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BASIC LIFE SUPPORT CLASS

Crosswalk, a Crittenden County High School outreach program, is partnering with Baptist Health's education department to provide a training in Basic Life Support. The training will be held in the CCHS Library from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 5. This training is open to any high school student or their parents. If you would like to attend, please contact Jeff Hughes at 270-965-2248 or email jeff.hughes@crittenden.kyschools.us. There are only 15 slots available for this training. Deadline to register is Monday, Dec. 2.



SMITHLAND BRIDGE OPEN

The Smithland Bridge crossing the Cumberland River in Livingston County is back open full time after being closed periodically for repairs over the past few weeks. It re-opened to regular traffic on Monday. Vehicles up to 80,000 pounds may now use the bridge. The repair project included replacement of beams damaged by overweight trucks crossing the structure, according to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. A new bridge across the river at Smithland is expected to be built in about 2 years.



FOOD BANK FRIDAY

Crittenden County Food Bank will have its pre-Thanksgiving food distribution Friday. The December distribution will be held on Friday, Dec. 20.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will meet in regular session at 8:30 a.m., next Thursday at the Crittenden County Courthouse.
- **Crittenden County Board of Education** will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday in the high school library.

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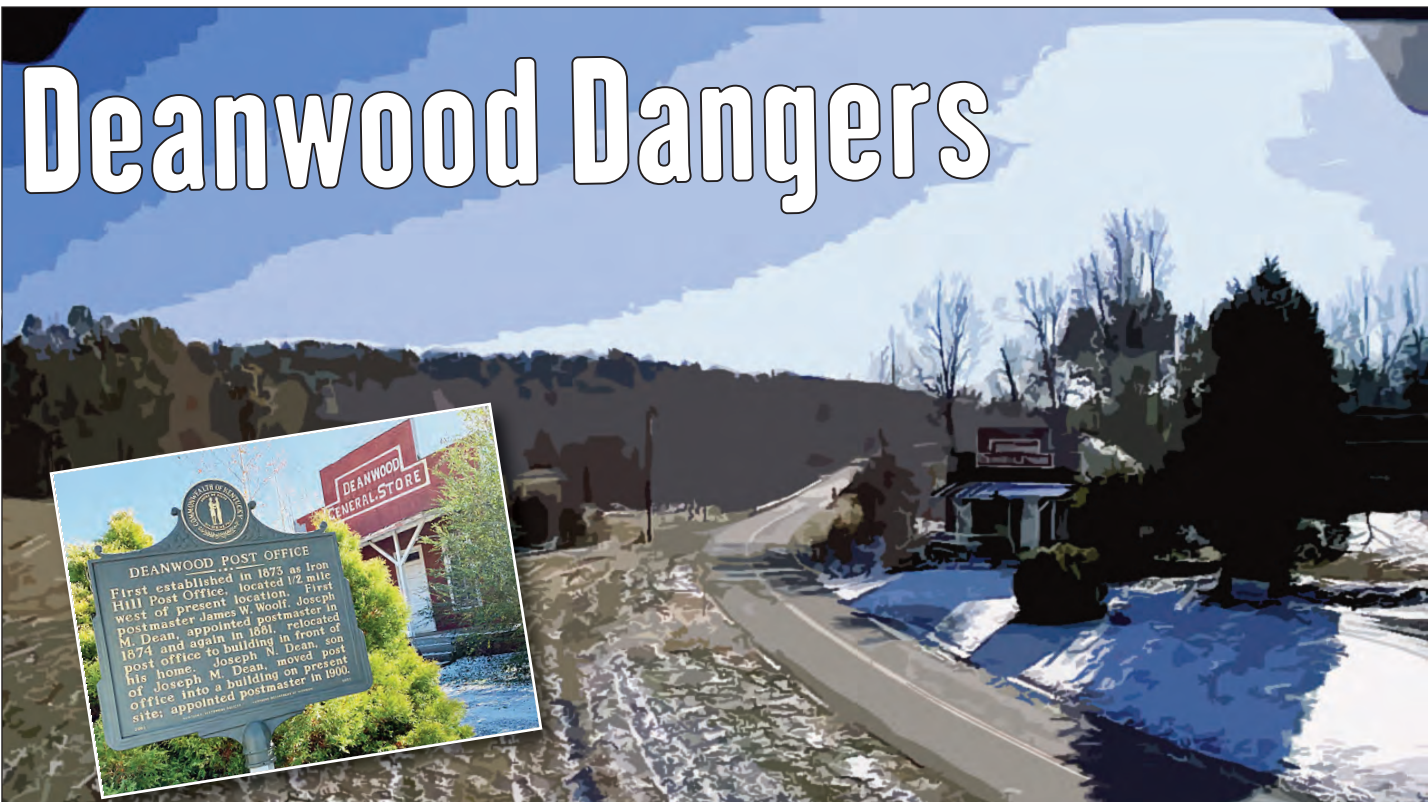
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Deanwood Dangers

STAFF REPORT

Speed, wet pavement, narrow highway, blind curve. The dangers mount as motorists approach what is locally known as Deanwood curve.

Blame it on what you will, but local leaders say that stretch of Ky. 120 about nine miles east of Marion is perhaps the most notorious in the county, now that issues have been largely resolved at Rosebud.

Crittenden County Magistrate Dan Wood, who serves residents in the Deanwood area, says the highway at that curve is dangerous and needs attention, such as was given to the equally treacherous Rosebud Hill area on U.S. 60 East.

The county magistrate has been pushing for improved safety measures at Deanwood for years, and there have been some small victories. The Kentucky Department of Highways has installed large yellow signs and smaller chevron (curve direction) signs, warning



County Magistrate Dan Wood describes why Deanwood curve is potentially hazardous to motorists, particularly after a rain.

drivers about the bend in the highway. Additionally, the state lowered the speed limit to 35 mph through the curve. Yet Wood says that's not enough. He has been lobbying state legislators and highway department officials to lay down a length of non-skid asphalt surface through the curve, similar to what was poured on the highway in the Rosebud area. The anti-skid topping appears to have improved motorist safety in the northern part of

the county around Rosebud where there had previously been a number of fatal and injury accidents over the years.

Since highway improvements were made at Rosebud, Sheriff's Deputy Ray Agent said accidents have almost been wiped out.

"Now, there are more at Deanwood," he said.

Wood says the troublesome curve of highway at Deanwood is made more menacing for a couple of rea-

sons. There is a latent rise in the pavement in front of the old Deanwood General Store (which has been closed for many decades). The driveways leading to the old store, which is on the National Registry of Historic Places, create a "little bump" to the roadway, Wood explains.

"You can't really see it, but you can feel it in your car," Wood says describing the lift that seems to vault east-bound traffic – particularly vehicles traveling too fast or during wet conditions – across the highway and into the ditch.

Wood, who is an officer and volunteer with the Shady Grove Fire Department, said there have been a number of accidents at Deanwood in the past 20-plus years – a couple within the last two or three months have been potentially serious. He said a traveling nurse was coming through in late summer and missed the curve. Her vehicle

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Dog's Bounty

Fredonia woman tracking down wounded deer

STAFF REPORT

Dog the Deer Hunter may one day provide a profitable bounty business for a relocated northerner who's found a home in rural Crittenden County.

JoEllen Roberts of the Fredonia area has become fascinated with the pursuit of wounded whitetail deer. She and her six-month-old German Shepherd, Chief, are quickly earning their stripes. So far this hunting season the two have tracked down a dozen deer.

Sure, there have been some misfires, but Roberts thinks there is a future for her and the canine.

The Michigan native and U.S. Air Force veteran ended up in western Kentucky after meeting her current



JoEllen Roberts and her dog Chief (left) pose with a muzzleloader season find, and a happy Georgia hunter who got her trophy.

boyfriend, Jim Ed Gill, who was at the time working up North as an ironworker. Together they operate a commercial fishing enterprise, netting invasive Asian carp and selling them to the Lyon County Port Authority.

Roberts grew up in the outdoors. She laughs while telling the story that her father had a house full of girls, she being the youngest.

"I was his last chance for a boy," she said. "He didn't get a son so he got me into hunting."

Roberts, 23, was introduced to tracking two years ago when her boyfriend crippled a

deer and reached out to On Track K-9 Deer Recovery Services, a tracking outfit in Clay.

The next season, she wounded a deer and turned to the canine service again. That time, it clicked.

She discussed opportunities to learn the trade from dog handler Lance Brantley of the Clay K-9 service, went on tracks to learn the methods and proce-



Roberts

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The proposed sidewalk improvement would start here on West Carlisle, go to the corner at Farmers Bank and turn right along Main Street down to West Elm.

City not so sure on sidewalk plan

STAFF REPORT

Decisions are never easy. Marion City Council is trying to figure out whether it wants to invest about 33 percent more money than anticipated in a sidewalk project that some say is low on the priority list when it comes to the community's actual needs.

The problem is, this project which is funded largely through a federal grant originally applied for a few years ago, has rung up a pretty good design and engineering bill already. Scrapping the plan now would mean the city defaults on the grant, and is ultimately liable for \$45,000 that's already owed.

It's share now at about \$80,000 of a more than \$300,000 project, Mar-

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PHOTO BY EMMIE SMITH

Newcomers on stage

Community Arts Foundation newcomers Phillis Hardin (left) and Sydney Wynn (standing) made their acting debut last weekend during the performance of the Boardinghouse, directed by Phyllis Sykes. Pictured at right is Becky Tyner-Belt.

THROW BACK THURSDAY
OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879



Fifty years ago this week, Coach George Whitecotton was preparing his seven-member basketball squad for its opening game with Fredonia. Standing from left are Jerry Franklin, Mike Heffington, Nicky Davis, Mike Howard, Skip Hawkins and (kneeling) Dennis Porter and Wayne Gass.

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Thursday, Nov. 20

- Debra Sue Boone and Eddie Campbell were winners in the county-wide 4-H King and Queen Contest. They represented the Teen-Age Club in the competition.
- The Crittenden County Gun Club hosted an open shoot offering still targets, trap shooting, ham shoots, turkey shoots and 60/40 shoots.

