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DON'T FORGET THOSE PETS DURING HOLIDAY

Perhaps the most anticipated meal of the year is right around the corner, so don't forget to include your pets. A survey by Wild Earth found that 34 percent of people make a special treat for their animals at Thanksgiving. Some ideas for pet treats might include fruits and veggies such as sweet potatoes, peas, carrots, green beans and celery, says Wild Earth. And don't forget the sauces and sides left over from the table, including cranberry sauce, apples, pumpkins or blueberries. Avoid giving your pet real sweets. It's unhealthy for them.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Marion City Hall, Crittenden County Courthouse, Animal Shelter, Road Department and Convenience Center will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week in observance of Thanksgiving.



THREE PASS PVA TEST

Three Crittenden Countians have passed the mandatory examination to be a candidate for property valuation administrator. Two of the three, Todd Perryman and Misty Hicks, have already filed to run in the GOP primary. The third, Jason Champion who is also a Republican, said he intends to file in the coming days. The qualifying examination administered by the Department of Revenue was taken by the three local individuals on Nov. 17 in Jefferson-town. They seek the post which will be vacated by longtime PVA Ronnie Heady, a Democrat, who has chosen not to seek another term.

WOOD NOT RUNNING

Longtime District 6 Magistrate Dan Wood (D) of Shady Grove says he's not seeking a sixth term on the fiscal court. A retired school teacher and electrician, Wood, 75, will have served 20 years when his term is up in 2020.

CANDIDATE FILINGS

Candidate rolls are now open for anyone who must run in the primary election. Filing deadline is 4 p.m., Jan. 7. Candidates in non-partisan races have until June 7 to file for election.

The following candidates have filed over the past week, joining several others who had already filed. The 2022 Primary Election is May 17.

MOST RECENT FILINGS

Jeff James, District 6 Magistrate Ray Agent, Crittenden Sheriff Todd Perryman, Crittenden PVA Kristopher Driver, 4th Dist. House Misty Hicks, Crittenden PVA Robby Mills, 4th District Senate Jason Martin, Dist. 6 Magistrate Don Herrin, Constable District 6



Superintendent Vince Clark hopes alumni and businesses can help push the Rocket Foundation closer to its \$150,000 goal.

Foundation for Education Thankful yet asking for more

BY ALLISON EVANS
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Nearly 70 Crittenden County students are saving hundreds of dollars in college tuition costs thanks to cost-sharing efforts by the local school district.

In four years, the number of local students enrolled in dual credit classes – earning them college and high school credits – has doubled.

While Superintendent Vince Clark is very thankful

for what's been done to facilitate this growth, he believes the community and alumni can do more.

Clark has spearheaded the rejuvenation of the Rocket Foundation, a fundraising arm of the local school district, in hopes of doubling down on contributions to local education. Colleges and universities have long sought donations from alumni and corporations. That same principal is being

applied at the secondary school level with hopes of benefiting local students who might stay or return to this community for their careers.

Assisting students financially with college courses during high school has been a particularly personal endeavor for Clark. He says these students are this community's most valuable re-

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Unique art lifts Marion woman to regional, international stages

BY ALLISON EVANS
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Lexie Abra Millikan sees artistic inspiration in the smallest things – end rolls of fabric and discarded denim.

Marion is where Millikan collects the ingredients for fascinating textile masterpieces, several of which have made their way onto international stages. Abstract art displays sewn from everyday material or useful quilts made from hand-dyed fabric are among her passions. When the pandemic subsides, she is looking forward to ways to share her creativity with people in Marion.

A chance encounter with her then-future husband, Darron Millikan, at her parents' South Dakota campground led her to Marion in 2018.

Shortly thereafter, she was hired as executive director of the Yeiser Art Center in Paducah. She also was a Fiber Artist in Residence at the Paducah School of Art and Design.

Earlier this month, her art career took Millikan to Jijing, South Korea for the Jinju Traditional Crafts Biennale. Her invitation to

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Lexie Abra Millikan moved to Marion from South Dakota in 2018 after marrying a Crittenden County man.

Local challenger files against Rep. Bechler

STAFF REPORT

State Representative Lynn Bechler of Marion early last week filed a letter of intent with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance in preparation for his coming reelection campaign in House District 4, which includes Caldwell, Crittenden and Livingston counties, and part of Christian County.

