comes to things other than simply scoring. Using their big bodies to screen, leverage

position inside and rebound will be tantamount to the missions of Gobin and Counts.

“Case will be a factor for us. I think he will surprise people,” the coach said.

Counts, too, may be able to knock off the cobwebs a bit quicker than some might predict. He hasn’t played basketball in a couple of years, but like Gobin, he’s coming straight off a successful football season and carries energy and momentum and those are intangibles the new Rocket basketball skipper likes to have in the lineup.

“It was important to get him. He’s not as far behind as you might think. Counts has a good touch around the rim and picks up concepts quickly,” Pigg said.

Junior Jaxon Hatfield will be stepping up to a varsity role this season. The coach would like him to play some point guard to free up his two scorers, but the move will remain a work in progress as the season gets underway.

“Jax is a hard-nosed kid who gets after it at both ends of the floor. He’s another guard that we hope can handle some of the pressure and keep us in what we’re trying to do,” said the skipper.

Champion scored 20 points a game last year and Morgeson 13. They will have to repeat that or more for CCHS to be successful.

“Obviously he will play a big role in what we do offensively,” Pigg said of Champion. “He’s coming off a new problem and has slowly worked himself

Rocket Results THE LAST DECADE

2011-12	.....	11-20
2012-13	.....	15-16
2013-14	.....	9-21
2014-15	.....	16-12
2015-16	.....	5-24
2016-17	.....	7-24
2017-18	.....	7-20
2018-19	.....	11-19
2019-20	.....	16-17
2020-21	.....	13-10
2021-22	.....	14-17

back. He’s made leaps and bounds of progress lately and we will expect a lot from him at both ends of the floor. He’s our top returning rebounder, too.”

Morgeson is a streaky scorer with an uncanny ability to nail the big shot. He’s also a lockdown defender when he can control his energy.

“He definitely plays a big role in what we will do this year,” the coach said of Morgeson.

Pigg, a 2016 Marshall County High School graduate, played high school basketball for the Marshals and came to CCHS after serving as an assistant coach at Graves County. Parachuting in from those big programs to a small school will provide its own challenges for the first-year coach. Finding depth hasn’t been something of historic concern, but with the Rockets he will need to develop a bench with a big box of assorted abilities.

If Crittenden County hopes

to maintain its Fifth District role as the perennial runner-up – after four straight second-place finishes – it will need to grow up quickly as league play begins Friday at home against Livingston Central. That will be a critical game for the Rockets, as will its matchups with Trigg County. There’s not a bookmaker in the country giving odds for anyone other than Lyon County to win the district champion. Lyon is ranked among the state’s top 10 and has already knocked off No. 3 Louisville Trinity, albeit in a preseason scrimmage.

Crittenden has gone to the regional tournament five years in a row, and last won a district championship in 2008. It was just the third one of those in history.

Coming off a 14-17 season, Crittenden returns only Champion and Morgeson from its top 10. Guess, Hatfield, Turner Sharp and Gabe Keller were largely JV players who got into the final minutes of less than half of last year’s varsity games. Grooming that group and a few others will be essential for Pigg to have a good start to his Rocket coaching career.

Sharp has proven he can shoot. When he sees the ball go in the basket early, Sharp can find offensive rhythm and get on a roll. He will play a key role in big minutes this season. Keller is long and athletic. He’s a guy who can develop a touch around the basket and become a central figure in the paint.

Junior Tyler Belt, who plays baseball and football, is now going to give high school bas-

CCHS VARSITY ROSTER

Seniors

- Number, Player, Height
- 2 Preston Morgeson 5’10
- 15 Case Gobin 6’5
- 23 Seth Guess 5’11
- 32 Zach Counts 6’3

Juniors

- 5 Jaxon Hatfield 5’10
- 22 Tyler Belt 6’0
- 2 Travis Champion 6’3
- 11 Turner Sharp 6’0
- 12 Gabe Keller 6’3

Sophomores

- 14 Tucker Atchinson 5’10
- 24 Kaiden Travis 6’0
- 3 Camron Belcher 5’8
- 13 Tyree McLean 5’11

Freshmen

- 30 Brayden Poindexter 6’3
- 4 Bryson Walker 5’10
- 10 Levi Suddoth 5’9

ketball a try. Coach Pigg likes Belt’s energy and athleticism.

