

Chamber backs Small Business Saturday

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is supporting Small Business Saturday this week, a day set aside to promote local shopping the day following Black Friday. It will start at 10 a.m. with a

booth set up in front of Marion Welcome Center, where coffee, hot chocolate SHOP and 50 goodie bags with information about local

business sales will be given away to visitors. Some of them will have \$50 gift certificates for shopping locally. Several local businessess are participating with special holiday sales.

Thanksgiving meal open to community

Marion Baptist Church's free Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today (Thursday) in its Family Life Center. The church will also deliver meals to those unable to get out on Thanksgiving Day.

The dinner is open to anyone and will consist of traditional turkey or chicken, ham, dressing, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, candied yams, cranberry sauce, slaw, fruit salad, pie and cake with iced tea, lemonade or coffee to drink.

To have a meal delivered or to volunteer with serving on Thanksgiving Day, call the church at (270) 965-5232

In the black County jail revenue outpaces expenses for 1st time

By DARYL K. TABOR PRESS EDITOR

In this case, crime pays. For what is likely the first time ever, putting lawbreakers behind bars in Crittenden County turned a profit. In October, Crittenden County Detention Center brought in more revenue from housing inmates than was spent to incarcerate them.

Last month, the jail operated in the black with a \$5,000 margin in revenue over expenses, achieving an objective county leaders had hoped for more than a decade prior when the decision was made to construct a \$7.7 million lock-up. In January 2008, a 133-bed facility opened to replace an aging, 24-bed life-safety jail that was

costing taxpayers more than \$300,000 annually to operate. It was also on the verge of being shut down by state corrections

"That's kind of been our goal all along," said Magis-trate Dan Wood, one of the Crittenden Fiscal Court members who voted in 2006 in favor of building a new the detention center on property

adjacent to the old county jail. "The goal was to have something to pay for itself, and it's finally coming along."

Athena Abshire, Class D coordinator at the detention center, presented to the fiscal court last Thursday an October housing report that reflected \$198,152 in revenue from housing federal and state prisoners as well as inmates from other counties and Prisoner Transport Services of America. That was \$5,015 more than was spent to operate the jail.

That's a trend I expect to see continue. That's something (we) work toward every day," she said of jail staff. Additional revenue at the

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CALADRA MAN

Local elementary students share their Thanksgiving recipes

End of an era

Sun sets on Starnes' 27 years as Rockets' head football coach

OPINION

By CHRIS EVANS PRESS PUBLISHER

There is an often-used phrase in sports that no one person is bigger

than the game. That is a true statement. However, there are certainly characters who help define the game, who evoke



Starnes, 1991

Starnes, 2017

Fiscal court appoints two to local boards

Crittenden County magistrates last week re-appointed one and tapped a new volunteer to join two separate boards that oversee operation of key local services in the county. Stephen Hill was appointed to another term on Crittenden-Livingston Water District, and Rosanne Chandler was selected to fill a four-year term on Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees. She replaces George Sutton, whose term expires this year.

Public meetings

Crittenden-Livingston Water District Board will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the district office on East Main Street in Salem.

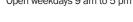
- Crittenden Health Systems Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the hospital administrative annex.

- Crittenden County **Board of Education will** meet at 6 p.m. next Thursday in the high school library for its regular meeting

- Crittenden County **Public Library Board of** Trustees will convene at 6 p.m. next Thursday at the library for a special meeting.



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STAFF REPORT

here are any number of approaches Americans take toward preparing Thanksgiving dinner – from traditional oven-roasted turkey and dressing to obscure dishes like tamales. But second-graders at Crittenden County Elementary School – in their own words and grammar - share once again with our readers their secret recipes for turkey.

One anonymous chef gets right to the point when it comes to offering guidance on the holiday feast.

Most of the students are more detailed in their explanations. Some prefer to track down their bird in the woods - even with Mom – while quite a few have no reservations of simply purchasing the centerpiece of customary Thanksgiving spreads.

Kil a turkey. and ete it

- Anonymous

First me and my mom will go to wommot. we will git a turkey. We will git to turkeys too. we will git a large turkey. next my mom will cook with a grill. I will give my mom

Crittenden County Elementary School second-grader Gabe provides the artwork for this year's Thanksgiving recipes from fellow students in his grade. Writing instructions on "How to Cook a Turkey" was a class assignment shared with The Crittenden Press for publication.

sume of the sauses. we will grill it hot. then while the turkey is fix cooking I would add corn mashed potatos.

- Erin

First this is what I would do, I would go turkey hunting and shoot a big turkey. Next this the next thing I would do, I would take the feathers off, and then I would cut the head of, and then I would grill the turkey at 80%

- Landon

Step I. buy a turkey. Step 2. put the turkey on pan. Step 3. put spicy stuff on the turkey. Step 4. cook the turkey. Step 5. get the turkey out of the oven. Step 6. Start praying. Step 7. dig in. Step 8. burp. Step 9. break the wish bone. Step 10. say thank you. Step II. brush your teeth.

- Tesla

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an image that sometimes seems larger than life and whose essence extends far beyond the game itself.

Crittenden County has been touched, affected and moved by such a man.

Personally, I have loathed for months the prospects of writing this goodbye piece that signals an end to the Al Starnes era as the

Rocket football coach. I worried that words would never come which might adequately and intelligibly embody and preserve a legacy well worth the

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SUBMITTED PHOTO Prior to a recent playoff game at Rocket Stadium, a beautiful mid-autumn sunset illuminated the gridiron for one of the final games of Crittenden County High School football Coach Al Starnes' 27-year career.



Twenty-one-month-old Liliana McConnell of Marion was killed in a single-vehicle accident last Wednsday at Rosebud Curve on U.S. 60 East when the truck driven by her mother, Elizabeth McConnell, exited the rain-slicked road and hit a tree.

Toddler dies in Rosebud crash

STAFF REPORT

A 21-month-old child died in a single vehicle accident last Wednesday after-Rosebud noon at Curve on U.S. 60 East, the site of multiple automobile fatalities over the past several years.

The crash happened about 3:10 p.m. on a rain-slicked road-

way. Crittenden County Sheriff's Department inves-

tigated the accident. The department's iniinvestigation tial found that a 1998 Toyota Tacoma operated by the victim's mother, Elizabeth McConnell, 20, of Fredonia was westbound when her small pickup lost traction due to the wet

pavement. The vehicle spun out of control and exited the left side of the roadway, striking a tree on the passenger side.

Liliana McConnell was pronounced deceased at the scene by Crittenden County Coroner Brad Gilbert.

Both occupants were properly restrained.

The mother was trans-

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L. McConnell



Letters to the Editor

P.O. Box 191, Marion, KY 42064



Students share with board their education ideals

By ALEXA BLACK STAFF WRITER

Crittenden County Board of Education, school administrators and students met last Thursday for their Council of Councils meeting. The annual gathering gives administration, student councils and the School-Based Decision-Making councils (SBDM) a chance to come together to collaborate and discuss issues important to the district.

The meeting was geared toward identifying the profile of a "Rocket graduate." Each group initiated a discussion of what an ideal outcome would be for those nearing graduation and entering the workforce. The meeting included helping students solve real-world problems and preparing for a future of unknowns in the workforce.

Administration emphasized how the district has been strategically planning for student success, resource efficiency as well as safety and security over the past few decades. Rapid technological advances and job growth have led them to re-evaluate methods that educate and prepare Crittenden County students. The variety of new educational tools and programs that have been implemented, as well as the after-school programs, are making a difference in the school system at large. The challenge for educators is not to dismiss or keep up with the latest technological developments for students, but to create meaningful experiences with how students learn to apply their knowledge in solving real-world issues.

"These next few years will challenge us to look beyond Frankfort and think about what is best for all students," Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark said. "Every group here today said they felt a sense of urgency, because technology and jobs are changing so much that it's going to be a challenge for each school to adapt as far as education is concerned. The workforce itself is becoming less predictable and some jobs that are around now may not be when these kids get out of school. So now it is a matter of pinpointing how to prepare these students for a successful life after graduation. It's something to be excited about, but also something to take into consideration.

It was further explained that students of the 21st century require technologybased tools to survive in today's world and that even the most basic facets of education have shifted due to these changes. Tomorrow's



From left, Crittenden County Board of Education member Eric LaRue, Crittenden County Principal Tom Radivonyk, middle school language arts teacher Jeanette Campbell and eighthgrade student council member Ryleigh Tabor discuss what makes a good "Rocket graduate" during last week's Council of Council meetings at a board of education working session.

workforce may look completely different, and though it is still taking form, educators as a whole have decided technology will play a major role in almost every job available to students in the next few decades. Crittenden County Schools plans to tackle this challenge with enthusiasm and feels excitement for what the future holds.

Lighter news, though,

was shared soon after.

Students were praised for utilizing the many afterschool programs to further their own education, showing just as much enthusiasm as their teachers. Crittenden County Schools has been initiating regional collaboration with both Henderson and Madisonville community colleges to help promote opportunities for students. Helping with the costs and efficiency, half of the school's bus fleet is propane powered, which cuts maintenance costs in half and is better for the environment overall. It was announced that Crittenden County Schools now has Energy Star status and is one of 16 school districts recognized statewide for having energy leadership at each school. Each group's students and staff were asked to do an honest, collaborative exercise and draw a physical representation of the traits and standards of what an ideal graduate should be, whether graduating from elementary, middle or high school.

Though varying in certain areas, each group concluded that overcoming insecurities, being independent and having good communication skills are all valuable. One student even emphasized that being willing to overcome failure is a necessity in the path to success.

These are all considered key ingredients in the application of knowledge needed to be successful not just in college, but also in chosen careers as well.

"One of the questions we must ask ourselves, is what can we do to get kids passionate, and how do we get them to base their careers on something they love and will be successful at?" board member Ryan McDaniel asked. "It's all about getting them to dedicate themselves and influencing them to be more involved, just as we are. I want just as much emphasis on one area of education and possible future professions as I do the others. There are many different paths to success, and I want kids to know that."

Ridley to seek re-election to seat in Kentucky senate

STAFF REPORT

Senate Democratic Caucus Chair Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson, filed for re-election to his 4th district Senate seat today in Frankfort.

Ridley, citing a strong record that includes education, economic development and progress in highway infrastructure, represents the 4th Senatorial District that includes Caldwell, Crittenden, Henderson, Livingston, Union and Webster counties. Since winning a special election to the Kentucky State Senate in 2004, Senator Ridley has been a strong advocate for teachers and the hard-working men and women in the commonwealth. With the 2018 Legislative Session approaching, Ridley said one of his top priorities will be to balance the state budget while preserving education, transportation infrastructure, health care and public safety. Priorities also include addressing the public pension issue without penalizing teachers, public employees and retirees.



Ridley's legislative committee assignments reflect his expertise and regional priorities. He is a member of the Agriculture, Banking and Insurance. Transportation, State and Local Government, Committee on Committees, and Rules committees. As a member of leadership, he also has a seat on the Legislative Research Commission. A past chairman and active member of the Western Kentucky Legislative Caucus, Ridley and his colleagues examine the needs and issues that affect their region. He is also a member of the Kentucky Sportsmen's Caucus and the Aluminum Caucus. A life-long resident of the 4th District, Ridley is regional business development director of Independence Bank in Henderson, serving a 12county market, and a former Henderson County president of Independence Bank. He is a member and the current president of the Henderson Rotary Club and a member of the Henderson Community College Foundation and the Henderson Chamber of Commerce. He is a graduate of Western Kentucky University. Ridley and his wife, Glenn

Several more file for 2018 candidacy on county ballot

Several more candidates for local office have field papers to appear on the 2018 ballot in Crittenden County, including incumbents: - Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, a Republican. - County Coroner Brad Gilbert, a Republican.

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unseat incumbents: - Marty Wallace, District 3 magistrate. Wallace, a Republican, was one of the 1 who applied to fill Underdown's seat. - Dave Belt, District 1 magistrate. Belt is a Republican - Matt Watson and Todd Perryman, both Republicans hoping to unseat District 2 Magistrate Curt Buntin, a Democrat and longest serving member of Crittenden Fiscal Court. Buntin is expected to seek re-election. Candidates for partisan offices have until Jan. 30 to file. Non-partisan candidates like those for mayor, city council or school board, have until August to file paperwork to appear on the ballot in November 2018.