Bechler will be opposed in the Republican Primary by Fredonia City Councilman Kristopher Driver, who filed for election on Friday. Much of Bechler's opposition in previous elections has come from Crittenden Countians or those with local roots.

Driver, 28, is a former member of the U.S. Marines and is supported by mayors in Marion and Fredonia. Those mayors, Jared Byford of Marion and Jim Seibert of Fredonia, traveled to Frankfort late last week with Driver when he filed

formal campaign papers.

A process improvement analyst at Ervin Cable of Morganfield, Driver also owns a local real estate company that recently purchased two Main Street properties in Marion – the former Paula's China Shoppe and the former Homestyle Laundry. Driver lives in Fredonia, but grew up in Marion and is a graduate of Crittenden County High School. He is married to the former Erin McDonald and they have two young daughters, ages three and five months.

Rep. Bechler, 75, is a retired engineer, who had owned property in Crittenden County before retiring here prior to running for state office. He is the first member of the GOP to represent District 4 since 1985. Bechler is considered one of



Bechler

the strongest conservatives in the Kentucky House.

In 2014, Bechler beat Jarrod Jackson of Princeton in the general election. He was unopposed in 2016. In 2018 he defeated Fred Stubblefield of Marion with 54 percent of the vote in the GOP primary, despite losing to Stubblefield by 20 points in Crittenden County. Bechler was unopposed in the general election. In the most recent election cycle in 2020, Bechler turned back two challengers in the general election, beating independent Austin Valentine of Marion and Democrat Alonzo Pennington of Princeton.

"I've always made it my top priority to fight for the values of our district in



Driver

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Deaths

Roberts

Rebecca Jean Dobson Roberts, 66, of Marion, died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021 at her home. She was a member of North Livingston Baptist Church and the Marion VFW Auxiliary.

Surviving are her children, Michelle Kinnis, Ritchie (Michelle) Roberts and Medara (Jerry) Marshall, all of Marion; six grandchildren, Whitney and Travis Kinnis, Alex and Keifer Marshall and Erin and Keegan Roberts; five great-grandchildren; a brother, Robert Prothro; two sisters; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Steve Roberts; her father, Harry Dobson; and mother, Loretta Prothro.

Services were Tuesday Nov. 23 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Freedom Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mary Hall Ruddiman Shelter.

Wright

Jimmy Loyd Wright, 69, of Marion, died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

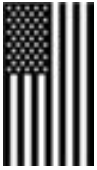
He was born Aug. 20, 1952 in the community of Lola to Joe Loyd and Jewel Leen Wright.

He was a true cowboy, who loved horses and his family. He had been a truck driver for more than 28 years, served in the Army National Guard and attended New Union Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Kayla Wright of Smithland and Autumn (Grant) Smith of Tiline; two sons, Jimmy Dale (Sandra) Wright of Marion and Jamie Loyd Wright of Smithland; his mother, Jewel Leen Wright Atwood of Marion; a sister, Diane Coleman (Ray) Downs of Benton; four brothers, Ronnie (Dee) Wright of Burna, Jerry (Jody) Wright of Lola, Eddie John Wright and Rodney (Stacy) Wright, both of Grand Rivers; six grandchildren, Kimberlee Overcast of Fredonia, Emilee Whited of Mississippi, Allison Whited of Marion, Arieal Wright, Bryson Tidwell and Preston Smith; and long-time special friend, Renea Truitt of Marion.

He was preceded in death his father, Joe Loyd Wright.

Services were Sunday, Nov. 21 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in New Union (Ditney) Cemetery.



Palmer

Brigadier General Alan W. Palmer, 69, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021 at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, N.D.

He was born April 26, 1952, in Tell City, Ind., the son of Aaron and Maryetta (Jones) Palmer. He grew up in Tell City, Ind., where he graduated from high school in 1970.

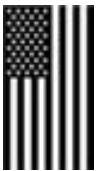
He married Peggy Detzer on May 26, 1973 in Tell City. Together they raised two children, living in Grand Forks, N.D.

Palmer began his military career with United States Air Force enlisted service beginning in 1972. After serving as an Electronic Warfare Specialist in several assignments including a tour in Thailand, he joined the North Dakota Air National Guard in 1981. He served as a Maintenance Officer and Supervisor prior to serving in several command positions. Commands included the 119th Supply Squadron, 119th Maintenance Squadron, 119th Logistics Squadron, and the 119th Support Group. General Palmer served as the State J-5 in Joint Force Headquarters during the transition from an Air National Guard State Headquarters to the current Joint Force Headquarters.