25 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Thursday, Nov. 17

- A ribbon tying ceremony was held in recognition with the rejuvenation of ferry services between Crittenden County and Cave-in-Rock, Ill. On the first full day of service, there were 554 passenger vehicles which crossed the Ohio River on the ferry.
- The Community Arts Foundation produced its own version of the play "Blithe Spirit" written by Noel Coward. The play was directed by Eric Larue and was comprised of a seven-member cast including B.J. Tinsley, Patricia Crider, Linda McDowell, Shanna Moore, Jamie Hollis, Teresa Hastie and Ramona Ford.
- Crittenden County High School Chorus students Angela Cozart, Scott Lander, Heather Millikan, Jared Boone, Jennifer Schrimsher, Jimmy Odom and Bambi Love attended the 49th annual Quad-State Choral Festival held in Murray. They were accompanied by chorus director Linda Brown.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Thursday, Nov. 19

- The Marion City Council narrowly approved a plan to build a new fire station on the corner of Main and West Bellville Streets. Mayor Mickey Alexander cast the deciding vote among a split, 3-3 council decision.
- County Attorney Rebecca Johnson and the Crittenden County Child Support office were recognized for their improved ranking in the state. Out of Kentucky's 120 counties, the local child support office, headed by caseworkers Brenda Croft and Micki Crider, jumped from 102nd to fourth.



Winters propane presenter

Crittenden County Schools' transportation director Wayne Winters was a presenter at the Propane Autogas Answers Lunch and Learn Nov. 8 in Louisville. Winters spoke about Crittenden County's experience with propane buses. Crittenden County has been a leader in the state for use of propane buses in their fleets.

Bank to lead Fredonia Christmas parade

The annual Fredonia Christmas parade will be held at 6 p.m., Dec. 6.

"Small Town Christmas" is the theme of the parade.

Michelle Travis is coordinator of the parade, which this year will honor Fredonia Valley Bank's service to the community.

Travis said the committee chose to honor the bank's employees as grand marshals since the

bank is celebrating its 125th year in business.

To enter the parade,
contact Travis at (270)
625-6936

A tree lighting ceremony is tentatively scheduled to follow the parade.

More details on this event and others in the Fredonia Valley can be found on the community's Facebook page, What's Happening in Fredonia.

Letters to the Editor

Shady Grove breakfast big success

To the Editor:

Shady Grove
Volunteer Fire
Department would like to
thank all those who
participated in the
annual Deer Hunter
Breakfast, whether
through volunteering to
help prepare the meal or
joining us for the

breakfast.

This is our largest fundraising event of the year and helps us keep our equipment up to standards so that we may provide quality fire protection to the community.

We also want to congratulate Shawn Robey of Evansville on winning the gun raffle.

Dan Wood

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Alarm catches Salem woman in building

STAFF REPORT

A Salem woman was jailed for burglary after getting caught inside a hobby shop in Salem.

Wendi L. Wight, 38, was allegedly caught by a video surveillance system inside a building at 101 Lola Road. Wight gained entrance through the rear of the building at about 4 a.m., Monday, which tripped an alarm, notifying the building's owner.

The owner called for police and Wight was still in the building when law

enforcement arrived on the scene.

The Livingston County Sheriff's Department said it's unclear whether Wight acted alone. She was the only person found in the building, which is directly across Main Street from Farmers Bank, when Sheriff Bobby Davidson arrived.

Wight was charged with one count of felony third-degree burglary and lodged in the McCracken County Jail, where she remained at press time. She was



Wendi Wight

being held on a \$5,000 cash bond.

FSA County Committee ballots due Dec. 2

Ballots to elect a county committee member for the USDA's Farm Service Agency are due on Dec. 2.

The ballots were mailed on Nov. 4 to eligible voters in Crittenden County. Producers must return ballots to the Crittenden/Livingston FSA office by the deadline in order to ensure that their vote is counted.

"County committee members play an important role in their communities and provide a link between the agricultural community and USDA," said Nina Hunt, FSA executive director for Crittenden/Livingston County.

This year, local administrative area No. 1 is up for election and the candidate is Karen Maddux.

Maddux was nominated to serve in Crittenden County for a three-year term. She resides in Marion and is a

producer of hay and livestock.

Maddux is very active in the farming community and has served on several local committees.

Nearly 7,800 FSA county committee members serve FSA offices nationwide. Each committee has three to 11 elected members who serve three-year terms of office. One-third of county committee seats are up for election each year. County committee members apply their knowledge and judgment to help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support programs, conservation programs, indemnity and disaster programs, emergency programs and eligibility.

Producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote in the county committee election.

DEANWOOD

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snapped a utility pole in the opposite right-of-way.

"There were cyclists coming towards her. This highway is on the national cycling trail," Wood said. "If those bikers had been 10 seconds earlier, they'd have been wiped out."

Since then, a young mother with two children in her vehicle crashed in similar fashion, just missing the newly replaced utility pole and a bridge rail and abutment.

"The end cap on that bridge rail has been replaced four times that I remember because of people slamming into it," the magistrate added.

When there has been a period of dry weather followed by a light rain, Wood says the road is like an ice skating rink.

"It becomes so slick you can hardly walk on it. It's extremely slick," he said.

The reduced-skid surface that's now available for troublesome spots like this would be a prudent improvement, Wood said.

"It wouldn't take 100 yards to do the job," Wood said.

Information from the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety says that based on traffic data from 2015-2017, Crittenden County ranks as the second most likely place in Kentucky for a fatal or serious injury accident. The findings were based on an accidents per-vehicle-mile-driven basis (100 million vehicle miles traveled), which is widely considered the most accurate means of measuring highway safety trends, according to the highway safety office.

times we have been down here flagging traffic for wrecks."

Wood and Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom both say the Deanwood area was scheduled to get some blacktop this fall, but an aggregate shortage has left paving companies – particularly Rogers Group which does most of the contract asphaltting in this county – without the necessary resources to fulfill contracts.

Newcom is afraid that postponing the work until next spring could be costly. He is confident that anti-skid paving would have been included in the project had it been kept on schedule this fall. The proposed paving job on Ky. 120 was supposed to have gone from just west of Deanwood to Ky. 132. That distance would have included the curve.

However, Newcom says the certainty may not be as great now because Andy Beshear beat Gov. Matt Bevin in the general election earlier this month.

"You never know if the new administration will have the same philosophy," Newcom said.

Area News Briefs

Unemployment falling in state

Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary October 2019 unemployment rate was 4.3 percent, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS), an agency within the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet (EWDC). The unemployment rate for October 2019 was down from the 4.4 percent reported for September 2019.

The preliminary October 2019 jobless rate was unchanged compared to the 4.3 percent recorded for the state in October 2018.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate for October 2019 was 3.6 percent, up 0.1 percentage points from September 2019, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate and employment levels are seasonally adjusted. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events, such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. However, because of the small sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Labor force statistics, including the unemployment rate, are based on estimates from the Current Population Survey of households. The survey is designed to measure

trends in the number of people working. It includes jobs in agriculture and individuals who are self-employed.

Kentucky civilian labor force was 2,077,025 in October 2019, an increase of 3,771 individuals from September 2019. The number of people employed in October rose by 4,256, while the number unemployed decreased by 485.

In a separate federal survey of business establishments that excludes jobs in agriculture and people who are self-employed, Kentucky's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 3,000 jobs in October 2019 compared to September 2019. Kentucky has added 31,100 jobs since October 2018, for a growth rate of 1.6 percent.

"Kentucky experienced solid employment gains across most of its major sectors in October 2019," said University of Kentucky's Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) Interim Director Mike Clark, Ph.D. "Losses were mainly concentrated in manufacturing, which can be partially attributed to the strike activity, and mining and logging."

yield for corn and 50 bushels per acre yield on soybeans.

"A relatively dry fall helped corn and soybean harvest proceed ahead of normal," said David Knopf director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. "By Nov. 1, most of the corn was harvested and over three quarters of the soybeans had been combined."

Corn production in Kentucky is forecast at 257 million bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast and up 19 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 177 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last month and up 2 bushels from the 2018 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.45 million acres, up 220,000 acres from 2018. The U.S. corn production is forecast at 13.7 billion bushels.

Based on conditions as of Nov. 1, yields are expected to average 167.0 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from last month and down 9.4 bushels from 2018. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.8 million acres, unchanged from the October forecast and up slightly from 2018.

Soybean production for Kentucky is forecast at 84.5 million bushels, up 2 percent from the October forecast and down 14 percent from 2018. Yield was estimated at 50 bushels per acre, up 1 bushels from last month and down 1.0 bushels from a year ago.

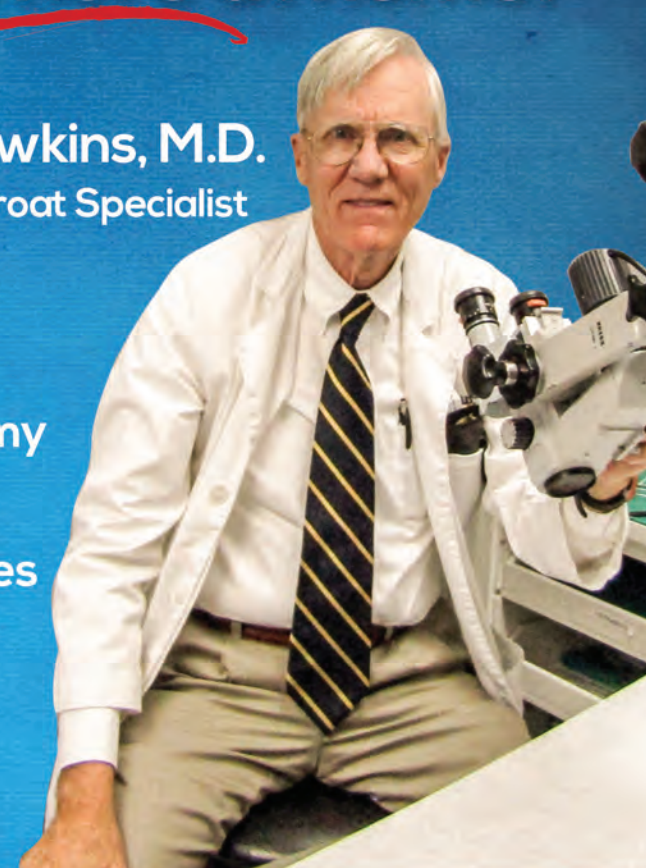
Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.69 million acres, down 240,000 acres from the previous year. U.S. soybean production is forecast at 3.55 billion bushels, down 20 percent from last year.