From the freshman ranks, Bryson Walker is a light of hope for the future. He can do it all and has a high basketball IQ. Handling the physicality of a varsity schedule this go round will be his greatest challenge, but Pigg expects big things going forward from the ninth grader.

Others among the cast of characters who will be scratching for playing time will be Kaiden Travis, Brayden Poindexter, Tucker Atchison, Tyree McLean and Levi Suddeth.

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Basketball Games

FRIDAY

Rockets host Livingston Central
Lady Rockets host Livingston Central

SATURDAY

Lady Rockets host Stewart Co., Tenn.
Rockets host Stewart Co., Tenn.

MONDAY

Rockets at McLean County

TUESDAY

Rockets host Webster County
Lady Rockets at Caldwell County

Middle school summaries

GIRLS

7th Grade Crittenden 38, Reidland 21
Abigail Champion 11, Jordyn Hodge 17, Sarah Grau 2, Lex Smith 2, Kylie Hunt 2, Caroline Martin 2.

8th Grade Crittenden 52, Reidland 24
J.Hodge 22, A.Champion 11, Morgan Stewart 13, Charlee Munday 4, Brenna Kemmer 2.



Lady Rockets lose by dozen at Graves County

The Lady Rockets were overmatched by Graves County in Monday's season opener at Mayfield. The Lady Eagles were bigger and just as quick as Crittenden County and won the game 59-47. The Eagle girls led by as many as 22, but settled for a 12-point win.

Crittenden senior Taylor Guess led all scorers with 26 points. CCHS missed 10 foul shots and didn't shoot well from the floor either.

Graves was a First Region finalist last season after posting a 24-7 record. Lady Eagles sophomore Hannah Glisson, one of region's best players, scored 20 for Graves and had double-digit scoring help from two teammates.

Crittenden Co.	6	21	30	47
Graves Co.	15	30	51	59
CRITTENDEN - Taylor Guess 26, Natalie Boone 11, Anna Boone 6, Addie Hatfield 2, Elliot Evans 2, Andrea Federico, Elle McDaniel, Chloe Hunt. FG 13. 3-pointers 4 (N.Boone 3, Guess). FT 17-27.				
GRAVES - Riley 6, Spann 13, Glisson 20, Alexander 11, Hayden 3, Thompson 2, Scott, Winfrey 2, Martin 2, Burgess, Fowler. FG 20. 3-pointers 8. FT 11-15.				

Rockets open season at tough Marshall Co.

First-year Crittenden County boys' basketball coach D.J. Pigg's debut was on the same floor where he was a star player only six years ago. The homecoming didn't go too good for his Rockets as Marshall County won Tuesday's season-opening matchup 66-29.

The Marshals jumped out early as Crittenden had very few rebounds in the first half and was unable to match Marshals' shooting accuracy.

Pigg said he saw improvements, particularly the second half. He expects the transition from football to basketball will take some time for a few of the Rockets.

Jaxon Hatfield led CCHS's scoring with 14 points, mostly from 3-point range, and Travis Champion scored 12.

Crittenden will have a key district matchup against Livingston Central Friday at Rocket Arena.

Crittenden	6	15	26	29
Marshall	23	43	60	66
CRITTENDEN - Travis Champion 12, Jaxon Hatfield 14, Levi Suddoth 1, Case Gobin 2, Bryson Walker, Zach Counts, Seth Guess, Turner Sharp, Gabe Keller, Kaiden Travis, Tyler Belt. FG 9. 3-pointers 7 (Hatfield 4, Champion 3). FT 4-10.				
MARSHALL - Moore 7, Wall 11, Staples 5, Wallace 13, Phelps 12, Davis 4, Binkley 2, Thompson 2, Robertson 7, Wilson 1, Parker 2, Reynolds, Hall. FG 23. 3-pointers 7. FT 11-15.				

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Lady Rocket Basketball team members are (front from left) Chloe Hunt, Anna Boone, manager Alyssa Woodall, Addie Hatfield, Taylor Guess, Natalie Boone, manager Kady Parrish, Elliot Evans, Elle McDaniel (back) assistant coach Jessie Mathieu, manager Brianna Walker, Lex Smith, Andrea Federico, Charlee Munday, Morgan Stewart, Bristyn Rushing, Madison Walker, Georgia Holeman, Jordyn Hodge, assistant coaches Madison Champion and Bristyn Prowell and head coach Shannon Hodge.