During the 2017 Legislative Session, Ridley supState Sen. Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson, (left), filed for re-election last week. He is shown with Jeremy Foster, assistant director of administration in the office of the Secretary of State.

ported legislative issues that ranged from providing stronger protection for Kentucky's children to criminal justice reform to strengthening human trafficking awareness.

This year, Ridley's colleagues in the Senate Democratic Caucus elected him to the leadership position of Senate Democratic Caucus Chairman. He had previously served in the House of Representatives from 1987-94, where he represented three of the counties that he still represents today in the Senate. - District 1 Magistrate Danny Fowler, a Democrat.

- District 3 Magistrate Zach Bloodworth. The Republican was appointed last month by Gov. Matt Bevin to fill the unexpired term of Glen Underdown, who died in September.

District 4 Magistrate
Mark Holloman, a Democrat.
District 6 Magistrate Dan

Wood, a Democrat. Four additional people

have filed for office hoping to

Hodge Ridley, a retired schoolteacher, have four adult children. The Ridleys have one grandchild and will welcome another soon. The Ridleys are members of the Presbyterian Church of Henderson.

Burna Legion

a big success

To the editor:

The Logan Clark American Legion Post 217 family greatly thanks the many businesses and individual contributors to the 59th annual fundraiser Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 12. Due to their generosity and the many Post and Unit members' hard work and dedication, we will be able to carry out many active duty military, veteran and family, scholarship and community programs that have been a part of this Post and Unit's history for years.

We proudly acknowledge the support of our generous and loyal sponsors: Belt Auto Sales, Ray Black & Sons Inc., Boyd Funeral Directors, Mike & Gale Cherry, Conrad's Harvest Foods, Coon Dog Inn, Craig's Dairy Barn, Cremation Society of Paducah/Smith Funeral

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Thank you from all of the

Post 217 members that donated and the many patrons of the meal.

Terry Black Burna, Ky.

Scouts thank ones who gave for food drive

Boy Scout Troop 3030 would like to thank those who donated food for the annual "Scouting for Food" drive. If we did not pick up canned goods or missed someone, food can be dropped off at Marion United Methodist Food Bank, someone can pick it up or you may call or text me at (270) 704-6673 to arrange pickup.

Again, a big thank you from the Scout Troop, who reminds all who participated that these donations all stay in our community.

Sandy Urbanowski Marion, Ky.

EDITORIAL CARTOON





SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Crittenden County Schools' Blue Knights chess club came away with top hardware Saturday from another area meet. Above, the K12 team of (from left) Clay Stevens, Lauren Gilchrist, Coach Don Winters, Skyler James, Cole Swinford, Dominic Rorer and James Crider took first place at the McCracken County Scholastic Chess Tournament in Paducah. At right, Winters and his K3 team of (from left) Zeke Smith, Zak Smith, Wyatt Russell, Donte Bell, Jake Rich, Charlie Ledford and Eli Lovell also took home first in their division. The K5 team of Cameron Hernandez and Hayden Hildebrand placed fourth and the K8 squad of Isaac Sarles, Trey Swaggirt, Gage Russell, Evan McDowell and Dennon Wilson placed second.



Blue Knights once again chess to impress at tournamant

STAFF REPORT

On Saturday, the Blue Knights competed in the Mc-Cracken County Scholastic Chess Tournament in Paducah. The tournament drew more than 140 players from across the region.

The K3 team of Wyatt Russell. Zak Smith. Donte Bell. Jake Rich, Charlie Ledford, Zeke Smith and Eli Lovell have been battling against fierce competitor Murray Elementary in the last two tour-

naments. They have placed first in one and second in the other. This time, the team earned all 4 team points in the first round and never looked back. They earned first place over Murray Elementary, beating them by 2 full points with 16 total out of 20. Individually, Russell placed first with a perfect

score of 5 out of 5. Rich placed third with 4 points and Zak Smith placed fifth, also with 4 points.

The K5 team of Hayden Hildebrand and Cameron Hernandez were able to sneak away with a fourth-place trophy, winning only 6 out of 20 points. Individually, Hildebrand placed fourth with 4 out of 5 points.

The K8 team of Gage Russell, Dennon Wilson, Trey Swaggirt, Evan McDowell, and Isaac Sarles have had their hands full with rival Lone Oak Intermediate this year. They, too, have split the past two tournaments, winning one and placing second once. This time, it would come down the final game in the final round, but the Blue Knights were not able to put it away and placed second but just a half-point.

Individually, Russell placed second with 3.5 points, McDowell placed third with 3 points, Swaggirt placed fifth with 3 points and Wilson placed 10th with 2 points.

The K12 team of Clav Stevens, Skyler James, Lauren Gilchrist. Cole Swinford. James Crider and Dominic Rorer have established their dominance in the Quad A this year, winning the past two tournaments. This time would prove no different as the team placed first with 12 out of 16 points over rival Pennyrile Area Christian Homeschool Educators of Kentucky (PACHEK) homeschool.

Individually placed first with a perfect score of 4 out of 4. Stevens placed fourth with 3 points, James placed seventh with 3 points, Gilchrist placed eighth with 2 points and Rorer placed ninth with 2 points.

The Blue Knights will travel to Louisville for their next tournament on Dec. 2 before hosting the Blue Knights Scholasitc in Marion on Dec. 9.

NEWS BRIEFS

Hard-to-get part halts leaf collection

A fix to the City of Marion's leaf collection machinery still has the system delayed as Utilities Director Brian Thomas awaits repairs. City Coun-



Sykes

ture of service, which typically starts collection of curbside leaves the first week of November.

People had gotten used to it," she said. "They have been asking."

Thomas said the vacuum unit is still in Louisville being repaired. It was supposed to be ready last Wednesday, but delays on getting one final part have put repairs behind schedule. Last year, he said, the machine was patchworked to get it through the season.

Arena at 6 p.m. Dec. 21-29: Christmas break for students.

Jan. 1: No school for students due to the New Year holiday.

Jan. 2: No school for students due to a teacher planning day.

Jan. 3: Students return to class to begin the second semester.

Jan. 15: No school. Feb. 19: No classes for students due to a teacher planning day.

Rep. Comer aide in county next week

Congressman James Comer's field representative, Amelia Wilson, will host office

hours on behalf of the Congressman in Crittenden County to help 1st District residents with federal

Prevented planting, failed acres must be reported

STAFF REPORT

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Nina Hunt in Crittenden-Livingston County reminds producers to report prevented planting and failed acres in order to establish or retain FSA program eligibility.

Producers must report crop acreage they intended to plant, but due to natural disaster, they were prevented from planting. Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form FSA-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and the Risk Management Agency.

According to Hunt, the final planting date for wheat was Nov. 15. Therefore, prevented planted acres must be reported by Nov. 30.

If a producer is unable to report the prevented planting acreage within the 15 calendar days following the final

planting date, a late-filed report can be submitted. Latefiled reports will only be accepted if FSA conducts a farm visit to assess the eligible disaster condition that prevented the crop from being planted. A measurement service fee will be charged.

Additionally, producers with failed acres should also use form FSA-576, Notice of Loss, to report failed acres.

For losses on crops covered by the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program and crop insurance, producers must file a Notice of Loss within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent. Producers must timely file a Notice of Loss for failed acres on all crops including grasses.

Contact the Crittenden-Livingston County FSA office at (270) 988-2180 to schedule



"The cost of a new one is high," he cautioned.

City Administrator Adam Ledford said the original estimate to fix the machine was about \$6,000, but makeshift repairs to a less critical part will lower that cost.

"There was a hydraulic pump/motor/tank that was going to cost (around) \$1,000 that we have decided to patch fix, which should lower the total cost of the fixes," he said.

There is still no projection as to when leaf collection may begin this autumn.

Special session on pension to be soon

Gov. Matt Bevin is still planning for a special legislative session to address pension reform in Kentucky, despite the 2018 regular session being just a few weeks away.

Bevin told reporters in Frankfort on Friday that the pension bill was not dead, but that it will pass and it will happen soon. However, he offered no date for the special session, which must last at least five days

Lawmakers reconvene in Frankfort for a 60-day budget session on Jan. 2.

Classes out several days next 3 months

Crittenden County Schools will be closed through Tuesday for Thanksgiving break. Teachers return Monday for a teacher planning day, but students won't head back to the classroom until Tuesday.

Other coming dates of note in the school district are

- Next Thursday: The board of education meets in the high school library at 6 p.m

- Dec. 14: The board of education meets in Rocket



casework is-Wilson sues. She will be

at the courthouse in Marion from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday. "It is important for me to

be accessible to my constituents," the freshman congressman said. "My staff will hold mobile office hours throughout the district to bring our constituent services straight to you. I hope that you will let us know how we can assist you with any issues you may be having with the federal government.

Substance abuse hotline starts Dec. 1

A new substance abuse center will soon connect people across Kentucky with drug treatment.

Starting Dec. 1, Kentuckians struggling with a substance use disorder, either themselves or within their families, can call (833) 8KY-HELP toll-free to speak with a specialist about treatment options and available resources. The specialist will conduct a brief screening assessment to connect callers with the most relevant treatment services as quickly as possible.

The service is in conjunction with Operation Unite and is funded by \$500,000 from the state. And while it begins operating between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CST, Gov. Matt Bevin said that may change soon.

"I was just told by a company earlier this week, that they are going to be giving an additional \$500,000 to Kentucky. That's going to be announced, quite likely, between now and the first of the year. It is my intent this should be operating 24 hours a day.

"People are dying unnecessarily. So often, because we are not intervening early enough."

Last year in Kentucky, 1,400 people overdosed. Nationwide, 175 people die each day from overdoses.

— Kentucky Today

an appointment to file a Notice of Loss.

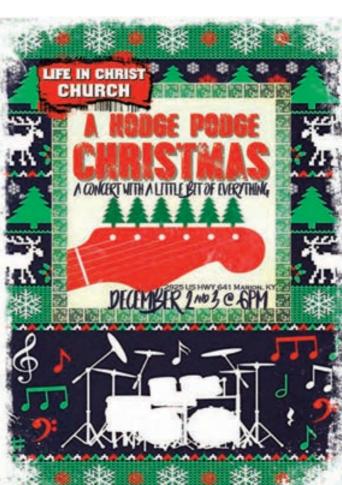


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CCMS Homecoming court

Crittenden County Middle School's homecoming court includes (standing from left) Storm Franklin, John Sigler, Emma Williams, Luke Crider, Raina West, Dylan Yates, Mallory Lynn, Ben Evans, Duchess Katie Perryman, Duke Jaxon Hatfield, King Kollin Graham, Queen Kaylee Conger, Prince Jordan Hardesty, Princess Carly Towery, Natalie Boone, Preston Morgeson, Brylee Conyer, Trevor Eifler, Taylor Guess, Seth Guess, Maggie Blazina, Logan Bailey, (seated) Riley Smith, Gabe Keller, Avery Belt, Maddie Travis and Elijah Manus, Sydney Keller and Melina Keller.

STARNES

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true reverence his 27-year career deserves.

To pay homage, I reached out to others here and abroad so that we might somehow capture the soul and spirit of what Coach Starnes has meant to this community. Sure, he was just a football coach in a tiny town in rural western Kentucky where football generally takes a backseat to the King of Bluegrass athletics – basketball. Yet, here, in Crittenden County, football has long been a source of pride and recognition.

Starnes won 175 games here and took his team to the state semifinals once and the quarterfinals four times. The success he chiseled from hearts and talents of hundreds of players over the years is second only to his work that transcended sports.

Great coaches inspire and enable. They lead.