Corn, soybeans benefit from dry fall weather

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released the November Crop Production report earlier this month, showing a 177 bushels per acre

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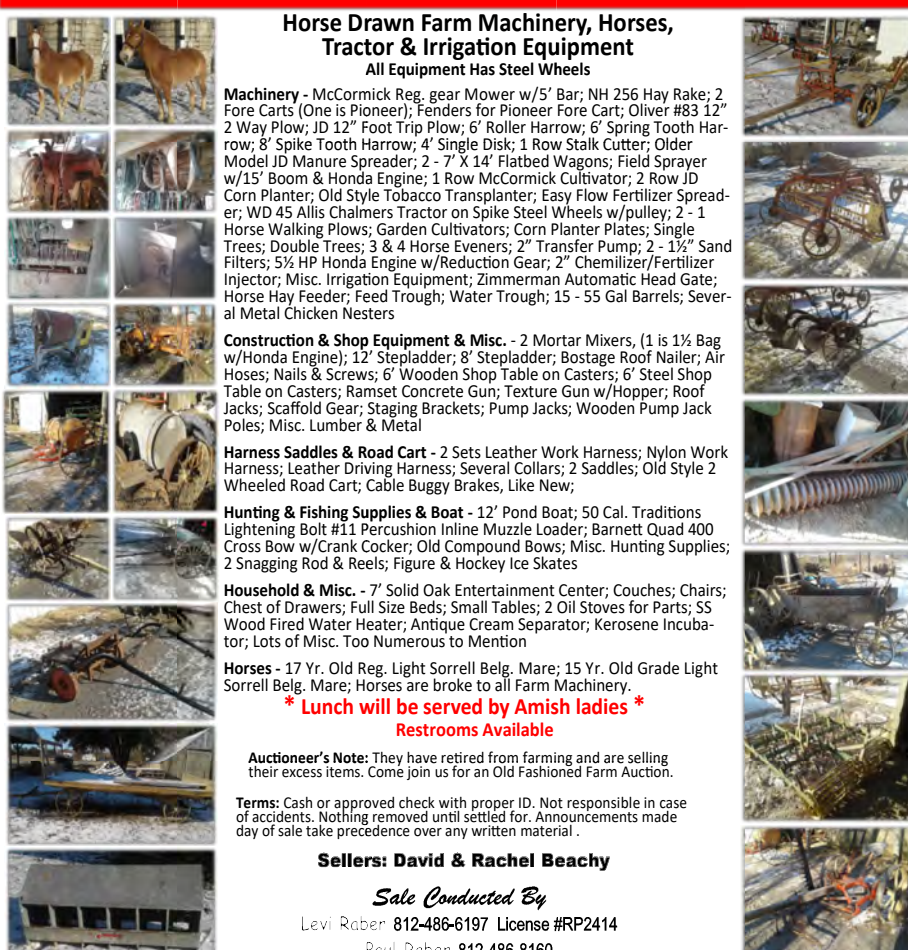
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Salem artwork on display

Salem Main Street's art contest announced winners whose masterpieces will help beautify downtown storefronts. Adult winner was Brenda Foster, and runner up was Jada O'Leary. Student winner was Kate Keller, and runner up was Victoria Crawford.

The artwork will be on display during the Salem Christmas Parade Nov. 30 and will remain on display through spring when a new contest will begin.

Funding for prizes was provided by the City of Salem and Farmers Bank & Trust Co.

Look for artwork in windows belonging to Christina Hunter, the former Movies Plus building and the storage building of Livingston Hospital.

Calendar

– Crittenden County Elementary School's SBDM will meet at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday.

– The teen group, **TAG, at Crittenden County Public Library** will meet after school Tuesday. TAG is for teens age 12-18. Guardians must sign an application form for teens to participate.

– **Lego Robotics** will meet from 3:15-5 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Crittenden County Public Library. Join Kathleen and Brandie in the meeting room to learn how to code the EV3 robots in preparation to compete in upcoming robotics challenges. Register at the circulation desk or at the UK Extension Office.

– Bring your lunch and the Crittenden County Public Library will provide dessert and beverages for a **book club** at 11:30 a.m., Nov. 27. November's book discussion will be on the novel "The Road," by Cormac McCarthy. December's discussion will be on the novel "Underground Railroad," by Colson Whitehead at 11:30 a.m., on Dec. 18.

– The 15th annual **toy and coat drive** sponsored by Cash Express will begin Friday in Marion. Coats, toys and non-perishable food items are being accepted through Dec. 11 and will be delivered prior to Christmas. Donations can be made at Cash Express in Marion. Additionally, the 8th annual Cram the Cruiser is Dec. 12. The police cruiser will be parked at Cash Express 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

– Mark your calendar for Christmas **trivia night** at the Crittenden County Public Library Dec. 13. Bring your team of five members to enjoy holiday treats and family-friendly trivia beginning at 7 p.m. Categories will include all things holly, jolly, merry and bright.

Extension

– The **Quilt Club** will meet at 9:30 a.m., at the Extension office.

4-H events

– **Aerospace Club** meets at 3:15 p.m., Tuesday at the Extension Office.

– **Robotics Club** will meet from 3:15-5 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Crittenden County Public Library.

– The **Dog Club** will meet at 3:15 p.m., Monday at the Extension Annex.

– **Rockology** will meet Thursday (today) from 3:15-4:30 p.m., at the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum.

Submit local events
Community calendar is designed for individuals, non-profit organizations and government entities to publicize meetings and events. Call (270) 965-3191 or email pressnews@the-press.com or stop by our office at 125 E. Bellville St. in Marion.



Official business

The Livingston CARE Clinic, a new medical office operated by Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services, held a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday. Employees and providers were joined by members of the community for the celebratory event, including (front from left) Leah Tramble, Delaine Riordan, Alicia Clark APRN, Sharon Hodges APRN, Tiffany Newcom, Carla Holeman, Margie Walker, (back) Liz Snodgrass, Lee Ann Keller, APRN, Dustin Walker, APRN, Marilyn Belt, Teresa Robertson, Tashena Hill, Amber Armstrong, Rose Dempsey, Fallon Moore.

4-H Banquet



Crittenden County 4-H held its annual banquet last weekend, honoring successful club members and adult supporters.

Awards presented included the following:

- Outstanding Junior 4-H'er - Luke Young
- Outstanding Junior 4-H'er - Taylor Haire
- Outstanding 1st year 4-H'er - Emme Lynch
- Outstanding Senior 4-H'er – Harley Wesley & Josie Tapp
- Leadership Award – Maggie Blazina
- Communication Award – Paul Combs
- Civic Engagement Award – Maegan Potter
- Rising Cloverbud – Caroline Martin
- Friends of 4-H - Crittenden County Bus



4-H officers are (from left) Josie Tapp, Maggie Blazina, Anzie Gobin, Morgan Barnes, Harley Wesley and Maegan Potter.

Garage

- Volunteer of the Year -Carolyn Belt. Belt has been the 4-H treasurer in Crittenden County for 34 years.
- 10-year 4-H members- Lily Cox and Anzie Gobin

For more information about 4-H, contact Leslea Barnes at the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236.

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The family of Barbara Goolsby

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank Teenie Murray, Rita Binkley, the Stone Family and all of those who helped with the benefit. It will be a huge help with all my medical bills! The last six years have been very difficult for me in many ways. Thanks to all who prepared food, served and donated, and thank you to the Stone Family for their beautiful singing and those who made donations at the bank.

I apologize for having to leave, as they were wanting me to go to Mayo to give the approval for surgery. However, I was unable to wait because I had to have emergency surgery the week of the benefit. It, along with all my other problems, are slowing down the healing process. In addition, they found other medial problems.

Please keep us in your prayers as I fight to overcome this surgery and everything else, plus as we face the upcoming sixth anniversary of Mike's death on Dec. 3.

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Raffle tickets

The Crittenden County Senior Center is selling raffle tickets for a boneless fully-cooked ham. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The ham was donated by A Cut Above meat market in Marion. Drawing will be held Dec. 20.

Upcoming menu and activities include:

Thursday - Menu is pulled pork, pork gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, cornbread and pineapple delight.

Friday - Menu is beef stroganoff with noodles, cucumber salad, wheat roll and banana pudding. Bingo will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Monday - Menu is frankfurter with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, peach cobbler, cornbread and margarine. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday – Menu is spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli salad, garlic breadstick and apple crisp.

Nov. 27 – Menu is baked chicken, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and banana pudding. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Anyone who plans to attend the Thanksgiving lunch Nov. 27 is encouraged to make reservations by Nov. 21.

The center will be closed Nov. 28-29 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Jennings

Lynda Jennings, 75, of Salem died Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She had retired from clerical work in the medical field. She was a caregiver and enjoyed working with flowers.

Surviving are her daughter, Melissa Ann (James) Manhart of Hampton; son, Kevin (Christina) Hall of Cibolo, Texas; sister, Mary Ruth Ferguson of Marston, Mo.; three brothers, Jimmy Swilley and Gary Don Swilley, both of Portageville, Mo., and Steve Swilley of Conrad, Mo.; and three grandchildren, Christen Manhart, Chase Manhart and Daniel Hall.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Larry Hall; her second husband, William H. Jennings; two brothers, Larry Swilley and Jerry Swilley; a grandchild, Zachary Austin Manhart; and her parents, Royce Vires and Ruth Attberry Swilley.

Services were Saturday, Nov. 9 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. James Oates officiating. Burial was at Good Hope Cemetery.



Koon

Harry Steve Koon, 76, of Marion died Monday, Nov. 11, 2019 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He served his country as a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. Koon enjoyed a long career in corrections serving as a warden at multiple correctional institutions across the United States and ended his career as a security consultant for the State of Hawaii.

Surviving are his daughters Toyia (Bennett) Redd of Marion; Diana Nanninga of Pontiac, Ill.; son Stephen A. Koon of Evansville; and sisters Henry Etta (Neal) Ramage of Daytona Beach Shores, Fla., and Sherrie (Jeff) McFee of Chapmansboro, Tenn.; and his faithful canine companion, Satan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Marian Constance Harpending Koon.; and a son, Jeffery Lynn Koon.

A private family service was held.

Myers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Area Deaths

Moss

Alene Moss, 80, of Marion died Monday, Nov. 11, 2019 at her home. She was a member of Church of God In Christ in Sturgis

Survivors include several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Nona Moss; four brothers; and four sisters.

Graveside services were Saturday, Nov. 16 at Lewis Cemetery.

Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

McMain

Jesse Thomas McMain Jr., 61, of Marion died Friday, Nov. 15, 2019 at Crittenden Community Hospital in Marion.

He was a welder and enjoyed hunting and fishing, particularly deer and coon hunting.

Surviving are his wife of 41 years, Amanda McMain; a daughter, Samantha (Damion) Greer of Salem; a son, Matthew (Toree) McMain of Murray; a sister, Lautrieve Davis of Bendera, Texas; and a grandchild, Brooks McMain.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Charles McMain and Herman McMain; and his parents, Jesse Thomas McMain Sr. and Letha Sales McMain.