Lady Rockets gear up with big gun

STAFF REPORT

The symbol for a 30th anniversary is a pearl, and if Shannon Hodge's 30th season lives up to the preseason hype, Lady Rocket fans are in for a gem.

Hodge has what she considers one of the best teams in the Second Region led by seniors Taylor Guess, Natalie Boone and Addy Hatfield. This year's varsity roster has no junior or sophomores, but does include seven freshmen and most of them played a good bit in varsity games last year.

The coach expects her team to be competitive with everybody on the schedule, including regional contenders Madisonville and Webster County, as well as the Fifth District's Livingston, Lyon and Trigg counties.

"It doesn't matter what the records are, it's going to be a dog fight every time you go out for a district game," Hodge said. "Our district is very competitive, emotional and it's fun - that's what basketball is all about."

Arguably one of the best players in the Second Region, Guess is the centerpiece of the squad. She averaged 21.3 points a year ago and is the all-time leading scorer in CCHS history. She is poised to become the first member of the school's 2,000 point club this season and very likely will become the Fifth District All-Time Leading scorer at some point this winter. Guess had 1,900 points to start the season and scored 26 in Monday's opening loss at Graves County. She needs 325 points to tie the district scoring mark currently held by Sandra Oliver, who finished her career in 1981 at Lyon County.

"Taylor is our go-to, and I have a biased opinion to some degree, but I think she is the best player in region," Hodge said. "She can score from three-point range, hit the pull-up jumper, and get to the line because she gets fouled a lot."

"She is the complete package. She is very unselfish, but she feels it when she needs to take over a little bit. She is also very apt to give up the ball because she wants to get others involved."

Hodge said fans can expect plenty of three-balls this season - in fact, she says her team shoots more threes than any other team she's

Coch Shannon Hodge

2nd Region Champ 2011
Region Semifinalist 2010, 2011, 2022
All A Region Champ 1998, 1999, 2001, 2008, 2011, 2017, 2021
District Champion 2011, 2017, 2018, 2022



Records Under Coach

1993-94	6-19	2008-09	11-9
1994-95	15-13	2009-10	13-14
1995-96	11-14	2010-11	21-9
1996-97	17-9	2011-12	4-24
1997-98	12-14	2012-13	4-23
1998-99	14-13	2013-14	7-18
1999-00	11-15	2014-15	16-12
2000-01	11-16	2015-16	15-16
2001-02	5-20	2016-17	25-8
2002-03	6-18	2017-18	15-14
2003-04	12-13	2018-19	14-14
2004-05	11-16	2019-20	18-11
2005-06	16-10	2020-21	16-5
2006-07	6-20	2021-22	23-8
2007-08	13-12	Total	368-407

coached in her long tenure.

Perhaps no one is more capable of draining threes than senior Natalie Boone.

Boone is an outside scoring threat and a scrappy defender. She can also score off the bounce. Hodge said Boone has the highest basketball IQ on the court and is very physical on defense.

"If there is a player on the perimeter or if we're playing somebody we can't lose in transition, Natalie understands those things. She's the player I can say, 'I need you to do this on defense,' and she can do it because she's conscious of what I'm saying."

Playing the post for CCHS again this year is senior Addie Hatfield. Hodge says her center deserves a Warrior Award. She isn't the tallest on the court, but she battles with the bigs.

"She's stronger, has gotten on the leader board in the weight room in advanced PE and is getting more and more comfortable with her offense in the post," Hodge said. "She is rebounding well, and when there is that person I think has to be our leader on the boards, it has to be Addie."

Hodge will rely heavily on an athletic freshman class since there are no sophomores or juniors on the team. Seven of the 10 varsity players are freshmen, but Hodge said they are used to winning and have high standards.

The other half of the Boone

sisters duo, Anna Boone, is a lefty capable of carrying some of the scoring load this season. She started as an eighth-grader last year and has tools to create havoc on the defensive end. She can also drive and score, or pop threes.