Coach Starnes has done that with class and character, and those who know him best will testify that his



Crittenden County High School football head coach AI Starnes walks to the sideline at Rocket Stadium Friday before his final game as coach of the Rockets. Starnes is hanging up the chalkboard and retiring from coaching and education at the end of the 2017-18 school year.

vately benefitted countless young men and women. Almost of all of it has gone unnoticed to the masses. In a time when civility

instinctive ability to applaud student-athletes in times of triumph and how he always diverted the blame to himself in defeat.

times struggle and fail. So is the true story of a small-school football coach who has demonstrated for nearly

whose opinions likely will be respected.

From retired coach Pat Gates, who won state football championships at Crittenden and Caldwell counties: "Al Starnes is a total class individual whom I've always had the utmost respect for not just on the field but off the field! He's a great friend and mentor to all of us former coaches. He has developed great character, discipline, loyalty and pride in all his players. For a coach to have had as

much success at a Class A school with limited resources is second to none. He has been very loyal to Crittenden County, and it's been exemplified by him staying there for 27 years when he could have had numerous opportunities to leave for another successful program. Crittenden County and Marion should build a statue of him and place it through some tough on the courthouse square. I have times as a commubeen blessed by nity. his friendship, Jared Byford sportsmanship and dedication to Marion mayor and high school footformer player under Starnes ball in the state of Kentucky. It was truly an honor for me to compete against him and his teams over the years. I've never heard any coach, administrator, parent or player say anything negative about Al Starnes. And I have never heard Al Starnes say anything out of disrespect to any of those as well. Al Starnes will be sorely missed from the sidelines and is one of the old-school coaches that will be remembered forever.' From Jeff Bidwell, sports director at WPSD-TV in Paducah: "In my more than 15 years (at the television station), Al Starnes has been one of my favorite coaches to deal with. It's also obvious the impact he has had on so many young men over the years considering how many returned to coach with him. Work aside, per-



The "Rocket Pride" that Coach Starnes has instilled in our football program has been an inspiration for our entire county as we've gone

sonally I'm going to miss Al greatly, but I wish him and his family nothing but the best in their very exciting future.' From Marion Mayor

Jared Byford, who played for Starnes in high school: "Stability and pride are becoming more and more rare these days. Al Starnes has been a source of both to our young people and to our community. His consistent, caring, inspiring leadership has been a great source of pride and stability to young people and to a com-

munity which have often needed it. He relates so well to his students and players. He inspires them, he pushes them, he's there for them, and he doesn't give up on them. The "Rocket Pride" that Coach Starnes has instilled in our football program has been an inspiration for our entire county as we've gone through some tough times as a community. I'm proud to



approach has been resolute and unwavering.

It's that consistency that has helped build a legacy that forever will be remembered and exalted as perhaps the most venerable in the history of Crittenden County athlet-Not many coaches ics. Off the field, and often behind the scenes, his inone school for 27 tegrity and style have been even more caring and does, he leaves an gracious. Some impact that lasts have undoubtedly forever.

never seen that side, and I think that suits him just fine. Football coaches don't always like to be seen as warm or tenderhearted.

Truth is that Starnes has done much more for students and people in this community than what appears in the sports columns after Friday night games. His financial, moral and spiritual support has pri-

has waned low in our culture, Starnes has

these days stay at

years, but when one

been steadfast in his respect for his wife, his daughter, women in general and men, too, for that matter. While he and wife Angela both were battling cancer a few years ago, Starnes' de-

meanor never changed. His bold confrontation of life's ugliest scourges was - and remains - an inspi-

ration to many. How many times I cannot begin to count when people Jeremy Tacket would ask, "How athletic director at Union are you doing?" And his constant County High School reply, "Good, Always good.'

From a personal standpoint, Coach Starnes has taught me many things. Among them, I count a couple as perhaps the most important. First, is his 'I-am-blessed-and-more-importantly-how-are-you?" attitude; and second is his

When his teams won, he invariably credited the kids. When the Rockets lost, he always said it was his fault that he hadn't prepared the boys well enough to win.

That, to me, is a mark of a true and indelible champion. Of course, in

fairy tales, the Rockets would have handed Starnes a state championship in his final season. But Friday nights are not fairy tales, they're high school sporting events steeped with emotion, preparation and, of course, athleticism. They are reflections of reality, not mythical or magical. Yes, a trip to the championship would have made for a great story, but Starnes' tenure as the longest football coach in school history was not constructed on myths. It was developed in the conscious realm where young men grow and learn and some-



Crittenden County and Marion should build a statue of him and place it on the courthouse square. - Pat Gates head coach of Rockets'

1985 Class A football state championship team

three decades that pride, preparation and dogged determination can prevail even when games are lost and it's time to move ahead to the next chapter.

Starnes' real-life struggle with colon cancer four years ago shaped - as much as anything the farewell scene to an unprecedented coaching career at Crittenden County. After surviving that health issue, he realized that life is fleeting

and precious. Now, at what some might attest is the still-young-age of 56, Starnes has chosen to move on to another phase of life so that he might spend more time with his family.

The measure of a career can be metered largely on what others have to say about you. Here are some words from folks who have been able to observe Coach Starnes over the years and

both on and off the field and to call him my coach and my friend."

have known him

From Jeremy Tackett, athletic director at Union County High School, which he also posted on social media:

"Shoutout to Al Starnes. Not many coaches these days stay at one school for 27 years, but when one does, he leaves an impact that lasts forever. The community of Crittenden County (and surrounding area) have several men and women who are better people because of (his) dedication. What a great run to end it, district champion and regional runner-up is not a bad way to go out. Congrats to a great coach and great man.

In the end, suffice it to say that no coach should be worshipped and no man transcends the game, but some leave a lasting impression worthy of praise and it is altogether fitting that we afford such at this time. Job well done!

FATALITY

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ported to Crittenden Health Systems for treatment of minor injuries. She is the daughter of former Crittenden County Fire Chief Scott Price.

Accounts have been established at both Farmers Bank & Trust Co. and The Peoples

Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

Bank in Marion in the name of Liliana.

Emergency agencies assisting at the scene were Crittenden County EMS, Mattoon Volunteer Fire Department, Crittenden County Rescue Squad, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and several good Samaritans who stopped to render aid.

Last week's fatality was third on Crittenden the

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County roads in 2017. Just two weeks earlier, 27-year-old MaKaela Franklin of Salem was killed in a three-vehicle wreck on U.S. 60 West near

the Crittenden-Livingston County Line. In March, Logan Bingham, 21, of Marion was killed in a single-vehicle accident on U.S. 60 East.

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Local elementary students share their Thanksgiving recipes

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First Get a turkey at the store. Next open the turkey out of the box. Then put the turkey in the oven start the oven put it on 86 berger. then get it out of the oven cut the turkey set the table then pray and eat.

- Haley

First me and my mom will go hunting for a turkey next I woud taek the turkey home and taek the skin off and cut the head off then my mom will put it in the oven and why its cooking me and my mom will cook pies and mak and cheese and Bread rolls.

- Brooke

I. Buy the turkey. 2. Sook it in chicen broil. 3. Cook it in a crok pot. 4. Cook it for three hours. 5. Retty to eat.

- Tesla

Me and my daddy go huting for a big turkey. Pull the fethers off. put the mate in a pot. Go to the grill and warm it up. my daddy is giving me spiss. The time cook it is 2 huros. invit my felmiy to eat it. Say the blesh. Wil it is cooking I will make rolls corn ptodas green banes. It is done put the tabl cloth on. - Callie

- I. Buy turkey from store. 2. cover in grees. 3. Let grees soak in turkey. 4. Cook turkey for one hour and thirty minuts. 5. Dry turkey for one hour. 6. Cut turke bones off. 7. If you want to you can cook turkey covered in b.b. sauce. If you use b.b. sauce do the same thing.

– Eli

First I wood go to the store. Then I wou take It to the regester. Then I wood go pay for It. Next I wood poot butter on It. Then I wood cook It In a pot. Then we wood grill It. How long to cook It I wood cook It for 34 mines. The tempercher is 30 digris.

– Abbye

For the self-serve cooks who want to track their own dinner in the fields, shoot it and field dress it, the devil is in the details before the bird even makes it to the kitchen counter.

Take it's feathers out and then suck all the turkeys blood out in a mashien and then cook it or frie it then at Last you cut a piece and eat it my dad taut me that! thanksgiving is the best and so it the turkey. - Abigail

When You get a turkey You pull off there feathers. then You take the beack off. then You putt it on a pan. then You putt some seasoning on it. then You putt the turkey in the uven. then You turn the uven.

Most of the young culinary artists would employ triedand-true recipes for cooking the turkey, but a few offer some interesting twists on prepping the fowl for a rather unique taste when the family sits down to dine. Barbecue sauce seems to be a new trend among this generation.

Me and my dad go to Conrads to find a tasty turkey. We find a tasty turkey and bring it home. Me and my dad bring it inside and put pizza sauce on it. Then me and my dad put it in the oven for thirty minutes. While it is cooking I would fix corn, mac and cheese, rolls and mashed potatos.

- Jack

- Danika

First you kill it. Next you cook it in a pan or an oven 60° for an hour. Las you put pepper and BBQ sauce on the turkey. and put some spices on it. then you eat it.

- Noah

First you get your spices as in corn starch, salt, pepper and BBQ sauce and your pan. of course Then you set the clock for 40 minutes and 125° Next you let it cool down for 10 to 25 minutes. Last you shove like vegetables in stuff like that very very last.

– Alex

First you thaw out the turkey. Next you put the turkey in the oven at SOO° and one hours. Last you put honey BBQ Sauce then eat it! - Cabot

Kadence likes his barbecue sauce, too, but make no mistake, dessert is his favorite part of Thanksgiving dinner.

First you spot a turkey then you kill it and then pluk the fethers. Next you thaw the meat and then spice it and put bbQ sauce on it. And put it under the turkey for I hour and 350°. Make sure you put some pepper! MakE sure to cook applie pie for me!

- Kadence

Cameron is not even ready to go hunting for his turkey until the grill is (luke)warm.

- First you heat the grill 50° and then you go kill a turkey. Next you put salt and pepper BBQ Sauce on the turkey and then put the turkey and then let the turkey sit in the grill. you eat the turkey.

- Cameron

Where the children seem to vary greatly on their recipes is the cooking time and temperature. Times range from 15 seconds to 50 hours. And any good cook knows that a turkey that is too done can ruin an otherwise good meal. So a handful of second-graders at CCES prefer to err on the side of keeping the turkey juicy with a special style of chill-cooking as low as 10 degrees, while others use a flash-roasting style with a super-heated oven turned up to a very specific 653 degrees.

I shoot a turkey with my dad. My dad and I will pluck the fethers off. We shred the skin off. We put grill sauces on it. The temp is onehundred digreas Faranhite. I will keep it in the oven for fifteen seconds.

- Lee First you put the tuRkey in the oven at 10° for 50 hour Next when the tuRkey is dun pul the tuRkey out of the oven. Last a EOAPPIP in its Belly.

First you go kill a turkey then you need to pre het the oven and wen it is good and hot poot the turkey in. And the turkey is in the oven for an hour and the oven needes to be 653° And then it is good.

First you kill the turkey. Next you rip the feathers off the turkey. Then you turn the oven on and turn it on to 90 degreese. last you take it out and eat it.

- Ethan

First you put the turkey in the oven. Next you put the turkey to cook the turkey for 30°. Last hasny sot and BBQ Sauce. cook the turkey for 10 minutes. and I hours. - Azariah

First salt on the Turkey. Next put The Turkey in The oven at 10° for 1 hour. Last you eating The Turkey. - Tanner First you have to kill a turkey. Next you have to pull the feathers off and the guts. Then you add the seasoning and then you put the turkey in the oven and you have to set the oven to 70 degree for 2 hours. Last you eat it. - Ella

And what's Thanksgiving if you're alone. Some of the more tender-hearted kids want to ensure love is part of the right recipe by inviting over friends and even their teachers.

I. Go buy the turkey in the groshre sior and go home. 2. Preehet the uven to sixty nine dugres. 3. lae dorn the turkey on the pan and lae it in the uvin. 4. Call a frand over to eat with you.