Services were Monday, Nov. 18 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Sis. Lucy Tedrick officiating. Burial was at Dycusburg Cemetery.

Temple

Lois Elsie Temple, 90, of Clarksville, Tenn., formerly of Marion, died Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019 at Fieldstone Place.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 25, 2019 at New Ulm Cemetery in New Ulm, Minn.



She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran in Paducah.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert A. Temple; siblings, William Johns, Muriel Christian, Norman Johns, Dorothy Anderson, Benjamin Johns, Lucille Halls, Betty Johns and Doris Robinson; and her parents, Eli and Elizabeth Pearce Johns.

Survivors include her children, Alan Jon (Carol) Temple, of Kearneysville, W.Vir., Daryl Lee (Ruthie) Temple, of Kevil, Kathy Ann Temple of Clarksville; grandchildren, Holly and Nathaniel Temple; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association or the Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences

may be left at the McReynolds-Nave & Larson Funeral Home website.

Hearrell

William "Bill" Junior Hearrell, 83, of Marion died Friday, Nov. 15, 2019 at Livingston Hospital.

He was a member of Salem Baptist Church and was retired from U.S. Steel with 30 years of service. He was a Mason and member of Carrsville Lodge #812 with 56 years of service, and was a Past Master.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years Patsy Hearrell; a daughter, Patta of Indiana; two granddaughters Nicole and Lori; a grandson, Jeremy (Holly); four great-grandchildren, Haily, Piper, Jakob and James; a brother, Carl (Barbara); and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Eathel Boggess Hearrell; and three brothers, Rudell, Ollie and Claude.

Services with Masonic Rites were Tuesday, Nov. 19 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Salem Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to The Gideons International PO Box 304 Salem, KY 42078 or Sunrise Children Services, PO Box 36570, Louisville, KY 40233.

Nielsen

David A. Nielsen, 85, of Marion died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019 at Murray-Calloway Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Nielsen of Marion; and brother, Roy Nielsen of Duncanville, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Robin Garrett, grandson; Anthony Orange; and parents, George and Arnella Nielsen.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

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Kitchen

William Claude (W.C.) Kitchen, 96, of Salem died Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019 at Livingston Hospital.

He was a life-long farmer, and member of Pinckneyville Baptist Church. He enjoyed playing High Nine, shooting pool and pitching washers.

Surviving are a daughter, Pat Workman (Don) of Salem; two sons, Tony Kitchen (Sandy) of Portage, Ind., and Sam Kitchen (Sheri) of Hobart, Ind.; three sisters, Dorothy Owen of Salem, Joann Slayden of Hobart,



Ind., and Lavada Manion of Louisville; a brother, Jack Kitchen of Salem; four grandchildren, Craig Kitchen, Denny Workman, Alicia Kitchen, Shane Kitchen; six great grandchildren, Caleb, Noah, Job, Skyler, Chloe and Drew; and one great-great-grandchild, Charlotte.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Fannie Erleen Kitchen; two brothers, Dewey and Eugene Kitchen; and his parents, Eugene Claude and Pearl McClure Kitchen.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 22 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Joel Frizzell and Rev. Gerald Cannon officiating.

Burial will follow in Pinckneyville Cemetery.

Friends may call from 11 a.m., until the funeral hour in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pinckneyville Baptist Church, 1009 Pinckneyville Road, Salem, KY 42078.

Kupisch

Linda (Conrad) Kupisch, 73, of Marion died Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019 in Florida. She was a former school board member and community leader.

Arrangements were incomplete at press time at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion.



Ric Carder of Marion was brushing on a base layer of paint for job he's doing at Magnolia Bank on Main Street. The weather this week was much more cooperative as daytime temperatures climbed into the 50s, as opposed to snow a week earlier.



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Gift of confidence

From the very beginning we insert self into places where it seems to fit so naturally but really has no business being. It is a true fake out that nearly everyone believes to be an inviable truth. There are numerous programs, education courses, and self-help (a ridiculous notion) books that promote self-esteem, self-motivation, self-image, and self-confidence. Popular music and pop-psychology promote finding one's self and learning to love and accept that self. It is so ingrained in us that even I have a difficult time writing this.

What is sometimes missed is that such focus on self will diminish gratitude and development of healthy relationships. It is not that esteem, motivation, image, and confidence are not important – they are. What is missing in the popular concept is that none of these things is generated from within us. We learn our self-esteem, self-image, and self-confidence (or lack thereof) from others. The tragedy for many people is that we have no control over the initial inputs that we get from our families.

If one must overcome a lifetime of bad input – which is what a teenager is doing who is trying to navigate becoming an adult with a truckload of fear and anger – then it can feel like self is the only source. Such thinking can lead to overwhelming odds and isolation. If one has had the benefit of positive input, then that person will be brimming with confidence which is often mislabeled. To say someone is “self-confident” is to forget all those people

who placed confidence in that person – meaning other people put the confidence in them through positive challenge and encouragement.

This is not to deny that we have things such as self-image, but it is to say that a “self-image” does not originate with “self.” There is constant input from a myriad of sources and the “self-image” is the stuff that sticks. Same with the other “self” prefixed attributes of a person.

So, about confidence I would like to share three related thoughts.

First, G.K. Chesterton heard a publisher say, “That man will get on: he believes in himself.” He responded with, “Shall I tell you where the men are who believe most in themselves? For I can tell you. I know of men who believe in themselves more colossally than Napoleon or Caesar. I know where flames the fixed star of certainty and success. . . The men who really believe in themselves are in lunatic asylums.”

When the publisher responded that he knew people who believed in themselves and were not in such places, Chesterton continued, “You are right, and you know who they are. That poet from whom you would not take a dreary tragedy, he believed in himself. If you consulted your business experience instead of your ugly individualistic philosophy, you would know that believing in [oneself] is one of the commonest signs of a rotter. Actors who can't act . . . debtors who won't pay. It would be much truer to say that a man will certainly fail, because he believes in himself. Complete

self-confidence is not merely a sin. . . it is a weakness.”

The man responded by asking, “Well, if a man is not to believe in himself, in what is he to believe?” Chesterton's response? “I will go home and write a book in answer to that question.” (Orthodoxy, pp. 22-23).

Second, confidence works best when its source is competent, proven, and trusted. In the context of faith, then, our confidence does not come from us but from that in which we believe. Proverbs 3:21-16 gives us confidence to deal with whatever life may throw at us because its source is God.

“My son, keep sound wisdom and discretion; let them not escape from your sight, and they will be life for your soul and adornment for your neck.

Then you will walk on your way securely and your foot will not stumble.

If you sit down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. Do not be afraid of sudden panic, or of the ruin of the wicked, when it comes; for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught.” (RSV)

Third, the world would be a much better place if more of us made a practice of instilling confidence in others. I know for my part that I am much more likely to attempt something and succeed if those around me have taken the time to teach me how and then believe that I can do it. Instilling confidence is not cheerleading, it is teaching and standing alongside until competence is achieved. Confidence is a gift.

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Sean NIESTRATH Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist

Church Events & News

Community Outreach Programs

■ 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.

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Christ blood covers the sin of suicide

Question: What happens spiritually to a person that commits suicide? P. H.

Answer: Certainly, committing suicide is a sin. The sixth of the Ten Commandments says, “You shall not murder” (Ex. 20:14) and that included murdering oneself. Since it is a person's last act, will his eternal fate be in heaven or hell? That question is not easy to answer.

First, the Bible gives us bad news. “There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins” (Eccl. 7:20). It also declares “the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23).

Secondly, the Bible gives



What can we conclude? A person who commits suicide is not in his right mind or he would not do it. God is a loving God who wants all who will come to Him to be saved (1 Pet. 1:9). If a person who commits suicide is a child of God, the blood of Jesus Christ covers all past, present and future sins (1 Jn. 1:7). All who reject God's love and forgiveness offered to them in Christ are eternally separated from Him and will be thrown into the lake of fire to suffer with the devil and his angels eternally (Rev. 20:15).

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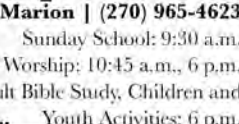
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Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.

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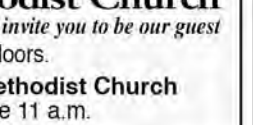
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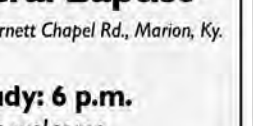
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White Cappers, enforcers during a different time

In the late 1800s and early 1900s there were groups of individuals who took the law into their own hands. The groups in Crittenden County were known as White Cappers or Regulators by the local citizens.

It was a lawless movement mostly among local farmers. It was originally a form of enforcing community standards, appropriate behavior and traditional rights. Men who neglected or abused their family, people who showed excessive laziness, people that stole from their neighbors, and women who had children out of wedlock or were seen with too many different men, are all prime examples of possible targets.

Despite the different white capping targets, the methods used by the White Caps remained somewhat constant. Generally the members of this society were disguised in a way that somewhat resembled that of the Ku Kux Klan, and always attacked at night. Physical attacks could include such things as whipping, or beatings with sticks, firing shots into houses or just a strong verbal warning to straighten up or face the consequences.

Some people thought them a useful asset to the community; others, such as the ones they visited and the elected local law enforcers, had a different opinion of their activities. In a few instances they did get out of control and severely hurt people with their beatings and even the hanging of one individual that we have documentation for.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, here are some interesting cases that attracted the attention of the local White Cappers.

Dec. 12, 1895 - The White Cappers Still Making Things Unpleasant

It was hoped that the night marauders, commonly called white caps, had retired from business in the county, but such is not the case. According to reliable reports, more depredations have been committed in the Hurricane neighborhood, since circuit court.

Two or three persons have been called from their homes by these self-constituted regulators and shamefully treated, and the community is still in a state of unrest. Some of the best people in that section think the matter will end in very serious trouble unless a speedy stop is put to the business. So far all efforts have failed to bring to light any of the persons connected with the shameful affair, but should a killing or two grow out of it, and such a consequence is only a matter of time, if the thing continues, then there will be a reckoning which will cause some

sober thinking.

It may be possible that some good people were unwittingly drawn into the clan at the start, being deluded by the idea that wrongs could thus be effectually righted, and that would be the end of it. Results, so far, certainly have shown to them what a grave mistake they have made, and have pointed out the vortex of

trouble that is sure to come in the end if such a course is persisted in. It is possible, even probable, that the clan, even in this late scene of the play, can save its members endless and serious complications, complications that will cost them life and liberty by acquitting a field that can possible bring nothing but dishonor.