Hodge expects the Boone sisters to attract defensive pressure which will free up Guess and possibly alleviate some of the double- and triple-teaming Guess typically attracts.

"Anna Boone will get experience that will be needed to take care of the ball-handling chore next year," Hodge said. "She's quick, long and lean. She can really bother people with her length and athleticism."

Boone has been in the weight room in the offseason and is remarkably strong for her size, Hodge says.

"I think you will see that reflected in how she plays."

Last year's sixth man, Elliot Evans is the team's Energizer bunny.

"She gets our pressure going when we're pressing and she jumps better than anyone on our team. She is so athletic," Hodge said. "She shoots the ball really well, rebounds really well, jumps so well, and is so quick. You can expect her to score, defend, rebound and get better as the season progresses."

Expect minutes from Hodge's freshman bench, including Chloe Hunt, Andrea Federico, Elle McDaniel, Bristyn Rushing and Georgia Holeman. Add to that a couple of eighth graders - Morgan Stewart and Charlee Munday - and seventh graders Jordyn Hodge and Lex Smith, all of whom will join the Lady Rockets' JV squad when their middle school schedule ends.

Hodge expects each of the freshmen to provide quality minutes and praises the work ethic each has put in during the offseason. Most everyone on the team has been in the high school's advanced physical education class, which has gotten them into shape and increased their strength and endurance.

Federico is versatile, strong and has a nose for the ball, the coach said. Hunt handles the ball well and shoots well. McDaniel is the bulldog who makes things happen with her tenacity and grit.

At 5-foot-10, Rushing is

CCHS VARSITY ROSTER

Seniors

Number, Player, Height
3 Addie Hatfield, 5'7"
10 Taylor Guess, 5'9"
11 Natalie Boone, 5'6"

Freshmen

2 Anna Boone, 5'8"
22 Elliot Evans, 5'7"
20 Andrea Federico, 5'6"
00 Chloe Hunt, 5'5"
41 Elle McDaniel, 5'2"
15 Georgia Holeman, 5'5"
25 Bristyn Rushing, 5'10"

Lady Rocket

Basketball Schedule

Girls Basketball Schedule
Nov. 28 at Graves County
Dec. 2 Livingston Central
Dec. 3 Stewart County, Tenn.
Dec. 6 at Caldwell County
Dec. 9 at Lyon County
Dec. 13 Union County
Dec. 16 at Trigg County
Dec. 22 at Owensboro
Dec 26-29 at Orlando, Fla.
Jan. 5 at Christian County
Jan. 9 Caldwell, All A at CCHS
Jan. 17 Trigg County
Jan. 24 Madisonville
Jan. 26 Caldwell County
Jan. 28 at Carlisle County
Jan. 31 at Paducah Tilghman
Feb. 3 Lyon County
Feb. 4 Mayfield
Feb. 7 Calloway County
Feb. 11 at Union County
Feb. 14 at Hopkins Central
Feb. 16 at Hopkinsville

the tallest on the team and is a good rebounder with a soft touch around the basket. Holeman has God-given quickness, the coach said, and like the other freshmen has benefitted from extra weightlifting, agility and footwork in the preseason.

The Lady Rockets open defense of their 2022 Fifth District championship on Friday when Livingston Central comes to Marion. Livingston could very well be Crittenden's greatest threat in the league, but Lyon and Trigg counties each have some talented pieces to build around. This season, CCHS would like to win its second ever back-to-back district crown and the fifth in team history.

"We want to be the best defensive team in the region, and I think we have the tools to be, but it requires that maximum level of effort and next-level play that I think we've got, we just have to get there," Hodge said.

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Student Legislation is Best of Program CCHS bills pass with colors

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

A group of Crittenden County High School juniors and seniors walked away from the recent KYA Youth Assembly (KYA) event with impressive group and individual honors. CCHS delegates received the Outstanding Bill Package Award, edging out 35 other schools in the competition. Senior Carly Towery was among 25 students chosen from 1,100 participants as an Outstanding Delegate.

The awards were earned at the annual KYA Conference in Louisville. KYA, a student mock government, is designed to resemble the government of the commonwealth. The goal at KYA is to design a bill or an amendment to an existing bill and write it as it would appear in a real Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS). Once written, the students present the bill to a mock House of Representatives. If passed, it goes to the Senate (or vice versa) and then on to be signed or vetoed by a

student acting as governor.