- Arianna

I would kill a turkey. I would take all the fathers off. I would put peper on the turkey. I would put it in a pan. I would put it on 80 degreze. I would take it out and eat it with my family an friends and with teachers. We would have a very very very very very fun time. We would go places lik walmart. - Briston

- Lilly

- Cams

I will kill the turker than I will get it on the Uvein than I will eat wheth my teacher.

- Kasyn

If Ayanna is going to have over friends to hunt, cook and eat turkey, she's going to make sure they have fun after the dishes are done.

I will do on thanksgiving I will have my friends to come over. All of us will kill a turkey and eat it. Then we finally will have dyzrt. And then we will play duck, duck, goos and then we will have a sleep over. - Ayanna

JAIL

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lock-up not reflected on the monthly report, according to Jailer Robbie Kirk, includes another \$15,000 or so in uncollected monthly debts and

bonding payments. Expenses at the jail – in-

Detention center census

Each month, Crittenden County Jailer Robbie Kirk provides the fiscal court with an inmate census and housing income report from the previous month. The following data were provided at last week's fiscal court meeting:

Inmate count as of Nov. 16

State inmates		
Federal inmates		
Other counties	1	
Crittenden County		
Total inmates		
Weekenders/work release		
Out to court		
Actual total inmate bed count		



cluding salaries, supplies, utilities, maintenance, housing inmates on local charges, etc. – totaled \$193,137, per the October version of the monthly report provided to magistrates.

"We're starting to turn a fairly big ship around," Kirk said of the changes made on both the revenue and expense sides to reduce the jail's reliance on taxpayer subsidies.

"I would say this is the first time the jail has every operated in the black," said Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

He said it is has never happened since the detention center came online. While he doesn't have records, the old life-safety jail had no way to earn income from housing federal and state inmates like today. Last month alone, the local jail received \$181,507 for housing those inmates.

"Anytime we can be in the black for the month is an exciting thing," Newcom said. "We put that money back for perpetual maintenance, as things (in the 10-year-old facility) are starting to get to the point of needing work."

Despite last month's headway, Newcom doubts the jail will ever be a break-even venture for the county. He said \$5,000 in monthly revenue does not touch the bond payments on the facility, which were almost \$560,000 last fiscal year. Despite the county's recent attempts to save interest and lower payments by refinancing jail construction bonds, there still remain 20 years of bond payments.

"But if we can keep our subsidy level at around \$300,000 a year for it, we're going to be in pretty decent shape," Newcom said.

That seems to be the magic figure for magistrates. In fact, in 2006 when Wood voted to build the new detention center, he told The Crittenden Press that if the county is forced to pay no more than it was shelling out to keep the 24-bed life-safety jail open, then he considers the move a victory.

"The way I look at it, anything less than \$300,000 from the county is good news," he *Highest federal inmate count the jail has ever reported

October housing income

State housing	\$123,322.90
Housing days	
Daily housing rate\$31.34	
Federal housing	\$58,183.99
Federal transport payments\$6,313.99	
Housing days1,235	
Daily housing rate\$42.00	
Prisoner Transport Service of America	\$14,700.00
Number of days350	
Daily housing rate\$42.00	
Other county housing	\$1,625.00
Housing days65	
Daily housing rate\$25.00	
Weekend/work release	\$320
Housing days10	
Daily housing rate\$32.00	
Total housing	\$198,151.89

October Crittenden County inmate report

Housing days		
Daily housing rate		
Average daily population		
Cost of Crittenden County inmates\$12,300.00		

said a dozen years ago.

Wood also knows \$5,000 in profit for a month doesn't go very far, but it allows general fund monies to be spent on other needs in the county.

"It's not helping the deficit that much, but it's still a positive thing," he said."It frees up a lot of money to go elsewhere."

Kirk, too, never expects the detention center to be a money maker for the county in the sense that it can never pay for itself each year without taxpayer subsidies.

"A jail is not a for-profit project," he said. "There is a price to pay to take your incorrigibles and keep them out of society. This jail should never be expected to break even."

Kirk said he tries to keep the detention center at about 20 percent above its 172 capacity – 133 original beds and 39 restricted custody center beds added recently. That ensures no bed, the jail's moneymakers, are ever empty.

In fact, as of last Thursday's report to the fiscal court, of the 200 inmates housed that day, 184 were paying beds – only 16 individuals were housed on local charges. Of the total, 43 were federal inmates, more than at any other time. Each pay \$42 per day, \$10.66 more than state prisoners, and the jail is not responsible for any of their medical expenses.

That and an eagerness to house female inmates, something other jails shy from, has helped bring the jail into the black. At press time, nearly a third of the inmates housed at the jail were females.

"It's not rocket science," Kirk said.

The jail's payroll for 39 employees is about \$1 million annually, which Kirk says turns over multiple times in the community.

of the Heritage at Marion Country Club

Dear Members and Prospective Members, The Heritage at Marion Country Club

is my passion and my commitment to Gareth Hardin and the members of Marion Country Club. The club is as strong or stronger today as the day Gareth Hardin addressed the members on my behalf in 2014.

I am a proud Kentuckian, and contrary to perhaps some speculation, I have no intention of our club failing or closing.

I want to share with you my thoughts regarding our historic golf course and other club facilities.

My first thought is an apology to the membership for the problems we have had the last two seasons with our bent grass greens. Regardless of any contributing reasons or circumstances, the condition of our golf course is my responsibility, and I did not get the job done, and I am truly sorry and apologize to each member!

We have studied and also consulted with the USGA, Kentucky Golf Association and others regarding how to fix our problem. The first part of December, a university expert will run several tests on our course to look for any underlying contributors to our problem greens! We have been working diligently to Coming in early December 2017 Two Full Swing Golf

Simulators These new simulators will allow our patrons to "play" (full swings using your clubs or ours and play every shot including putting) such courses as Pebble Beach, Spyglass, Medina, Bethpage Black, Firestone, Pinehurst and many other well-known courses. The models we purchased were used to hold a tournament in New York by Arnold Palmer and grandson

Sam Saunders. The simulators provide our patrons with a practice "facility" with diagnostic information to help improve your game! Our simulators will be installed in the main

dining room upstairs in our restaurant. Sandwiches, salads and homemade soup and properietary menu pizzas will become available during the hours we are open for scheduled use of the simulators. Chips, soft drinks, iced tea, etc., will also be available. We anticipate certain organized competition events to occur during this winter and spring.

improve our greens in the meantime.

This is my commitment: If we do not feel we can maintain bent grass greens that are considered very acceptable, I will convert to Bermunda greens as soon as the first growing season occurs in 2018. My study has led me to believe that I would choose the same Bermuda type that Calvert City chose. We will also purchase covers for each green that must be used during certain temperatures during the winter months. Of course, Bermuda greens also require correct, timely maintenance to maintain an excellent playing condition.

> To my fellow citizens of Marion and surrounding cities: The Heritage at Marion Country Club and Eddie King request your help

in the development of membership and usage of our golf course, swimming area and restaurant facility.

Our golf course did not fail us, I failed the golf course! Firmly I believe my study and education has improved my ability to understand more regarding improvements that need to take place in all areas of our club.

My oldest son, Nathan King, and his wife Cindy join me in our excitement about our current new projects and plans for 2018.

> Sincerely, Eddie King



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Family order started with early Adam

BY FELTY YODER

The book of Genesis is, as we know, the book of beginnings, the book of Creation. In the original creation we have types and shadows of greater things to come in the new creation.

God made man in His own image and likeness, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul. This first Adam was not the full intention of a man in God's image and likeness, but "who is a figure of Him that was to come." (Romans 5:14). In the last Adam, which is Jesus, it was God's intention to bring forth a man of a much higher order than the man of the first order. We need to understand this principle in our day, when restoration seems to be the thought, that to get back to the original state of the Church is all that God has in mind. It is a restoration back to foundational principles of truth. But there must be a going on from there to the fullness of God's intention

We accept the fact that we are like Adam because we are born in Adam, and grow up in Adam. But so different for us to comprehend that we are likewise born in the last Adam, and grow up in



the last Adam. It is perhaps because we fail to realize that the first Adam has become the seed-bed for sowing of the seed that would bring forth the last Adam.

Consequently, religion in general has tried to bring about a reconstruction of the old Adam to make him conform to the nature of the last Adam. However, God dealt mightily with the old man by nailing him to the cross. It happened when Christ "made sin for us, who know no sin." It was there at the cross that God "condemned sin in the flesh" in order that the new life of the Spirit might be released and become the new nature, and the energizing life of the new man in Christ.

When God went about to make a counterpart for Adam, He did something very unusual and very different to what He had done up to that time. God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and He took a rib from him and made a woman. When Adam awoke, he saw for the first time one creature that he had not seen when he was naming all the other creatures. He knew intuitively what God had done, and he understood that this one was truly a part of himself, one his like, one with him, one to make him complete. He knew families would come from this union, and his kind would be perpetuated on the earth.

When God made them, He called them Adam.

But is was Adam that called his wife "woman," for she was taken out of man. And then, more specifically, he named her "Eve," because she was the mother of all living.

Now, as we know, the history of our early beginning has become the basis of family relationship, and the order of the home. The Apostle Paul lays out God's plan of the home based on what God did in the beginning.

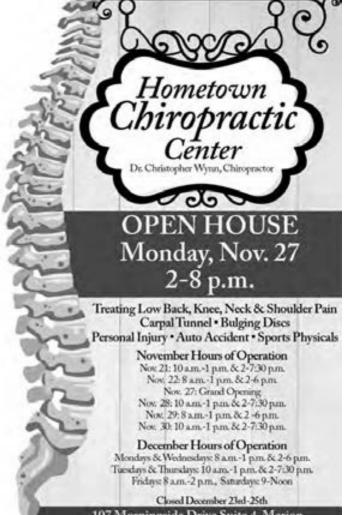
"Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives submit yourselves to your own husbands, as unto the Lord, for the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the Church, and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything." (Ephesians 5:21-24)

In the last several decades a momentous spirit of the rebellion has perverted the minds and hearts of men and women to where laws in the church and government are being changed to accommodate this unholy generation. With it there has come into being such a breakdown of home and family that neither church, society or government has come up with any solution.

It all began with rebellion against God and refusal to acknowledge that God was the author of this divine order. It was not the law of Moses that started God's order in the family. It was the law in creation, the law of life. So as God breathed life into the first Adam He will yet breathe life into His people, for His intention is that we come "unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

(Editor's note: Felty Yoder, of the Salem area, shares his views periodically in this newspaper. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)





Local Faith-Based Events & Church Outreach

Texans to perform at Sugar Grove CP Church

The Texans, a Christian musical group who gained fame in Branson, Mo., will be playing at 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10, at Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The group was twice awarded the honor of Branson Entertainers of The Year and most recently has formed TIM, Texans International Ministry, producing, providing and distributing resources to missionaries at home and across the world. Their performance is more than just a gospel concert, it is an evening of inspiration, laughter and fun.

Fredonia clothes closet open 4th Saturday

Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

Food pantry open third Thursday at Fredonia

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.

Mexico Baptist has clothes each Monday

The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.

First Baptist has clothes closet on Thursdays The clothes closet of First Baptist Church of Fredonia is open from 1 to 3

p.m. every Thursday at the church's Family Life Center.



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Allen

Syers

Veda M. Syers, 89, died Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017, following a long illness.

She was born Aug. 23, 1928, in Hamburg, Iowa. Veda and her last husband William "Bill" Syers were married on Dec. 23, 1948, and he died Aug. 21, 2014. They had been married more than 68 years and resided in Tempe, Ariz., since 1970.

Syers is survived by two sons, David and Cherine Syers of Syracuse, Ind., and Drew Syers of Tempe; two grandchildren, Candace and Joseph Good of Kokomo, Ind., and Anthony and Annie Syers of Greenwood, Ind.; and eight great-grandchildren.

Syers grew up in Hopkinsville, and after graduation from high school, she started at David Lipscomb College in Nashville, Tenn., where she received her associate degree. After marriage, she followed her husband's career moves from Evansville, Ind., Cincinnati, Ohio; Terre Haute, Ind.; Mobile, Ala.; Chicago; to Tempe.