April 4, 1895 – Weston Community Items

William Holloman, wife and two dogs, from south of Weston, crossed the river a few days ago. According to a pretty authentic report the “white caps” had given Holloman his marching orders, after giving him a thrashing. He was told that he must go to work and support his family or leave, or take worse. He left. The dogs remained in town long enough to rob Dr. Truitt’s hen nests.

Reports from the Bells Mines country came here this morning that a mob of disguised persons went to the home of Bert Curier and A. T. Cooper who live somewhere in the area and gave each of them a severe whipping and told them it would be dangerous for them to remain longer in that locality, giving them a certain time in which to depart. They are suspected of being connected with some local vandalism, hog stealing and barn burnings.

July 30, 1896 – Masked Men Visit a Home at Night and Whip Three Persons.

On Saturday night a lot of masked men went to the home of Obadi-ah Burgess, who lives about seven miles north of Marion and with switches and sticks severely beat Burgess, Isaac Hughes and a 15-year-old boy who lives with Burgess. The particulars of the affair are meager; in fact, a simple statement is about all there is known concerning it.

Hughes is an unmarried man about 30 years old, and is said to be a quiet unoffensive man who rarely goes away from home.

Obe Burgess married Anna Lee Hughes, a local person, and is so far as we have learned, a peaceful citizen. All three of the persons, it is said, are badly bruised, that a bone in Hughes’ arm is broken and the boy is fearfully bruised and his flesh lacerated. The switches used were more in the shape of sticks and clubs than anything else. No reason has been assigned



The White Cappers were a frightening sight for anyone to see or hear coming their way. These masked, self-chosen community enforcers always had their faces covered by a homemade mask. One was never sure who they were, only that they were out on a mission to frighten or punish someone into doing what they thought was right.

for the whipping, even the parties themselves were not told why they were shamefully treated, except the boy, and he was told that he was thus punished because he had been talking too much.

August 6, 1896 – More White Capping

Sunday night a lot of masked men went to the home of Will Orr, about eight miles north of Marion, and called for a man named Martin, who was at Orr’s house. The mob told Orr that it had come for Martin and proposed to have him even if the door had to be broken down.

They took the object of their wrath some distance from the house; tied him to a tree and unmercifully beat him, and then told him to leave the county or he would suffer a still worse fate. He went to the Ohio River below Fords Ferry and begged a man to ferry him over to the Illinois side. So far as has been learned, no reasons are offered for the outrage, but he was thought to be associated with another group of men in the area connected to stealing cattle and hogs.

More trouble is anticipated and trouble of even a more serious nature. It is rumored that there are two factions and that one of them proposes to avenge the assault on Martin.

Another incident in the same vicinity occurred when 52 local men went to John Sliger’s house looking for one of his sons. It seems the young lad had taken some chickens and jelly from a neighbor. But when the White Cappers got there, the young man stuck the jelly into a churn of buttermilk, and he crawled up the chimney to hide. The men thoroughly searched the house, but the boy stood on the cross-piece of the chimney, happily escaping his punishment.

Also visited was Henry Milligan. He was a very lazy man, his wife had to make all the living. The White Cappers decided to change this, so they

hunted up old Henry. Finding him, they gave him a whipping and he began working and almost worked himself to death.

Another visit was to a young girl’s home who had too many men on the string, or so the White Cappers thought, and was simply living the wrong kind of life for a young girl and was in dire need of some chastisement. Finding her one night, the group gave her a good sound whipping. Word is from then on she straightened up and led a more lady-like life.

Located in the Hebron-Hurricane neighborhood, Joseph Lindsay and L. P. Rigsby were visited by about 30 men one night. They were called from their homes and intimidated, and Lindsay was even beaten. The parties didn’t know what they were accused of. But it is thought they may also have been involved in cattle and pig stealing in the neighborhood and not taking care of their own business at home.

These are just a few of the tales and adventures of the long ago White Cappers that roamed our county. I’m sure there were numerous more visits that were not recorded, as most people visited were frightened so badly they wouldn’t tell of their visits, and still wouldn’t, even under the questioning of the local law.

Imagine the sense of fear one would have hearing the sound of those approaching horses and visualizing the masked men in the dark of night coming closer and closer to their home, especially if they knew they were after them. Yes, I’m sure many stories are lost to these forgotten passages of time.

(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).



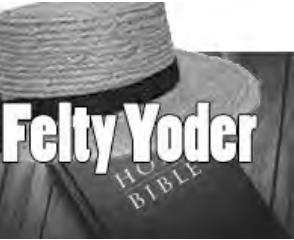
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This patriotic display created by Nancy and Joe Lanh-am was presented for Veterans Day at Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

People committing sin remain in sin

Many people are under the impression that we are tempted from without, thus putting the blame for their own evil ways on others. “But everyone is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lusts and enticed.” (James 1:14). One has not sinned when one puts to death the desire which draws and entices. But if the desire conceives so that it captures and overcomes the mind, it gives birth to sin, which when it is full grown, brings forth death.

To “have” sin is not the same as to “commit” sin. If I say that I do not have sin, that is the same as saying that I do not have a flesh with lusts and desires, that I cannot be tempted, that I have no will of my own to put to death. In that case, I am a liar and the truth is not in me.

A person can “fall” into sin, but we never “commit” a fall when we are running. To fall is to have an accident, but a person who commits sin remains in sin. John writes those who fall in sin: “My little children, these things I write to you, that



you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins.” (1 John 2:1-2). “Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.” That is to say everyone who abides in Him stops committing sin. They know Jesus who is their merciful High Priest who gives grace for victory in time of need. (Romans 8:1-2).

“Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness and sin is lawlessness.” It is clear that if a person does not have the mind to stop sinning, he cannot get comfort from the fact that Jesus is the propitiation for his sins. “He that committeth sin is of the devil” (1 John 3:8).

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Chess teams start strong, grab wins in first tournaments



Crittenden County High School's chess team includes (from left) Skyler James, Coach Don Winters, Cole Swinford, Trey Swaggirt, Noah Campbell, Tyler Swaggirt and Isaac Sarles.

Crittenden County's Blue Knights chess teams started their season right where they left off last year. After playing in back to back tournaments, the team staked their claim at being the number one team in Quad A. The K12 team started off strong with two first-place victories in the first two tournaments.

At Daviess County the Blue Knights made a statement by finishing the day with 13 out of 16 possible team points, with their closest competitor the host school Daviess County only able to earn a respectable 6.5. The team of Cole Swinford, Tyler Swaggirt, Skyler James, Trey Swaggirt, Isaac Sarles, Evan McDowell and Dennon Wilson showed that they would still be the team to beat this year. Every member made his way into the top 10 individually.

Two weeks ago, the team headed into Murray still looking to hold the top spot at the end of the day. Going into the last round, the team found itself down by half a point tied for fourth overall; however, it bounced back and won three out of the four games, earning first place by a full point.

"I am very proud of how they played round four," said Coach Don Winters. "They were able to go in and take care of business when it mattered most."

The K3 and K5 teams have also started off the year strong in their first

two performances. At Daviess County the K5 team of Jake Rich, Eli Lovell, Alex Hewitt and Zeke Smith for the first time in a while edged its way over the top powerhouse Murray team. K5 took first place by a full point at Daviess County. Individually, each person placed in the top 10.

The K3 team also had a good showing at Daviess County. It placed second, just 1.5 points behind the top team Owensboro Home School. Each player also placed in the top 10 individually.

At Murray the K3 and K5 teams were down a few players but still gave it their all with K3 placing fourth and K5 placing second. Individually, they placed well among the tough competition.

The Blue Knights are looking to pick up a few more middle school players to complete their team, as four of them

moved into the high school division this year.

"Hopefully after a few more weeks we can get our K8 team back to full strength and be a strong competitor there too," Winters said.

K12 team members are Skyler James, Cole Swinford, Noah Campbell, Dennon Wilson, Trey Swaggirt, Tyler Swaggirt, Evan McDowell and Isaac Sarles

K8 team members are Marley Phelps and Jaxson Cartwright

K5 team members are Jake Rich, Charlie Ledford, Alex Hewitt, Zeke Smith, Eli Lovell, and Wyatt Cartwright

K3 team members are Luke Binkley, Roane Topp, Brooklyn Lovell, and Zane Smith

The Blue Knights will set their sights on Shepherdsville next and will be back home in December before gearing up for Regionals in February.



Crittenden County's K3 chess team includes (from left) Brooklyn Lovell, Luke Binkley, Zane Smith and Roane Topp.



Crittenden County's K5 chess team includes (from left) Alex Hewitt, Zeke Smith, Eli Lovell and Jake Rich.

THANK YOU

The family of Melba Wilson would like to thank each one who visited, furnished food, flowers, or gave a donation to Love Cemetery as a memorial to her. Our loss is great and we appreciate the love and kindness shown by you.

Daughters, Judy Hodge (Bill Tracy), Mary Jane Andrews (Lawrence)
Grandchildren: Dean Buchanan, Joelle Allison (Michael) and Barrett Belt (CJ)
Great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren



Brandie Ledford (center) explains new services provided at the Crittenden County Public Library during the Woman's Club of Marion's Nov. 14 meeting. Ledford, in addition to being the local library director, is a member of the Woman's Club of Marion and serves as its education chair. Other areas of focus for the club include arts, conservation, home life and international outreach.

New library features shared with club

A new catalog, Libby e-Books, a new Princh mobile print service and the 3-D printer helped the Woman's Club of Marion get up to speed on new higher tech services offered by the Crittenden County Public Library.

The Woman's Club's informative program Nov. 14 was presented by Brandie Ledford, library director.

When the club arrived at the library, they got to see the Lego Robotics group finishing up. The club is a partnership between the library and 4-H Extension. The library is currently a drop-off site for the "I Dropped my Drawers" program which accepts new underwear for school children. That program continues through Dec. 31.

Club members were invited to be a part of the

Friends of the Library, which supports the library. Also, a monthly program guide is available listing all of the services being offered.

Nancy Hunt, club president, welcomed everyone including a new member, Jo Evelyn Brown, to her first club meeting. Pledge to the American flag was led by Sandra Belt. Becky Combs presented an inspiration from the book "Abundance."

Refreshments were provided by hostess committee members Sandra Belt, Gladys Brown, Judy Conger, Ginger Boone and Brandi Rogers. In keeping with the education theme of the meeting, Belt decorated the table with antique school items such as ink wells and pens, school bells and slate boards.