The CCHS team consisted of seniors Callie Dempsey, Carly Towery, Raegan Peak and Lexie Partee and juniors Marley Phelps, Aria Kirk, Ava Henry, Maddie Travis and Hannah Long. Young Politicians advisor and social studies teacher Howard Suggs accompanied them, along with business teacher Misty Tinsley.

Suggs said the group spent weeks planning, developing, researching and writing in order to prevent their bills before the mock General Assembly. The senior group presented a Commonwealth Bill, which proposed a new set of standards in teaching sex education in the classroom. Current law only provides for the teaching of abstinence as a method of birth control. This group felt the law should be revised to include topics including consent, STDs and alternate forms of birth control while emphasizing abstinence

as ideal. The junior group presented a Bluegrass Bill, designed to amend an existing statute related to law enforcement training. The amendment stated that training must include verbal and nonverbal communication techniques for domestic violence victims who feel they cannot communicate to law enforcement their abuse in customary means.

Each group presented the bills to respective chambers, and each earned high ranking marks, which allowed them to move forward in the competition. Both the Commonwealth and Bluegrass bills passed both the House and Senate and were signed into mock law, earning them Premiere Delegation status among 36 schools represented.

The Outstanding Bill Package earned by CCHS was presented to only one of the attending schools, making CCHS's mock legislation the best researched, best written and best presented for both



The CCHS award-winning, mock-legislative team was made up of (front from left) Aria Kirk, Alexis Partee, Hannah Long, Maddie Travis, (back) Carly Towery, Raegan Peak, Callie Dempsey, Marley Phelps and Ava Henry.

the Bluegrass and Commonwealth bills.

"This is an impressive award that is usually not handed to smaller schools like CCHS,"

Suggs said. "The hard work and dedication these girls put into their research and presentations is impressive."

Livingston school board approves work to build lagoon

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Livingston County Board of Education met in regular session in November at North Livingston Elementary.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by North Livingston Elementary student Eli Ellis.

The board recognized Michelle Keeling, the LiveRED recipient for November. She has served as the new district finance director with humbleness, confidence and with a willingness to serve and listen, the board said in the acknowledgement.

The board heard a couple of facility and maintenance updates, including work on a septic situa-

tion at the north campus. The district will build a second lagoon to solve the problem and dress up the area with trees and shrubs.

The district has made a capital funds request for \$155,453.73 for fiscal year 2023 to fund the septic repair.

The board was also notified about projects being undertaken through the performance contract including the new HVAC system that will be used solely for the gymnasium at Livingston Central High School, and new LED lighting will be installed throughout each of the schools.

Technology specialist

Don Winters said 112 new devices have been ordered for district teachers, staff and administrators that will replace antiquated devices. It was also shared that all internet access points have been replaced in the district to provide better WiFi and that network provider services for the district will go out for bid in December.

Superintendent Dr. David Meinschein also provided a finance update. He and Michelle Keeling recently met with Moody's Investors Service in New York and gave a presentation that resulted in an A1 bond rating which is better than

the A2 the district was projected to receive. This will save the district a considerable amount of money for bond sales and close to \$40,000 during the course of the loan for constructing a new school board office on the Cutoff Road.

It was reported that the old central office building in Smithland has officially been surrendered to the fiscal court.

A COPS grant was received by the district that will help pay for a portion of the new school resource officer salary.

Riley Martin and Sydney Stewart were the stu-

dents selected as nominees for the KSBA First Degree Scholarship, and Casen Render and Madcie Norton are CTE Scholarship nominees.

The board approved the calendar committee for the district and David Kitchens as the board's representative.

Anna Herr, a CPA with Duguid, Gentry and Associates, gave the annual district audit report, which was a clean audit outcome signifying that financial statements are free from material misstatements and non-compliance.

The school board approved a bid from Farm-

ers Bank for the LAVEC grant. The interest returned for the year is projected to be approximately \$106,000.

The board also approved the KETS first offer of assistance in the amount of \$12,676 which will be matched by the district to provide more technology needs throughout the school system.

The November meeting and all recent meetings are made available by video on the district website. The next regular meeting is 6 p.m., Dec. 12 at Livingston Central High School.

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