She dreamed about completing her education, so she went back to college and finished her bachelor's degree and then her master's degree from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill., in 1968. Åfter moving to Tempe, she decided to continue her education at Arizona State University and received her doctorate (Ph.D.) degree in 1977.

She retired from Tempe Schools Corp. in 1994 and continued to substitute teach in surrounding high schools for several years. She enjoyed traveling and RVing, but her most enjoyable moments were with family and friends.

A graveside memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 25 at 11 a.m. at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion. Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion is in charge of local arrangements.

Flowers can be sent to Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, or donations can be made to: Tempe Church of Christ, 2424 S. Mill Ave., Tempe, AZ 85282.

Our obituary policy

Most obituaries run at no cost to families, including the use of a picture. However, long obitiuaries with extended family listed may incur a small charge.

OBITUARIES

An elderly Sturgis man died earlier this month from injuries received in the demolition of a Marion church.

Benjamin "B.F." Allen Sr., 80, died in the early morning hours of Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017, at Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson. His death was the result of head trauma re-

ceived Oct. 18 during the razing of Free Will Baptist Church on South Main Street in Marion.

Allen was born to Inez Logan and Cross Standford Allen Sr. He was a member of New Salem Baptist Church for more than 60 years and also attended Mt. Sterling Cumberland Presbyterian Church regularly for the past five years.

Allen worked for Island Creek Hamilton No. 1 Coal Mines for 25 years, where he later retired. He was the founder of Allen Backhoe and Plumbing Service in 1967.

Allen had an eighth-grade education and went to Dunbar School, but he studied on his own and on Dec. 2, 1968. he received his registered journeyman plumbers and master plumber's licenses from the Kentucky State Department of Health in Frankfort. He was the first black man in Union County to accomplish being a plumber, carpenter and electrician.

Allen honorably served on active duty in the U.S. Army from Nov. 8, 1954, to Nov. 7, 1956. He returned to Sturgis where he later found the love of his life, Andronia Alderman, whom he married and cared for more than 58 years until her passing in May 2016.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; son Myron Ray "Chick" Collins; daughter Martha Inez Allen; and six brothers.

Survivors include son Benji and (Christina) Allen; daughters Sheila Allen and Debra Carter-Smith; brother Mac Arthur and Janice Allen Sr.; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Nov. 11 at Mt. Sterling Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Sturgis. Rev. Richard Pollard officiated. Burial was in Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis.

McConnell Lilianna Elizabeth Mc-

Connell, the 2a-month-old daughter of Elizabeth Price and Dustin McConnell, died Wednesday Nov. 15, 2017, in Crittenden County as the result of an automobile accident.

In addition to her parents, the girl is survived by

maternal grandparents Teresa and Scott Price of Fredonia; paternal grandparents Mike Kathy and

McConnell of Marion; ma-McConnell ternal great-

grandmothers Kay Jacobs of Fredonia and Carol Hardin of Salem; paternal great-grandmother Helen McConnell of Marion; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by maternal greatgrandfathers Roy Jacobs and Melvin Price, and maternal great-grandfather Hayden McConnell.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 18 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Frances Cemetery.

Sherill

Robin Dee (Haire) Sherill, 63. of Princeton, formerly of Marion, died Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017 at Florida Hospital Waterman following a short illness.

She was employed as a licensed practical nurse at South Campus Care Center in Leesburg, Fla.

Surviving are her husband, Mark Sherill of Princeton; four daughters, Lisa (Shawn) Holeman of Marion; Terri (Steve) Wright of Indianapolis, Ind, Christi Huff and Stephanie Haire, both of Evansville; sons, Brandon Sherill and Bray Sherill, both of Princeton; her mother, Wilma Snider of Booneville, Ind.; two sisters Cheryl (Vernon) McRoberts and Wendy Snyder, both of Booneville; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, George Junior Snider.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017 at Marion Baptist Church.



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Ky. 1st to carry specialty plate supporting Alzheimer's group

STAFF REPORT

Specialty license plates supporting the Alzheimer's Association are now available in Kentucky, the first state in the U.S. to have this specialty license plate for awareness and education of the disease.

Having these plates will raise awareness of the disease, which will become more prevalent as Kentucky's population ages. Nearly 70,000 people in Kentucky right now have Alzheimer's disease and that number is only growing.

"This awareness will shine an even brighter light on the impact of this disease for affected individuals and families, as well as the vital need to find effective prevention, treatment and cure," said Bari Lewis, Director of Community Outreach for the Association.



The Alzheimer's Kentucky specialty license plate features a forget-me-not flower on a purple background with the words: "Honor. Remember. Care. End Alzheimer's."

Drivers will now be able to select the plate whenever renewing tags at any county clerk office. These specialty plates are available for an additional fee, and those who select the plate will also have the option of including a \$10 donation that will

fund Alzheimer's awareness and education activities in Kentucky.

If you pre-registered for this specialty End Alzheimer's plate, you can now pick yours up from the county clerk's office. Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford said her office has five extra plates in addition to those preordered.

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Angel tags going up on Friday

Angel tags containing wish lists for qualifying children through Community Christmas will be available Friday at Conrad's Harvest Foods

Numbers are down for the holiday charitable program, due in part, organizers say, to requirements that participants take three community education classes before registering for assistance.

Coordinator Cheryl Burks said 44 households - including 56 children under age 12 - signed up for Community Christmas. Only 30 parents or guardians took the required three classes.

Because of low participation, the wish lists of only 25 children under age 12 will be hung on the angel tree. The wish lists of 31 children have already been sponsored, Burks said.

Burks says food and monetary donations are still needed. She said members of the community can contribute monetarily to an acestablished count at Farmers Bank; food to Marion Baptist; and new toys available on distribution day to families who did not take required classes.

Money raised for Community Christmas is used to provide clothing vouchers to teenagers and food vouchers for adults.

Burks anticipates additional families will seek assistance closer to Christmas.

Holiday prompts local closings

All city, county, state and federal offices will be closed today (Thursday) and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. That includes all courthouse offices, Crittenden-Livingston Water District, the senior citizens center, public library and Extension service. In addition, the county and circuit clerk offices were to close at noon Wednesday.

Crittenden However, County Public Library will be open its regular 9 a.m to 3 p.m. hours Saturday. The Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum will be open both Friday and Saturday with special sales in its gift shop. The Crittenden Press will be closed today and Friday in observance of the holiday.

Foundation lends aid to radiology needs

STAFF REPORT

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ology department to be used

toward the purchase of a

digital mammography sys-

Radiology director Stacey

Crider said this money will

be earmarked for the new

equipment, which will re-

place film screen technology

currently in use at the hos-

in use is more than 20 years

old, and Crider said digital

mammography equipment

helps technicians manipu-

The equipment currently

late contrast and zoom in to Crittenden Health Sysmore easily view breast tistems' Community Healthsue. care Foundation recently mammography Digital donated \$5,000 to the radi-

equipment will cost the hospital approximately \$350,000, but Crider said every little bit helps.

The Foundation raises money through memorial gifts, cash donations and is oftentimes the beneficiary of donations designated during estate planning.

A bass fishing tournament on Lake Barkley and Kentucky Lake scheduled for May 19, 2018 is planned to help raise additional funds for the foundation.



Crittenden Health Systems Foundation chairman Bob Campbell presents a donation to Stacey Crider, representing the radiology department at Crittenden Hospital. Foundation members (pictured from left) are Natalie Parish, Beverly Sherrill, Kory Wheeler, Campbell, Crider, Carolyn Byford and Sandy Gilbert.



Crittenden County Elementary's Student Technology Leadership Progarm (STLP) members are (seated from left) Kiersten Smith, Aly Yates, Kodi Stoner, Mary Rachel Stephens, Riley Kirby, (back) Bryan Chaney, Logan King, Elliot Evans, Carson Yates and Jonah Reddick.

STLP projects head to state

STAFF REPORT

Regional competition for the Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) was held Nov. 2 at Murray State University. The STLP Club at CCES prepared two projects for the competition. One was an informative project explaining how to use the green screen. The other was a service project to help the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter.

do not have to be completed for regional competition, but students were required to have a plan and be able to explain it to the judges. Projects must score at least an 85 out of 100 to be invited to the state championship. CCES' score of 93 on the green screen project and 92

will be finishing both projects while they continue learning about research, video production, public speaking, using the green screen, video editing and photography to increase their technology skills.

All 10 club members will ork on both projects, but only four students per project are allowed to present at competitions. The community is encouraged to watch for details on ways to help the STLP project benefit the MaryHall Ruddiman Canine shelter after Thanksgiving.



Belt in business spotlight Bobby Belt (left) this month is celebrating 30 years with John-

son's Furniture and Appliances in Marion. Belt began working at Johnson's in November 1987 and has spent his career as the store manager at its former Princeton location and now as sales manager in Marion. Johnson's was founded by Margaret Johnson and the late James Johnson and has been in operation since 1950. Other than family, only one person has worked for the store longer than Belt - the late Clifton Hillyard, who worked for the company for 38 years. Pictured with Belt is employee Matt Watson.



Senior Menu

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those 60 and older or \$5 for those under 60. Reservations are requested by 9 a.m. Upcoming activities and menu include:

The center will be closed Nov. 23-24 in recognition of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Christmas on a budget class

Learn to decorate and spread cheer on a budget during an Extension class planned from 4-7 p.m., Dec. 11 at the Extension Annex.

Two classes will be offered - one pertaining to decorating with items found in nature presented by Dee Brasher. Participants in this class will be making an evergreen door hanger. The second class will involve creating Christmas gifts from the kitchen presented by Sue Parrent. Participants in this class will be making a Christmas gift from a jar.

RSVP by 4:30 p.m., Dec. 7 by calling (270) 965-5236. If no more than three people attend, the class will be cancelled.

Calendar

West Kentucky Regional Blood Center will sponsor a blood drive Dec. 4 at Crittenden County Hospital Education Building from noon-5:30 p.m. Crittenden County Lions Club will receive \$5 for each unit of blood collected which will also help four people. Give the gift of life and receive a t-shirt.

Cash Express invites will host its 13th annual coat and toy drive for the children, accepting toys, coats and non-perishable food items through Dec. 12.

 Cash Express is pairing with Marion Police Department to Fill The Humvee from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Dec. 8. Donations of new toys, coats and canned good will be given to Community Christmas.

Students auditioned to determine who would presthe projects to the ent judges. STLP sponsor Mary Ann Winders said projects

on the shelter project allowed both to advance to the state level.

The STLP State Championship will be held at Rupp Arena in Lexington on March 29, 2018.

Winders said during the next few months, students

Trivia finale

After a year of Trivia Night at Crittenden County Public Library, Team Smith has established itself as the knowers of all things trivial during the bimonthly quiz nights at the facility. On Friday, the team with a core of Michelle and Brian Hodge (second and third from left) and Todd Merrick (far left) pushed their record to 5-1. Last week, they were joined by newcomers Kendall and Rhonda Holt of Marshall County for the largest Trivia Night ever at the library.

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Speech finalists

Crittenden County High School Speech Team members Leah Fritts (left) and Ellie McGowan were finalists at the Larry A. England Invitational Speech Tournament held at Calloway County High School on Nov. 18. Fritts placed third in Prose Interpretation while Mc-Gowan earned fifth place in Original Oratory.

Submit calendar items

Community calendar is designed for individuals, non-profit organizations and government entities to publicize meetings and events. Call (270) 965-3191, email pressnews@thepress.com or stop by 125 E. Bellville St.

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- Monday: Menu is beef stew, brown rice, cole slaw, cornbread, pineapple delight and margarine. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio will begin at 9:45 a.m.

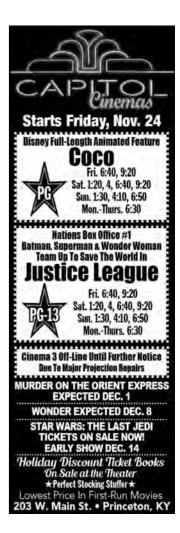
- Tuesday: Menu is BBQ pork on bun, au gratin potatoes, cucumber salad and oatmeal raisin cookie.