Hunt reported the

student painting entry by Morgan Barnes won first place at the First District Conference in Murray. It will now be eligible for the state competition.

Ledford, along with Carolyn Belt and Nancy Hunt, are heading up the annual Chocolate Candy Tray fundraiser. The club is offering a 9" candy tray for \$15 and a 16" tray for \$30. Delivery is available inside the city limits. Deadline to order is Dec. 13. Trays will be ready for pick-up or delivery on Dec. 20. Contact any club member or call (270) 704-0057 to place an order.

The club's holiday outing will be Dec. 7 to Adams Breezy Hill Farm Restaurant in Princeton. Member and guest reservations are due to Hunt by Nov. 30.

Reminders include the children's book collection which continues through

Dec. 15 and to save Food Giant stamps for the club.

The door prize donated by the hostess committee was won by Michelle Crider.

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SIDEWALK

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ion would get new sidewalks on West Carlisle Street from the public library to just past KB Pharmacy on South Main Street, about three and half city blocks. Plus, the overhead utilities would be buried on part of the Main Street project area. The cost, however, is about \$20,000 more than originally committed because construction bids came in higher than anticipated. But, backing out now will cost a pretty penny and Marion would get nothing.

The project is part of the Safe Routes to School Project through the federal government's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

City Administrator Adam Ledford asked the council for direction, pointing out that if city leaders are reluctant to spend more than first thought on this plan, he's going to quit putting time and effort into it. Part of the original idea was for the city to do a great deal of in-kind work, demolition and material removal, to make room for new sidewalks. Ledford also said the proposed new sidewalks would improve accessibility to buildings downtown, making the city more compliant with Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Mayor Jared Byford said spending \$40,000 and getting nothing



doesn't appeal much to him. Spend another, \$40,000, and the city would have a large stretch of new sidewalks.

Still some council members were reluctant to approve the plan. Councilman Donnie Arflack said he needs more information, pointing out that money saved by not replacing the sidewalks could be spent on repairing streets.

Councilwoman D'Anna Browning asked why this area was chosen for the work and the city administrator said he wasn't exactly sure because the project predates his employment at the city.

The grant was applied for in 2016 in order to continue fulfilling a broader plan to have a better

walkway from the schools to residential areas and ultimately to the public library in town. The first phase of the project was responsible for building a foot bridge on the east end of the high school and middle school campus across what is commonly called Rocket Creek and building about two blocks of sidewalk from campus to South Weldon Street. If this second, proposed phase is eventually completed it would complete the entire route except for about two city blocks along East Elm Street.

The council decided to further review its options before deciding what to do about the proposed sidewalk project.

Student-athletes involved in ag can apply for farm license scholarship

Kentucky student-athletes who are involved in agriculture are invited to apply for one of six scholarships and recognition as a 2020 Kentucky Ag Athlete of the Year.

The program is a partnership of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA).

"Athletics and agriculture have in common that they teach the value of effort, discipline, and teamwork," Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles said. "We are pleased to join our partners at the KHSAA for the third year to reward the Commonwealth's

best young athletes and agriculturists."

To qualify, student-athletes must be Kentucky farmers or involved in agriculture; must be graduating seniors in high school; and must be accepted to a college, university, or trade school following graduation. An agriculture major is not required, and preference will be given to Kentucky colleges; however, out-of-state schools will be considered if the applicant is seeking a specialized degree in an agricultural field.

Two student-athletes – one male and one female – will be named Outstanding Kentucky Ag

Athletes of the Year and will be awarded \$2,000 scholarships. Four student-athletes – two male and two female – will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships as Kentucky Ag Athletes of the Year. Winners will be announced at the boys' basketball state tournament.

Funding for the scholarships comes from the KDA's "Ag Tag" program, which is funded by voluntary donations from Kentucky motorists when they buy or renew their farm vehicle license plates. Application deadline is Jan. 24. To apply, go to khsaa.org/ge83-agriculture-athlete-of-the-year-scholarship-application/.

DOG

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dures, and is now a full-fledged team member with her own dog.

When a deer is wounded, she explains, it begins producing an enzyme causing the animal to excrete a unique odor from the interdigital glands between the splits in its hooves. Those glands are always producing scent, which helps deer identify one another. It's the deer's name, or calling card, so to speak. The odor provides others with information such as gender, and other specifics like how dominant the deer is in the herd and if it's a female whether she is in estrus and ready to partake in the breeding process.

"That is how a dog can tell the difference in a wounded deer and all the others that have passed through the area," said Roberts. "I just thought it was one of the coolest things ever to watch a dog work a trail."

A common misconception is that dogs need a blood trail to follow a crippled deer. Roberts says it's glands in the hooves, excreting a clear signal to the tracking dog, not blood.

Her mentor uses a blood hound, which she concedes is perhaps the most common breed for tracking wounded animals. She chose to go with a German shepherd because it would make a better pet, and she's an animal lover who prefers to have her furry friends lying next to the couch, including her Plott hound and heeler.

Roberts enlisted in the Air Force right out of high school and was a military policewoman during her years of service. That's the kind of challenge she enjoys, so the tracking gig was attractive.

"It's just a sideline right now," she said, and for the time being she's not charging for her services.

"We're just trying to get Chief on as many tracks as possible," she said.

Training a dog to find a fatally-injured deer takes time and patience, she says. It starts when the canine is about eight weeks old using a hot dog to get him excited about finding the reward. It advances to using deer

legs, hides and even deer liver to create teaching scenarios and scent trails.

Teaching a canine to cold trail is one of the toughest challenges, and it clearly requires a strong nose and a great deal of experience.

There is no shortage in the demand for a tracking dog, Roberts says.

"It really blew up last year," she adds. "There are calls coming in all of the time."

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Chamber seeks nominations; concern following parade; Santa Claus coming to town

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce and Partners Insurance will present the 2019 Marion Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 7. Organizers are looking for nominations for this year's grand marshal.

This honor is bestowed upon an individual or group that has consistently made a difference in the community. The recognition aims to honor someone who goes above and beyond the call of duty, often without compensation or personal gain.

The deadline to submit a nomination for grand marshal is Friday, Nov. 22. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at (270) 965-2266 to make a nomination.

The deadline to get an entry into the parade is Friday, Nov. 29. Call (270) 965-2239 to enter.

The theme is Christmas Lights and Winter Nights. The parade will begin at 5 p.m., on Main

■ Santa will land at a new location this year. Join him for a free snack at the fairgrounds.

Street.

Following the parade, Life in Christ Church will host the first of two Christmas concerts. The concert, themed "It's All About Christmas" begins at 6:30 p.m., and will include the church's worship and praise team, plus some musical guests. Music will be in the Trans-Siberian Orchestra style. There will be an additional concert the following day, on Dec. 8 at the same time.

Also coming up soon will be Santa's visit to Marion. The jolly old fellow will be the guest of the Crittenden County Lions Club at its annual Snack with Santa event from 1-3 p.m., on parade Saturday, Dec. 7. Santa will be at a new location this year, inside the recently opened Crittenden County Agriculture Building at the fairgrounds.

Students get snow day assignments this week

STAFF REPORT

Non-Traditional Instruction materials went home with Crittenden County School District students on Monday. The folders sent home include the NTI/Rocket Way information students need when school is out for snow. Not all snow days are designated as NTI says. The

school will notify students when the NTI program is active. Already, Crittenden County students have missed two days for snow. Neither of those were NTI days.

The NTI folders need to be kept in a safe place where they can be located by students when classes are cancelled for weather.



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Middle School Homecoming

Crittenden County Middle School held basketball homecoming Nov. 16. Members of the court are (front from left) Seth Lynn, Elliot Evans, Elle McDaniel, Hattie Hatfield, Duke Brayden Poindexter, Duchess Mollie Blazina, flower girl Reid Poindexter, crown bearer Kallen Millikan, Riley Smith, Koltar Green, Katie Perryman, Jaxon Hatfield and Marley Phelps, (second row) Hannah Mott, Prince Tyree McLean, Princess Rachel Mundy, Queen Payton Hall, King Travis Champion, Micah Newcom, Casey Cates, Chase Conyer, Levi Piper, (back) Brady Belt, Tyler Belt and Che Campbell.

Heroin-charged driver among those sentenced

STAFF REPORT

The Colorado man who was admittedly high on heroin in September when he led police on a dangerous high-speed chase through Marion and Crittenden County has been sent to prison for eight years.

Circuit Judge Rene Williams imposed the prison time on Michael Fortner, 29, of Denver, who said very little when he appeared before the court last Thursday other than he was going to Florida once he serves his time in Kentucky's prison system.

Because the charges on which he was convicted are not considered violent crimes in Kentucky, Fortner will be eligible for parole in about 19 months.

Fortner told investigators on the day that he was arrested that he had been shooting up heroin during the automobile chase that reached speeds greater than 110 mph. Multiple law enforcement agencies were in pursuit of Fortner who was first observed improperly changing lanes on Interstate-24. The chase went through three counties before he purposely drove through a roadside fence on Ky. 91 North in rural Crittenden County then fled on foot for a short distance.

The man was originally indicted on 14 felony charges. One of them – for fleeing or evading on foot – was dismissed. A misdemeanor charge of leaving the scene of an accident was also dismissed.

Fortner pleaded guilty to all of the other charges, including first-degree possession of a controlled substance (heroin), first-degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle), three counts of first-degree criminal mischief and eight counts of first-degree wanton endangerment. He was sentenced to three years on the drug charge and five years on each of the other felonies. Additionally, Fortner was sentenced to lesser time on misdemeanor charges and traffic violations associated with the incident, including DUI with an aggravator and operating on a suspended or revoked license.

All of the time will run concurrent, except the drug charge which will be consecutive, for a total of eight years behind bars. He will also have to make restitution for damaging four patrol cars – one belonging to the City of Marion, two the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department and one State Police cruiser. The restitution will be upwards of \$6,000.

•Melissa Stegman, 43, of Marion pleaded guilty to two felony counts of first-degree possession of a forged instrument and one count of misdemeanor theft by unlawful taking, under \$500. Court records say that on



Fortner

Sept. 2 Stegman was caught on surveillance video paying for \$22.25 worth of cigarettes and drinks from Five Star Convenience Center and using two counterfeit \$20 bills in the transaction. She received change from the transaction and left the store, according to the police report. Stegman was sentenced to five years on each of the felonies and 12 months for the misdemeanor with all time to run concurrent. After serving a period of time, she can apply for shock probation. The commonwealth's attorney will not oppose shock in this case. She was also ordered to pay \$40 in restitution to Five Star for the counterfeit transaction.