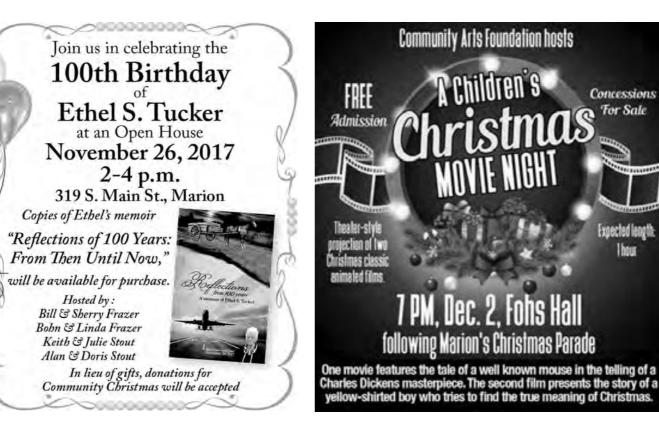
Nov. 29: Menu is beef pot roast, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, squash casserole, wheat roll and peach cobbler.

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

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

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





Highway 91 honored Crockett, Sen. James

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, let's travel down our highways once more and learn of a new road being planned.

As we read this interesting article, we will know that some of the items mentioned did not come to pass, such as the preservation of the Ollie M. James home place near Sheridan, and the renaming of the Marion-Wallace Ferry Road to the Ollie James Highway.

In September 1933, a meeting was being planned by residents of the Tolu area. The purpose of the gathering was in the interest of improving the Marion-Wallace Ferry Road. The route, if improved, would join an Illinois road at Elizabethtown, Ill, and give western Crittenden County an outlet to the market of St. Louis and other ports north.

Residents of the section say their agricultural products have been almost unsellable since the discontinuance of steamboat traffic. Neither rail nor highway transportation has reached this area, which enjoyed a high degree of prosperity in the old steamboat days.

The proposed improvement has been contemplated since 1928 when the road was made part of the primary system.

The meeting was held at the home of Forest Harris, on the Wallace Ferry Road, 17 miles west of Marion.

In responding for the Highway Commission to address advocates of the improvement, Commissioner H. C. Broadbent of Cadiz, said it would be well for the people along the route of the Marion-Wallace Ferry Road to procure a survey and be ready to cooperate with the Highway Commission should it have funds with which to build a road, which said was evidently he needed.

Mr. Broadbent continued to say that if there should be no diversion of the road funds to a purpose other than build roads, the time might come soon when a more rapid expansion of improvement could be expected.

The meeting was in the form of a barbecue, followed by speeches upon the lawn of Westwood, which was originally the home of William Wallace, grandfather of Mrs. Forrest Harris. The residence built about 100 years ago, was one of several Wallace homes upon a tract of 6,000 acres of land, which was a grant to James Wallace of Culpepper County, Va., when the territory that now is Kentucky was Fincastle County, Va.

It has been proposed that when the road is improved it will be called the Ollie James Highway, because it will

pass the birthplace of Senator Ollie M. James, in whose honor an interstate federal highway was designated some years ago. Because of litigation concerning а ferry, for which a franchise was granted in pioneer davs. improvement of the original route of the

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has been interrupted. It is proposed that if the Marion-Wallace Ferry Road is improved before the original route of the Ollie James Highway, the name might be transferred from the old route to the new. The Marion-Wallace Ferry Road passes the birthplace of Ollie James, a picturesque log cabin. It has been proposed that the cabin be acquired and preserved as a memorial.

The road also will pass the farm on which lived James Ford, who figures in "The Outlaws of Cave-In-Rock," a book by Otto Rothert, depicting pioneer conditions and events.

The Ford Cemetery, the tombs bearing the interesting inscriptions which were reproduced in Mr. Rothert's books, was invaded a few years ago by vandals who dug in one of the graves in the belief that they would find buried treasure.

Some of the slabs of stone, which stood over the graves of members of the Ford family, have been removed for use as well covering, or for other purposes.

Neighborhood sentiment favors restoring the missing stones and restoring the cemetery as a point of interest to travelers in connection with Mr. Rothert's book and with Cave-In-Rock State Park, opposite Ford's Ferry, some eight miles up the river from Wallace Ferry.

The Tolu precinct comprises the most fertile agricultural section of Crittenden County and their taxes exceed those of any two precincts in the county, except those of the two busi ness sections of Marion. They are ready and willing to work to get this road completed.

lace Ferry Road will mean the employment of from 50 to 100 men for more than one year.

As we know, the Wallace Ferry Road was completed, and today we know it as Ky. 297. The road that led to the ferry site known in later years as the E'town Ferry.

The E'town Ferry was used for many years as the nearest route to Rosiclare for the men in Kentucky that worked in the fluorspar mines in that area.

In April of 1964, Russell Hardesty announced that ferry service between Crittenden County and Elizabethtown. III. would not be resumed, that he had sold both the towboat and barge. The ferry had not operated for several months. Business had fallen off as fluorspar mining had declined in Illinois and truck traffic was subsequently less. Mr. Hardesty, at 79, said he felt his health would not permit him to operate the ferry much longer either. He had operated the ferry continuously since 1946.

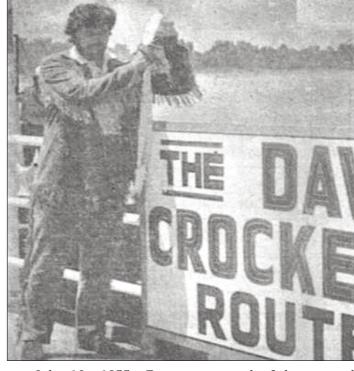
When this road was completed in the late 1930s, it continued to be known as the Marion-Wallace-Ferry Road. The original route, what is Ky. 91 North, was christened with the name Ollie James Highway in honor of Crittenden County's United States Senator, but we know it today as Ky. 91 North to the Ohio River.

Another Change

In July 1955, the Ollie James Highway was in for another change. The highway from Nashville to Chicago, including Ky. 91 in Crittenden County, was to be designated as "The Davy Crocket Route."

Even in his most mountain-top experiences, Davy Crockett likely never thought that his name would reach such eminence as this. Attractive highway markers will be erected in the next few weeks, to advise those who travel our route that they are rolling along the Davy Crockett Highway.

Ceremonies for the formal dedication to the new Davy Crockett Route will be held at the Cave-In-Rock landing



on July 10, 1955. Fess Parker, who is playing the title role in the "Legend of Davy Crockett" TV Show, and the sequel, "Mike Fink and The River Pirates," which are being filmed in this section now by the Walt Disney Productions of Hollywood, Calif., will christen the Cave-In-Rock Ferry on the Ohio River.

Several individuals from Marion and Crittenden County have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Parker since he has been in this section in connection with the production of the films, and all who have met him have been pleased with his congenial personality and with his attitude toward worthwhile things, including the production of films that are, at least for the most part, historical and delightfully entertaining to the young people in particular, as are all the Walt Disney productions.

This was an exciting time for the people of Crittenden County to have such a person as Fess Parker, a.k.a. Davy Crocket in their area.

One of the most popular TV shows at this time was known to all children as Davy Crockett, king of the wild frontier. A prized possession of any child would be to have a replica of the coonskin cap worn by Davy in his adventures. Even had one myself and wore it proudly.

Times and fads of the time move on and things

once popular fade away and no longer seem important.

In less than a year, May 1956, the citizens of Crittenden County decided that the Davy Crockett Highway should be re-named as the Ollie M. James Highway. Ollie M. James was a native Crittenden Countian who was U. S. Senator and prominent in Democratic circles for years. There was considerable protest here last year when the Davy Crockett business came about changing the name of the highway.

Highway returned to original name

Lieutenant Governor. Harry Lee Waterfield and Commissioner of Highways Robert Humphrey notified Crittenden County officials that the road had been remarked as the "Ollie M. James Highway."

The officials in Frankfort are of the opinion that the request that this highway be remarked as the Ollie M. James Highway is highly proper and fitting in memory of this great statesman.



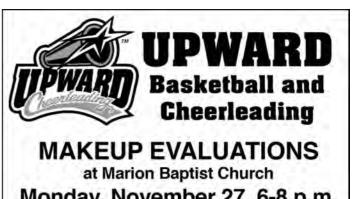
Fess Parker, a.k.a. Davy Crockett (above left) helped christen the Cave In Rock Ferry on the same day Ky. 91 was named the Davy Crockett Highway on July 10, 1955. At right, Gerald "Coffee Bean" Hodge was one of the lucky youngsters who got to meet Parker when he was in Crittenden County for the highway dedication. Thanks to Ted and Dot Hodge for sharing this picture.

The Ollie M. James Highway is just called Ky. 91 North today. But as we travel down this scenic road. we will know it is a road with a history, once baring the name of a great pioneer, Davy Crockett and then returned back to our famous native son, Senator Ollie M. James.

Extension

Nov. 27 - Quilt Club will meet at 9:30 a.m., at the Extension Office.

Nov. 28 – A program called #Adulting, Successful Adulting, will be presented at 6 p.m., at the Extension Annex. RSVPs were requested by Nov. 22.



Citizens of the Tolu section have assured The Press that the building of the Wal-

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Clutching the regional runnerup trophy, 27-year Rocket football coach Al Starnes addresses his team and fans for the final time Friday following a loss to Campbellsville.

Final Play

Starnes era ends as Rockets fall in Class A quarterfinal

STAFF REPORT

The Al Starnes coaching era that started 27 seasons ago came to an end Friday night with a 44-8 loss to Campbellsville in a Class A state quarterfinal at Rocket Stadium.

The Eagles' dominating ground game took command of the regional championship game early as Devonte Cubit rushed for 181 yards and five touchdowns.

Campbellsville (7-6) took a 23-8 lead into halftime and then scored on three of five possessions in the final two periods. Late in the fourth period, the reality of it all began setting in on the longtime Rocket skipper, who had guided his team to a fourth trip the state quarterfinals.

"A lot was going through my mind," Starnes recalled as the seconds ticked away on the most successful coaching tenure in Rocket football history. "The biggest thing was how these kids were fighting until the very end. They have nothing to hold their heads down about. They were district champions and regional runner-up."

While Crittenden (8-5) was struggling to get its offense on track – it had no first downs in the pivotal third period when Campbellsville began to pull away – the Eagles piled up 338 yards rushing with two backs over 100 yards.



Rocket running back Devon Nesbitt, playing with an injured knee, picks up yardage as his blocking linemen head down field for support.



Rocket defenders Branen Lamey (16) and Payton Riley (11) try to pen Eagle running back Charlie Pettigrew.

"They're a heck of a football team. We knew that coming in," Starnes said. "We couldn't stop them. We would try to key on one running back and they'd give it to the others."

Starnes said finishing his career at home was a significant opportunity.

"I thank these kids for allowing me to finish it at home. It means so much to me and my family. We will forever remember that. These kids accomplished more than they understand. It was a great year."

This season, the Rockets won a district championship, the sixth since Starnes has been coach and eighth all time and they played in a regional championship game for the sixth time in school history. Starnes guided the Rockets to four of those quarterfinal berths and his boys won the crown in 2008.

Although his head coaching career is

complete, Starnes said he plans to be on the Crittenden sideline next season to be part of what he predicts will be another great year for Rocket football.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Campbellsville	16	7	7	14	
Crittenden Co.	8	0	0	0	

SCORING PLAYS

Ca-Devonte Cubit 7 run (Charlie Pettigrew run) 4:44, 1st

Cr-Hunter Boone 1 run (Cody Belt pass from Boone) 2:33, 1st

Ca-Cubit 16 run (Pettigrew run) :24, 1st Ca-Cubit 6 run (Bryce Richardson kick) 4:04, 2nd Ca-Cubit 9 run (Richardson kick) 8:16, 3rd Ca-Cubit 2 run (kick failed) 11:57, 4th

Ca-Cubit 15 run (Braden Paige run) 9:00, 4th

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: Crittenden 10, Campbellsville 15 Penalties: Crittenden 2-10, Campbellsville 6-45 Rushing: Crittenden 20-49, Campbellsville 52, 338 Passing: Crittenden 11-23-1, 178 yds., Campbellsville 4-7-1, 66 yds. Total Yards: Crittenden 227, Campbellsville 404

Fumbles/Lost: Crittenden 2-1, Campbellsville 0-0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS Rushing

Crittenden: Devon Nesbitt 10-29, Xander Tabor 5-11, Caden McCalister 1-2, Boone 4-7. Campbellsville: Cubit 28-181, Malachi Croley 6-50, DeaSean VanCleave 4-45, Pettigrew 12-110, Riggie Thomas 1-(-5), Pagie 1-2.

Passing

Crittenden: Boone 10-22-1, 141 yds., Nesbitt 1-1-0, 37 yds. Campbellsville: Arren Hash 4-7-1, 66 yds.

Receiving

Crittenden: Ethan Dossett 5-91, Branen Lamey 2-24, Belt 4-63. Campbellsville: VanCleave 2-34, Dakota Reardon 2-32.

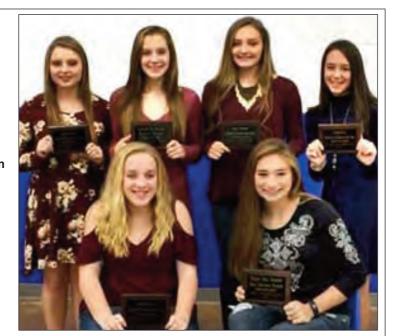
Defense

Adam Beavers 12 solos, 10 assists, TFL; Cody Belt five assists; Brady Birk 2 solos, 4 assists; Kyle Castiller solo, 2 assists; Joe Estes solo, 8 assists; Mason Hunt 4 solos, 7 assists; Mitchell Joyce solo, 4 assists; Branen Lamey 4 solos, 2 assists, TFL; Sean O'Leary 4 solos, 15 assists, fumble recovery; Payton Riley 4 solos, 5 assists; Hunter Jones 5 assists; Tyler Boone 12 solos, 6 assists, interception; Caden McCalister 5 solos, 3 assists, TFL; Braxton Winders 5 solos, 5 assists, TFL.

Records: Crittenden 8-5, Campbellsville 7-6

Soccer Awards

Crittenden County High School's soccer team recently helds its post-season awards ceremony. Among those honored were (front, from left) McKenna Myers, JV Defense Award and Bailey Barnes, Varsity MVP; (back) Hanna Easley, Varsity Defense Award; Shelby Summers, Varsity Hustle Award; Ashley Wheeler, Varsity Offense Award; and Taylor Guess, JV Offense Award. Not pictured was Lyli Wesmolan, JV MVP and Hustle Award.



4 Rocket X-Country runners on All Area

Crittenden County senior Aaron Lucas was named to the Overall Second Team All-Area 1 Cross Country Team announced last week by the Area 1 Coaches Association.

Athletes were selected using a combination of state meet results, regional meet results, MileSplit Virtual Meet (Season's Best and Average) and Mile-Split Compare Athlete functions.

Lady Rocket freshmen Kate Keller and Kalli Champion were both all-area selections. Keller was selected for the All-Area 1 Class A First Team and Champion to the Second Team.

Lucas was First Team All-Area Class A and sophomore Jayden Carlson was All-Area Second Team.



Briley Berry, 12, of Marion bagged this whopper on opening day of rifle season. The 11-pointer provided a green, rough Boone and Crockett score of 159. The rifle deer season continues through Sunday.

CCMS BASKETBALL SUMMARIES

7TH GRADE BOYS Trigg 39, Crittenden 33 CCMS Scoring: Preston Morgeson 14, Seth Guess 10, Caden Riley 7, Zach Counts 2.

Union 41, Crittenden 34 CCMS Scoring: Morgeson 12, Guess 6, Belt 2, Riley 11, Counts 3.

Crittenden 36, Caldwell 19 CCMS Scoring: Morgeson 11, Guess 17, Belt 1, Riley 5, Counts 2.

8TH GRADE BOYS Trigg 55, Crittenden 14

CCMS Scoring: Maddox Carlson 1, Luke Crider 3, Bryson Baker 4, Logan Bailey 2, Tristan Davidson 4.

Crittenden 49, Union 33 CCMS Scoring: Carlson 10, Derrington 1, Crider 5, Tucker Sharp 4, Baker 11, Bailey 1, Morgeson 17. **Caldwell 41, Crittenden 17** CCMS Scoring: Baker 4, Bailey 4, Dane West 4, Morgeson 5

7TH GRADE GIRLS Crittenden 31, Livingston 22 CCMS Scoring: Taylor Guess 14, Riley Smith 2, Addie Hatfield 6, Katie Perryman 7.

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Boone 6, Guess 8, Smith 8.
The boys host Lyon County

Monday and the girls host Dawson Springs Tuesday.

Hodge back at baseball job

Denis Hodge has been named head baseball coach at Crittenden County High School. Hodge is a familiar face on the local baseball diamond, having served three other times as head coach. He has guided the Rockets to four

district championships during his previous terms as the skipper. Hodge played collegiately at Southeast Illinois Junior College and Eastern Kentucky University. He replaces three-year coach Donnie Phillips, who resigned after last season.

Deer hunt figures Crittenden County



is ahead of last year's pace on the deer harvest. Hunters had bagged over 2,500 deer as of Tuesday. That's up about 175 from the same date last season.



The 2017-18 Lady Rockets are pictured (front from left) Matthia Long, Chandler Moss, Mauri Collins, Madison Champion, Shelby Summers, Ashton Binkley, Kacie Easley, (back) manager Hailey Mathieu, coach Shannon Hodge, Lilly Perryman, Lilli Hayes, Nahla Woodward, Jaelyn Duncan, Kate Keller, assistant coach Bristyn Prowell and manager Emily West.

Hodge likes her girls' chance to repeat in 5th

STAFF REPORT

Coming off the winningest season in school history, there's bound to be some rebuilding going on inside the Lady Rocket basketball program.

However, longtime coach Shannon Hodge isn't about to let herself or her team settle for anything less than the pursuit of another district championship.

The girls were 25-8 last season, advanced to the quarterfinals of the All A Classic State Tournament, won the Fifth District championship and set a number of records behind a stellar senior class that had been regulars on the squad since those girls were in eighth grade.

The school's all-time scoring leader, Cassidy Moss, has gone off to college and the Lady Rockets will look to seniors Madison Champion and Mauri Collins for points, defense and leadership.

Both are returning senior starters. Champion averaged 10 points and four rebounds last season and Collins got six points and two boards a game.

They will share time at the point guard spot depending



Shannon Hodge 25th Season Overall record 282-355 25-8 last season

from freshman Nahla Woodward. The team will start to lean more on its strong inside presence. The 5-foot-9 center enters her third season on the varsity team, but is just a ninth grader. Woodward averaged two points and three rebounds off the bench a year ago. She is expected to be a major force inside but don't be surprised if she steps outside and pops a few shots, too.

Lady Rockets Under Coach Hodge

1993-94	6-19
1994-95	15-13
1995-96	11-14
1996-97	17-9
1997-98	12-14
1998-99	14-13
1999-00	11-15
2000-01	11-16
2001-02	5-20
2002-03	6-18
2003-04	12-13
2004-05	11-16
2005-06	16-10
2006-07	6-20
2007-08	13-12
2008-09	11-9
2009-10	13-14
2010-11	21-9
2011-12	4-24
2012-13	4-23
2013-14	7-18
2014-15	16-12
2015-16	15-16
2016-17	25-8
Total	282-355

one of the most improved players in the program. She has a great touch from about 15 feet and an uncanny ability to be in position for rebounding.

the basket since playing on the junior varsity team last year as an eighth grader.

Freshman Lilli Hayes will bring solid defense off the bench and she's improving with the ball, coach Hodge said

"She is going to give us some minutes here and there and I think she's going to get better as we go," the coach added.

Two more ninth graders, Kacie Easley and Kate Keller are "like sponges" eager to learn and improving daily, Hodge explained.

Freshmen Jaelyn Duncan is long and lanky and Lilly Perryman is making great strides on her game. Ashton Binkley, the team's only sophomore, is a good set shooter.

With eight freshmen, a sophomore and a junior and couple of seniors, a reasonable person might accept the rebuilding moniker, but Hodge thinks her girls will be competitive. The Fifth District doesn't have a clear favorite and Hodge likes her team's chances of repeating as league champion.

"We're very fortunate to have a couple of veterans and there's some great potential in Shelby, Nahla, Chandler and the others,' Hodge said. "We could surprise some people.'

Crittenden Girls' Roster

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Player	Number	Grade	Position	Height
Madison Champion	1	Sr	Guard	5-9
Mauri Collins	11	Sr	Guard	5-2
Shelby Summers	21	Jr	Forward	5-6
Ashton Binkley	4	So	Forward	5-1
Jaelyn Duncan	22	Fr	Center	5-7
Kacie Easley	41	Fr	Guard	5-3
Lilli Hayes	13	Fr	Forward	5-6
Kate Keller	20	Fr	Forward	5-7
Matthia Long	35	Fr	Forward	5-3
Chandler Moss	23	Fr	Guard	5-3
Lilly Perryman	25	Fr	Forward	5-6
Nahla Woodward	44	Fr	Forward	5-9



on matchups.

"Both are veteran players and I feel good about what both of them bring to the team. We just have to keep them healthy and out of foul trouble," Hodge said.

Champion is arguably among the best players in the district and Collins is an all-district candidate herself.

The 25-year Lady Rocket skipper has a pretty good idea of what to expect from her two seniors. The big question is what she will get

"She is as good a shooter as we have," Hodge said. "This should be a breakout

year for her." Hodge said Woodward has tremendous potential. She is powerful around the basket, can turn either way and shoots with either hand.

"She can be such a force," Hodge said. "What she needs to do is learn to demand more from herself."

Junior forward Shelby Summers has worked hard in the offseason and may be

Another freshman will get the starting nod at the two or three spot. Chandler Moss is still gaining confidence in her offense, but she's a bulldog around the basket and will not get pushed around.

Freshman Matthia Long will be among the first off the bench. She's another physically strong forwardtype player who has developed some moves around

Livingston is perhaps an early favorite in the district with Tabby Padon returning for her senior season. Lyon returns a couple of key players and Trigg has almost everyone back from a very young team last season. Crittenden could figure into the race if things progress like the coach thinks it could.

"We might take our lumps at times, but this group has a desire to compete and will figure things out as they go," Hodge said.

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Hodge is confident in young Rocket arsenal

STAFF REPORT

An eternal optimist is Rocket basketball coach Denis Hodge.

With him, the cup is always half full.

His boys' basketball team lost its final eight games a year ago and won only seven all season. Then before tipping off this year's campaign Hodge's top returning scorer and only all-district performer from a year ago suffered a knee injury that will prevent him from playing at all this season.

"Maybe I should be concerned, but I'm not," he said as Crittenden County approaches its season opener on Tuesday at Webster County

The first game will likely be played without much help from at least four players who will figure mightily into the starting and/or regular rotation because they're just now finishing up with football.

"I know what our expectations are and that's to be at the top (of the district) when it's all over," he said. "I feel like we have a team good enough to be there."

If Crittenden does indeed claim a district championship this season, it would be only the third time in history the Rockets have gotten their hands on the coveted prize. They have been close many times - twice during Hodge's six season's as head coach.

"We were within a free throw a couple of times," Hodge

If Crittenden can challenge for a league title this year, it would surprise most observers. The Rockets have won only a dozen games over the past two seasons, and the team is relatively young. It will count on only two seniors – Logan Belt and Tyson

Due to the Rocket football team advancing deep into the playoffs this season, the normal pre-season basketball special section has been disrupted a bit. Look for the boys' team photo in a later issue.

Steele. Both will start when the Rockets open next week. Belt will be a key figure in the offense and his defense is good on the perimeter and much improved at the post. He can transition from under the basket to three-point marksman.

"He can fill it up. He can attack the rim and go inside or out," the coach said.