•Amanda Odom, 36, of Marion pleaded guilty to traffic violations of reckless driving and speeding 26 mph over limit, a Class A misdemeanor of resisting arrest and a felony charge of first-degree wanton endangerment. The charges stem from a police chase in which Odom disregarded multiple stop signs and while taking police on a high-speed chase in town last November. A pedestrian walking on North Maple Street was endangered by the situation. Odom was fined \$100 for each of the traffic charges, sentenced to 12 months on the misdemeanor and five years on the felony. She received pretrial diversion on the two most serious charges. She will be on

Circuit Court Pleadings

supervised diversion for five years and if she complies with terms of the diversion, the felony will be dismissed. Charges of DUI, fleeing or evading police and disorderly conduct stemming from the same situation were dismissed by the court last week.

•Kenneth Otto Woodall, 48, of Marion pleaded guilty to a felony charge of complicity to receiving stolen property, under \$10,000. Court records indicate that items stolen in a burglary on Ky. 91 North were found on Sept. 2 in Woodall's pickup truck, which was parked on West Carlisle Street. A wedding ring, guitar and BB gun were among the items recovered by authorities. Woodall was sentenced to two years in prison and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,717.50 to the burglary victims.

•Bonnie Lou Woodall, 60, of Marion pleaded guilty a felony count of receiving stolen property, under \$10,000 by complicity. Court records indicate that items stolen from a burglary on Ky. 91 North were found on Sept. 2 in a truck registered to Woodall and her husband Kenneth. She was sentenced to five years, but given pre-trial diversion for a period of five years. If she completes terms of the diversion, the charge will be dropped at the end of five years. She was also ordered to make restitution to the victims.

•Betty Renee Rogers, 47, of Salem pleaded guilty to an amended charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (less than 2 grams of methamphetamine) by complicity, a Class D Felony, and misdemeanor trafficking in marijuana by complicity and possession of drug paraphernalia by complicity. Court record indicate that on Aug. 28,

Kentucky State Trooper Eric West had gone to a residence on William Curnel Road looking for Rogers, for whom there was an active arrest warrant out of Lyon County. The officer was given consent to enter the residence by the homeowner. Rogers was found inside and nearby were drugs and scales. She was sentenced to five years on the felony and 12 months on the misdemeanors. The prison time will run concurrent, but consecutive to four years of prison time for a Lyon County conviction.

•David Dwain Vasseur, 46, of Marion pleaded

guilty to an amended charge of first-degree, trafficking in a controlled substance (less than 2 grams of methamphetamine) by complicity, a Class D Felony for which he received a five-year sentence. Additionally, he was sentenced to one-year each for first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and lesser time for misdemeanor trafficking in marijuana by complicity, possession of drug paraphernalia by complicity, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. All of the time will run concurrent for a total of five years. A

charge of hindering prosecution was dropped. Marion Police Department and Kentucky State Police were involved in investigating this case.

•Alice Imogene Harris, 59, of Marion pleaded guilty to a felony charge of theft of a motor vehicle registration plate or renewal decal. Court records say that Harris took the license plate from another vehicle and put it on her 2001 Ford. She was sentenced to five years in prison, but the commonwealth's attorney, Zac Greenwell, who is prosecuting the case, said the state will not oppose shock probation after Harris serves a portion of her sentence.



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City leaf pickup ends Tuesday

Leaf pickup in the City of Marion will continue through Tuesday.

An exact schedule is not released due to the use of inmate labor; however, Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford said residents who plan to have their leaves picked up by the city should take action now.

"We will continue to pick up this week and again Monday and Tuesday," Ledford said. "Most people I've talked to understand why we can't give them a schedule," citing safety issues regarding location of inmates.

Ledford said a final review will be done Nov. 27.

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BASKETBALL
CCMS SUMMARIES
BOYS

8th - Crittenden 54, Trigg 41
CCMS Scoring: Travis Champion 19, Casey Cates, 13, Micah Newcom 4, Tyler Belt, 6, Brady Belt 4, Chase Conyer, 8.

7th - Crittenden 41, Trigg 15
CCMS Scoring: Brady Belt 10, Avery Thompson 8, Chase Conyer 8, Kaiden Travis 8, Tyree McLean 7, Brysen Walker 1

8th - Crittenden 46, Dawson 22
CCMS Scoring: Travis Champion 12, Casey Cates 16, Jaxon Hatfield 7, Tyler Belt 2, Levi Piper 1, Gabe Keller 2, Chase Conyer 4, Avery Thompson 2.

8th-Crittenden 45, John Paul 30
CCMS: Travis Champion 20, Casey Cates 9, Tyler Belt 1, Micah Newcom 6, Levi Piper 5, Brady Belt 1, Gabe Keller 1, Chase Conyer 2.

7th-Crittenden 44, John Paul 35
CCMS: Brady Belt 8, Avery Thompson 5, Chase Conyer 24, Kaiden Travis 5, Bryson Walker 2.

GIRLS
8th - Crittenden 37, Dawson 18
CCMS Scoring: Riley Smith 15, Hannah Long 2, Jaelyn Tapp 5, Emily Mattingly 2, Anna Boone 4, Elle McDaniel 2 Andrea Federico 5, Bristyn Rushing 1.

FOOTBALL
Pardue to Ga. HOF

Former Rocket football coach Steve Pardue is among six former coaches chosen for induction into the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will be in May. Pardue coached at Crittenden County from 1987 to 1990. As a head coach in Georgia, his record was 185-54 over 20 seasons at two high schools – LaGrange and Newnan. He won three state championships at LaGrange. He also is a former University of Kentucky assistant coach and former head coach at LaGrange College.

OUTDOORS
Hunting Seasons

Bow Deer	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Bow Turkey	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Crossbow Deer	Sept. 21 - Jan. 20
Raccoon	Oct. 1 - Feb. 29
Gun Deer	Nov. 9 - Nov. 24
Crossbow Turkey	Nov. 9 - Dec. 31
Raccoon (trapping)	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Squirrel	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Quail	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Rabbit	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Red/Gray Fox	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Beaver	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Dove	Nov. 28 - Dec. 8
Canada Goose	Nov. 28 - Feb. 15
Duck	Nov. 28 - Dec. 1
Shotgun Turkey	Dec. 7-13
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Dove	Dec. 21 - Jan. 12
Muzzleloader Deer	Dec. 14 - Dec. 22
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 1-2
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round

Riflemen approach 2K

Crittenden County's rifle hunting deer harvest over the first nine days, which includes two weekends, was 1,861 deer. The county's all-weapons total through Monday was 2,496. The county ranks third in total harvest in Kentucky behind Hardin and Christian counties. Rifle hunting continues through Sunday.

New KDFWR app

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife has debuted a new app that will allow people to report suspected illegal activity. A statement from the agency says it has partnered with tip411 to create the KFWLaw app, which allows people to submit anonymous tips to law enforcement about fish, wildlife or boating. They can also report tips through text messages or the internet. The app will supplement the department's longtime tip line, 1-800-25-ALERT. People should still dial 911 in an emergency.

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Golf numbers
add up to one
huge dream
for Gilchrist



Lauren Gilchrist announced her commitment to MSU last month on social media. When she tees up that first shot next fall as a Lady Racer, Gilchrist will become the first Crittenden County athlete to play Division 1 athletics since Brad Hart completed his career in 2008 as a longsnapper for the University of Kentucky football team. She will become the first CCHS senior to sign a letter of intent with a D1 school since Greg Thurman signed to play basketball at North Carolina-Asheville in 1987. The last Division 1 female golfer was Melissa (Jones) Tabor, who graduated from CCHS in 1980.



Flanking Lauren Gilchrist at her signing day event are (front from left) her mother Alison Gilchrist, father Jim Gilchrist, (back) sister Keri Gilchrist, CCHS coach Vicki Hatfield, CCHS assistant coach Teresa Foster and sister Layken Ghilchrist.

STAFF REPORT

Down to the tiniest analytical tidbit, virtually everything magnatized to the wide world of sports is quantified. Golf, in particular, is an absolutely numeric experience. Every hole is numbered and each one has its own unique standard, called its par. From tee to green, the distance of each fairway is measured and posted at the start of each hole. There are handicaps, slope ratings and individual rankings. Each club in the bag is numbered, and every ball has its own identifying digit. It's played largely in foursomes, and when you hit an errant shot, the warning cry is *Fore!*, which rhymes with four. Quite clearly, golf is a numbers game, and for Crittenden County High School 12th-grader Lauren Gilchrist, the numbers added up to one – Division 1 that is. On Friday, she signed an official letter of intent to play golf at Murray State which competes at the highest level of collegiate sports, known as Division 1. It has been 39

years since any other Crittenden County senior signed to play D1 golf. That was former high school golf coach Melissa Tabor, who graduated in 1980 and played two seasons at Western Kentucky University. Tabor has watched and admired Gilchrist's prep career, played with her at times and now applauds her progress and success. "I have enjoyed following her and I look forward to maybe going to watch her play for Murray," said Tabor, who was a state tournament runnerup and coached golf here for 15 years. "I have seen Lauren mature with her mental approach, and that has been a huge part of her success." Gilchrist's father, Jim, said his daughter started out with a putter a neighbor gave her. He knew she could be something special when she entered a driving contest at a youth golf event and knocked the ball over the heads of the organizers who were on the fairway measuring the distance of shots. "And we've watched her

numbers fall," her father said with a crackling, emotional voice, "from the 120s to 110s, then the 100s, 90s, 80s and into the 70s. And I know she has the drive and ambition to get into the 60s." Gilchrist, who won three All A Classic regional championships during her high school career, was a six-time All A Classic State Championship qualifier. Four times, she qualified for the KHSAA state tournament, finishing 32nd overall at this year's KHSAA state tournament and 38th as a junior. The numbers just kept piling up. In fact, the thousands of miles driven to more than 100 tournaments through her budding career and the hundreds and hundreds of golf balls purchased, five sets of clubs, lessons, motels and meals on the road all added up to a fully-loaded GMC pickup that her father joked that he would have liked to have had. "But we decided a long time ago, that whatever it cost, it was worth it," said her father, for that *One* dream.