Belt will play the threeguard position and Steele will start the season at the four spot. He's a prototypical blue-collar player.

"He boxes out, rebounds and frustrates other players," Hodge said. "He's tough as a two-dollar steak."

When the football boys heal from their war wounds and get into basketball shape, there will be a couple of Boone brothers who will be pushing Steele for that starting forward job.

Hunter Boone is a recordsetting junior quarterback and his younger sibling Tyler Boone is just a freshman. He earned a starting job at middle linebacker on the football team and Hodge says he's smooth on the court, too. Both will see time around the basket

Freshman Gabe Mott will get his first chance to start at the point. He played a good bit last year as an eighthgrader behind senior Bobby Stephens. Now the position belongs to the ninth grader who has gotten taller and stronger during the offseason. Mott is a heady player



Denis Hodge 7th-year coach 63-117 overall 7-24 last year

with good shooting skills and is becoming a very strong one-on-one player, Hodge said.

At the off-guard slot will be Sawyer Towery, who coach Hodge says is quickly becoming one the most dedicated and talented players to come through the program. Towery is just a junior, but he will be a major figure in the Rockets' season. He's a fierce competitor whose grandfather, Carlisle Towery, played in the NBA.

Last year's rookie of the year will be the center. Preston Turley is one of two freshmen who will start next week, but he's got plenty of experience. Turley played in 27 games last year, averaging four points and three rebounds as an eighth grader. His game is improving away from the basket and Hodge says the young star won't be limited to playing with his back to the basket.

"And he's a tremendously better defensive player," the coach added.

Another freshman, Braxton Winders, will come in from football, too. He will be a utility player with the abil-



Sawyer Towery (3) and Preston Turley (31) figure heavily into the game plan for this year. Here they battle one another during the blue-white game last week during Meet the Rockets.

ity to fit just about anywhere despite being only 5-foot-10. Winders is one of the team's best passers and is a good mid-range shooter. Look for him to be among the first off the bench.

Sophomore Erik O'Leary and his junior brother Sean O'Leary will have different roles on the team. Erik is a sharpshooter who's improving off the dribble and Sean is a husky football player who will give the Rockets some depth under the basket. Sophomore Jayden Carlson is tall and long armed and will provide depth at forward.

Livingston Central returns almost everyone from a solid team a year ago that won 18 games and finished runnerup in the district. Lvon County, the defending league champion, will be rebuilding a bit and Trigg County may surprise some folks after a lackluster season a year ago.

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1981-1982	10-14
1982-1983	4-23**
1983-1984	5-18
1984-1985	9-12**
1985-1986	11-15
1986-1987	11-16
1987-1988	11-17
1988-1989	8-16**
1989-1990	7-16
1990-1991	0-24
1991-1992	6-19
1992-1993	3-22
1993-1994	4-21
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1995-1996	6-16
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2001-2002	14-14**
2002-2003	17-10**
2003-2004	16-9
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2005-2006	2-15
2006-2007	10-15
2007-2008	3-19
2008-2009	9-12
2009-2010	11-15
2010-2011	6-18
2011-2012	11-20
2012-2013	15-16
2013-2014	9-21**
2014-2015	16-12**
2015-2016	5-24
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Bol Bol's decision leads him away from UK to Oregon

Bol Bol is a gifted 7-3 center who is ranked No. 1 at his position in the 2018 recruiting class. At one time he was thought to be a UK lean until he failed to make the USA team coached by John Calipari last

season that included UK freshman Washington and signee I m m anue





bounds, 3 assists per game last year). Findlay has also added Texas Tech signee Kyler Edwards, a 6-4 shooting guard; Wake Forest signee Jaime Lewis, a 6-3 point guard; San Diego State commit Nathan Mensah, a 6-9 forward: and T.J. Moss. a 6-3 senior combo guard who transferred from Memphis East.

"We have 11 seniors this year," Paul Washington said. Bol just adds another dimension for us and gives us even more versatility.³ Spencer Washington, P.J. Washington's younger brother, had been slowed by an ankle injury but his father/coach said he's fine and anxious to play in western Kentucky again.

believe UK would not to go the Music City Bowl in Nashville because it is Dec. 29th, the same day as the UK-Louisville basketball game. However, sources tell me not to rule out Nashville. Instead, I was told the Music City Bowl "wants UK really bad" despite the basketball conflict and would love to pair the Cats against Iowa.

Certainly there might be some UK fans who would like to see the basketball game and the bowl game. But there will be many more UK football fans delighted to spend New Year's weekend in Nashville rather than going to Memphis or Texas. Of course, Kentucky could enhance its bowl position with a win over Louisville but even then depending on what happens with other SEC teams, the Cats could still learn that the Music City would be their best option.

One other note to consider for the UK-Louisville football game. There's a chance it could be the final game for Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson, the 2016 Heisman Trophy winner. The Cards are bowl eligible but there is some concern about the recent problems with the Louisville athletics department and fan interest. Sources have also said there is some talk Jackson may opt not to play in a bowl game to avoid injury like several high-profile players did last year without hurting their draft status.

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terest in Kentucky. Some thought it might pick back up when he did make an official visit to UK, but it looked like he was going to sign with Oregon.

Initially, it looked like Bol did not sign with Oregon during the early signing period as many expected. He also changed prep schools. Instead of playing in California, he's now at Findlay Prep (Nev.) where the coach is Paul Washington Sr., Ken-tucky freshman P.J. Washington's father. Remember that Paul Washington was one of the few last spring who thought Kevin Knox Jr. would fit best at Kentucky and never missed a chance to tell Knox's parents - or the player — that same thing. Of course, Knox is now at Kentucky.

"At this point I am just excited to get him on my team and I am worried about getting him acclimated to Findlay," Washington said after Bol's transfer in mid-November. "But if his family asks me any questions, I feel like I am an expert on Kentucky basketball.

Turns out the player and family had no questions about Kentucky because Bol did sign with Oregon last week. It just was not announced until Monday.

Bol shined on the Nike summer EYBL when he averaged 24.1 points, 10 rebounds and 4.5 blocks per game

"We just got lucky and had a scholarship available," Washington said. "Everything fit perfectly. He has a high IQ. He really knows the game. It's not rocket science. You have got to dribble, pass, block shots, score. He can do a lot of things.

Bol Bol will play twice for top-ranked Findlay Prep in the Marshall County Hoop Fest. He's the top-rated center in the 2018 recruiting class. (USA Basketball Photo)

"I obviously knew who he was. I had never had a conversation with him. I had just watched him play. He played against (Washington's youngest son) Spencer. P.J. played in some camps with him. But I never had any real interactions with him.

"He was in great situation in California. His mother had to get back to Kansas. By leaving California, it opened up where he could go and he just fit with our roster and coaching style.'

Findlay Prep — ranked No. 1 in the nation by USA Today — plays twice in the Marshall County Hoop Fest. It will play Orangeville Prep

Dec. 1 at 5:30 CST and then take on Aspire Academy of Louisville and top 2019 prospect Charles Bassey at noon on Dec. 2.

"We will go much deeper and will shoot the ball a lot better this year," Paul Washington said. "We can go 10-11 deep. It's exciting to think a can sub a 7-3 player with another 7-3 player."

The other 7-3 player is Connor Vanover, who will play for Memphis. The roster also includes Arkansas signee Reggie Chaney, who averaged 14 points and 8 rebounds per game for Findlay last year, and 6-7 Spencer Washington (10 points, 4 re-

"Fans treated us great last year and we are looking forward to being back," Paul Washington said.

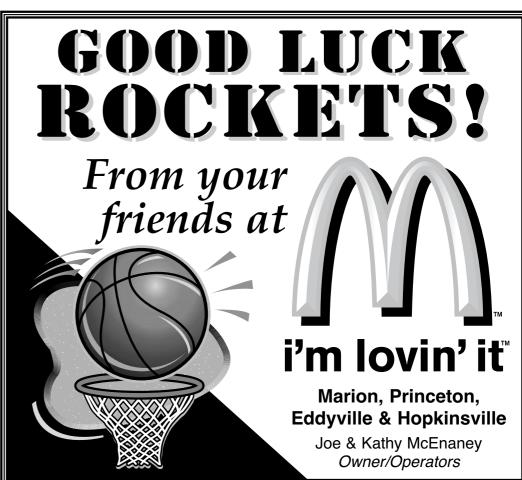
Kentucky ends regularseason play by hosting Louisville Saturday when it tries to beat the Cardinals for the second straight season and erase the memories from the 42-13 loss at Georgia. However, Louisville was listed as an early 9.5 favorite based on the way each team has played recently.

Speculation continues to run rampant about what bowl game Kentucky could play in this season. Many

If that happens, his final college game will be at Kroger Field Saturday.







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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE:

The Fiscal Court of the County of Crittenden, Kentucky, at a meeting to be held on Nov. 30, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Crittenden County Fiscal Courtroom at 107 South Main Street, Marion, KY 42064 in the County of Crittenden, Kentucky for the purpose of receiving public comment and to consider for passage, the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LEASE FOR THE FINANCING OF A PROJECT: PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY OF THE LEASE; CREATING A SINKING FUND; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SUCH LEASE.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing ordinance provides for approval of a lease with Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust, as administrator, and the bank, financial institution or finance corporation offering the lowest and best interest rate, as lessor for financing certain public improvements and provides a general obligation pledge to assess and levy sufficient taxes to comply with the obligations to make lease payments, establishes and maintains a sinking fund for the deposit and application of tax revenues, and makes certain designations regarding the Lease. Public comment concerning the lease will be received at this meeting.

A complete copy of the ordinance may be reviewed at the office of the County of Crittenden, Kentucky at 107 South Main Street, Marion, KY 42064.

COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN, KENTUCKY

By /s/ Fiscal Concologo Byford

Last day to mail Christmas card to Granny Dec. 19

STAFF REPORT

There's still plenty of time to get Christmas packages and letters on time through the U.S. Postal Service to friends and family across the U.S. and in foreign countries or soldiers deployed overseas.

For deliveries and greetings to Grandma or friends and relatives across the county, all packages, letters and cards should be mailed First-Class by Dec. 19. Packages shipped by USPS Retail Ground should be shipped by Dec. 14. Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express shipments

need to be mailed by Dec. 20 and 22, respectively.

The first looming deadlines are to deployed military personnel:

- Space Available Mail, Nov. 27.

- Parcel Airlift Mail, Dec. 4.

- Priority Mail, first-class letters and cards, Dec. 11. - Priority Mail Express

Military, Dec. 16. For international ship-

ments, the deadline varies per continent or nation, but generally, the deadlines are:

- First-class Package In-

ternational Service, Dec. 7. - Priority Mail International, Dec. 9.

 Priority Mail Express International, Dec. 14. Global Express Guaran-

teed, Dec. 20. Shipments to Central and

South America and Africa are earlier. Check USPS.com/holiday

for all shipping and mailing deadlines.

Meantime, for UPS, Dec. 18 is the last day to ship UPS 3 Day Select service for delivery before Christmas Day, with delivery on Dec. 22. Dec. 20 is the final day to ship UPS 2nd Day Air packages for delivery before Christmas Day, with delivery on Dec. 23. And Dec.22 is the last day to ship UPS Next Day Air packages to be delivered before Christmas Day, with delivery on Dec. 23.

There will be no pickup or deliver on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

More on holiday UPS shipping guidelines can be found online at UPS.com. Federal Express holiday shipping details can be found at FedEx.com.

Postage on way up in 2018

For the first time ever, in early 2018, it could cost a half-dollar to mail a letter or pay a bill through the U.S. Postal Service.

Last month, USPS filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of price changes to take effect Jan. 21, 2018. The new prices, if approved, include a 1-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp from 49 cents to 50 cents. Postcard stamps and metered letters would also have a 1-cent increase. The filing does not include any price change for single-piece letters being mailed to international destinations or for

additional ounces for letters. The PRC will review the prices before they are scheduled to take effect on Jan. 21, 2018.

Last January, the price of a First Class stamp rose by 2 cents. In January 2001, the cost was only 34 cents.