Rockets advance to Final 8

CCHS claims
3rd straight
title 41-3 over
Russellville

STAFF REPORT

Through the static of a predictable and deserved celebration, Rocket second-year football coach Sean Thompson made sure the message remained clear last Friday night. With a din of post-game party music blaring across the field at Rocket Stadium, his team chanting "Three-peat" as it officially claimed a school-record third-straight Class A First District championship, Thompson dialed down the frequency tighter than normal to make sure his boys were keeping score. The 41-3 basting they had just laid on Russellville in the second round of the playoffs was not necessarily the numbers reflected in his dispatch. "This is what you worked for! This is Number 1," he said, checking off the team's post-season goals. "Goal Number 2 is to get past this next one, so we have to go get it." Knowing full well that his 10-2 Rockets are playing arguably their best football of the season, peaking at the right time, Thompson was stoking the hunger – flashing a tastier treat in front of the barking mass of celebrating athletes. "It's all about proving it every week. We have to prove it," the coach reminded them before turning away and letting the post-game carnival continue. He then ducked out of sight as a throng of fans and family rushed in for the customary post-game photographs and festivities. It was indeed party time. At least for a moment. Thompson undoubtedly moved away to let the impact of the result sink in. Just two seasons into his coaching career, his record is 21-4 and his team is two wins from a state championship berth. It is at the same place Crittenden finished up a year ago with a loss at Campbellsville in the state quarterfinals. Ambition laced with loftier goals may seem a bit dubious as the reality of Crittenden County's next opponent comes into focus. The Rockets will travel this week to Louisville to play undefeated Kentucky Country Day – the Bearcats are No. 1 in the KHSAA's ever-present, new RPI ratings, designed to measure a team's strength. Not just in Class A is



Rocket players take turns savoring a touch of the team's record-setting third straight district championship trophy.

KCD No. 1, but it reigns supreme over all classes, quantified by a complex mathematical formula as having the best power ranking of all 223 teams across the state. Kickoff Friday at KCD is 6:30 p.m. (CST). For only a short time was Crittenden County able to reflect on the utter dismantling of Russellville (4-7) – a team that had taken the Rockets to the final seconds a few short weeks ago before losing 21-14 in their regular-season encounter. This time was oh so different. Inspired and led by a defense that held the Panthers to just eight rushing yards and 25 passing, Crittenden ran away with the game early, taking a 20-3 halftime lead behind the arm of sophomore quarterback Luke Crider, who became the starter just four games ago. Crider was impeccably efficient, just as he had been in the first playoff game a week earlier. Against Russellville's secondary, he was 11-for-15 for 126 yards in the first half with two touchdown passes – one to Preston Turley and the other to Caden McCalister. Poised in the relative comfort of a firm pocket established by an improving frontline, Crider was calm as he ran down his checks and found the open receiver time and again in the first two periods. He's only been tackled with the ball in his hands once in four and half games since taking over at QB. In the second half, Crider didn't need to do anything. In fact, he didn't, staying mostly on the sideline while Crittenden used three other players behind center, mostly on direct-snap rushing plays. Xander Tabor, who had 39 rushing yards at the half, added 100

more in the final two periods – primarily from a wildcat formation – and scored three times. "The defense has been the heartbeat of our team," Thompson said, but he also pointed to an offense that's maturing and proving its dual capacity. "Luke Crider was big for us tonight, he's grown up right before our eyes," the coach added. "There came a point that he was the one moving the ball down the field and we were depending on his arm based on what Russellville was doing." Russellville's leading rusher Jovari Gamble was injured with three minutes to play in the first half and was taken from the field on a stretcher. He had banged his head on the ground returning a kickoff and fortunately came back to the stadium later in the second half after being cleared at the local hospital but did not play. The prognosis for Crittenden County's chances in round three of the playoffs remains to be seen. The Rockets are ranked 10th in the Class A power rankings, but Thompson likes what he's seeing as the Rockets approach their 13th game of the season, and he likes their chances.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Russellville	0	3	0	0
Crittenden	14	6	14	7

SCORING PLAYS
C-Preston Turley 10 pass from Luke Crider (Noah Perkins kick) 5:11, 1st
C-Xander Tabor 60 interception return (Perkins kick) 3:30, 1st
R-Dustin Brown 28 field goal 11:04, 2nd
C-Caden McCalister 36 pass from Crider (kick failed) 3:08, 2nd
C-Tabor 14 run (Perkins kick) 5:44, 3rd
C-Tabor 4 run (Perkins kick) 1:34, 3rd
C-Tabor 1 run (Perkins kick) 8:27, 4th



Class A
Football Playoffs
WEST SECTION
Crittenden at Ky. Country Day
Newport Catholic at Holy Cross
EAST SECTION
icholas Co. at Pikeville
Williamsburg at Paintsville

Last Week's Scores
Playoffs Second Round
WEST SECTION
Crittenden Co. 41, Russellville 3
Holy Cross 34, Bethlehem 13
Ky. Country Day 34, Eminence 26
Newport Catholic 40, Luldow 20
EAST SECTION
Pikeville 45, Hazard 12
Nicholas Co. 18, Bishop Brossart 13
Paintsville 32, Raceland 18
Williamsburg 61, Lynn Camp 0

Quarterfinal Game
Kickoff 6:30 pm (CST)
Rockets at KCD
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TEAM TOTALS
First Downs: CCHS 13, RHS 4
Penalties: CCHS 8-84, RHS 6-64
Rushing: CCHS 36-223, RHS 24-8
Passing: CCHS 11-16-1, 126 yds., RHS 4-11-1, 25 yds.
Total Yards: CCHS 349, RHS 33
Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 2-1, RHS 2-4
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing Crittenden: Tabor 27-139, Braxton Winders 3-36, Keifer Marshall 5-54, Crider 1-(-6). Russellville: Javari Gamble 6-(-2), Lennon Ries 14-5, Xavier Coleman 1-12, Chevis Elliott 1-1, Jackson Hampton 1-1, #11 1-1.
Passing Crittenden: Crider 11-15-1, 126 yds., McCalister 0-1-0. Russellville: Ries 4-11-1, 25 yds.
Receiving Crittenden: Turley 4-52, McCalister 1-35, Maddox Carlson 2-23, Preston Morgeson 2-14, Tabor 2-1. Russellville: Josh Allen 2-14, Hampton 1-4, Elliott 1-7.
Defense T.Guess 2 solos; Jones solo; Phillips assist; Easley 4 solos, 3 assists, 2 TFLs; Ellington 3 solos, assist, TFL; McCalister 6 solos, caused fumble, fumble recovery; McGowan 3 solos, 3 assists, sack; Perkins solo; Tabor solo, interception; Turley 3 solos, 2 assists; Winders 4 solos, 2 assists, 2 TFLs, fumble recovery; Bailey assist; Carlson 2 assists; Derrington 3 solos; Yates 4 solos, 4 assists, sack, TFL; Morgeson 3 solos, assist.
Players of the Game (selected by coaching staff) Offense Xander Tabor, Defense Dylan Yates, Lineman Ian Ellington, Special Teams Trace Derrington.

DEER



Lilly Perryman bagged a nice 9-point buck last week while school was out for snow.



Young Bentley Rushing bagged a couple of deer, including this 3-pointer. He said a bigger one came by later, but he was already tagged out.



John Zimmer bagged this 14-point non-typical buck that scored 151 on the B&C scoring system. He took the buck in eastern Crittenden County on Nov. 13.

SLAYERS



Emma Williams, 15, bagged this big 10-point buck last weekend.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Scrimmage Saturday

GIRLS SCHEDULE

Crittenden vs Carlisle, 10am, RA
Caldwell vs Hickman, 10am, MSG
Hopkins Central v Mayfield, 11am, RA
Caldwell vs Carlisle, 11am MSG
Hopkins Central vs Hickman, noon, RA
Crittenden vs Mayfield, noon, MSG

Thompson is district Coach of the Year



STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County football coach Sean Thompson has been named Coach of the Year in the Class A First District. The recognition was announced late last week by the Kentucky High School Football Coaches Association. Thompson is the 15th head coach in school history and the first CCHS alumnus to head the Rocket football team. He was a quarterback during his playing days at Crittenden County. He graduated in 2004 and played collegiately at Campbellsville University. Crittenden County plays Friday night at Louisville against Kentucky County Day in the Class A state quarterfinals. The Rockets are currently 10-2 on the season. Thompson's Rockets were 11-2 in his inaugural season as head coach in 2018 and won the district championship. Caleb Kimble, the Fulton County running back, was selected Player of the Year in the Class A First District.

Soccer Honors

Crittenden County High School's soccer team held its annual awards ceremony earlier this week. Among those honored were (from left) Maggie Blazina, JV Coach's Award; Hailey Belt, Coach's Award; Allie Geary, Most Saves and Hustle Award; Jaelyn Duncan, Offensive MVP and Most Goals Award; Taylor Guess, JV Defensive MVP and Varsity Most Assists; Lilly Perryman, Defensive MVP. Not pictured: Lily Wesmolan, JV Offensive Award; Tia Stoner, JV Hustle Award.



Boston prepared for Lexington hype

There might not be a player better prepared to deal with the whole scope of Kentucky basketball than guard Brandon "BJ" Boston. He left his Georgia high school this season to play at Sierra Canyon, a high profile prep school in California. He's on a team loaded with talent, which obviously will help get him accustomed to the stars he will have with him at UK in the nation's top-ranked 2020 recruiting class. Boston is a top 10 player in the 2020 recruiting class but UK signees Terrence Clarke and Devin Askew have both seemed to get more attention than him. However Rivals.com recruiting writer Krysten Peek says not to question Boston's skill level. "BJ is the diamond in the rough in this recruiting class," Peek said. "He's in LA playing with the best team on the west coast and it will be a crazy season but he will be the star of the show. "He is sneaky good off the bounce. His shot mechanics are amazing. He's 6-6 with long arms and can defend the 1, 2 or 3. He's a very quiet kid and has to warm up to you but he'll be a great teammate. "He's locked and loaded on being ready for UK. He is in the gym every day with his dad. He's a true gym rat who has his eye on the prize at UK." A lot of eyes will be on him, too. Peek said NBA scouts are intrigued by Sierra Canyon and the team has games on ESPN this season. "That's why moving out there was more of a business thing. Exposure is everything and he's got everything you want to be a great player.



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist
Vaught's Views



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Pool Time
Shelby Cooper, Crittenden County's only competitive swimmer, participated last weekend in the Rick Cohn Invitational Swim Meet at Hopkinsville. She finished 20th in the 100-yard butterfly at 1:25.59 and was 35th in the 50-yard freestyle in 32.15. It was a very strong showing considering there were 18 other high schools represented and many strong swimmers.

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