He joined John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences in 1978 where he spent more than 30 years, ultimately as director of flight operations, a role he held for more than 10 years. He was one of the original John D. Odegard young guns flying jets and living the aviation dream. He was heavily involved with original international training programs and to this day is well known in Taiwan, having given hundreds of China Airlines and EVA pilots their FAA check rides.

He returned to the University of North Dakota following a short retirement to lead the Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Research, Education and Training and was instrumental in working with the FAA to integrate UAS into the national airspace system and to establish test sites and training centers for the systems.

After his military retirement, Palmer continued to work tirelessly on behalf of military members and their families. He co-chaired the military affairs committee of the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce, volunteered with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), served on the Governor's Task Force for Veterans Affairs and was the driving force in building the Grand Forks' Veterans Memorial



Park which was dedicated last September.

During his career, Palmer accumulated more than 9,400 hours of flying time, of which over 5,900 were as an instructor pilot. He was a designated pilot examiner for several aviation license ratings and held several ratings, including for Cessna Citation jets.

He enjoyed flying, hunting and spending time on the farm. He was a member of the Sertoma Club, American Legion Post #6 and the Patriot Guard.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Peggy; a son, Randy Palmer of Moorhead, Minn.; a daughter, Alison (Shawn Beckner) Palmer of Lakeville, Minn.; two grandsons, Ethan and Dylan; a sister, Mary Lee McGinnes; a niece, Shannon; and nephews, Regis, Bobby and Tim.

He was preceded in death by his parents; parental guardians, Ronald and Athleen Pollard; brother, Regis; and a niece, Christine.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Veteran's Memorial Park in Grand Forks or the Northwood Mission.

Services were Tuesday, Nov. 23 at Amundson Funeral Home.

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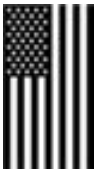
Keel

Glen A. Keel, 83, of Fredonia, died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021 at his home, surrounded by his family.

He was born on March 26, 1938 in Kevil to his late parents, Lacy and Lottie Patterson Keel. He was a farmer after retiring as a Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy where he served two deployments in the Vietnam War.

He was a member of the American Legion and proud of the Fredonia Valley Veterans Memorial. In addition to farming, he mowed all the time and enjoyed gardening and tending to his homestead where he built a campground around his pond for his family to enjoy. He loved his dogs and spending time with his grandkids. He was also an active supporter of the Fredonia Ball Park where he worked concessions.

Surviving are his loving wife of 63 years, Agnes Traylor Keel of Fredonia; two daughters, Rhonda Hunt of Fredonia and Sandra Singh of Panama City, Fla.; a son, Doug (Janice) Keel of Fredonia; one sister, Jayne Hillyard of Princeton; one brother, Larry (Kathy) Keel of Evansville; seven grandchildren, James (Kayla) Hunt, David Hunt, Amy (Larry) Turner, Rockelle Gray, Kayla (Tyler) Shepard, Sarah (Dray) Heaton and Travis Keel; eight great-



grandchildren, Ethen Hunt, Anthony Hunt, Brooklyn Strayhorn, Tristan Gray, Jackson Strayhorn, Hudson Turner, Blakely Shepard and Henry Heaton.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Mildred Keel Shumaker, June Morse Parker and Joyce Tandy; and a brother, David Keel.

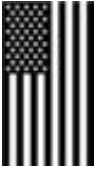
Services were Wednesday, Nov. 24 at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton with Bro. Presley Lamm officiating. Burial was in Rowland Cemetery in Caldwell County.

Memorial contributions may be made in Glen's memory to Fredonia Valley Veterans Memorial, c/o Fredonia Valley Heritage Society, PO Box 256, Fredonia, KY 42411.

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Duffy

Darrell Duffy, 86, of Henderson, died Monday, Oct. 25, 2021 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville. He was born Nov. 17, 1934 in Crittenden County to Walter Per-



ryand Eva Louvenia (Belt) Duffy.

He was a 1953 graduate of Marion High School. He served 22 years in the U.S. Air Force at domestic and foreign bases. He retired in western Kentucky with his family and worked for RGIS until he retired a second time.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Henderson.

Surviving are three sons, Mike of Henderson, Keith (Mary) of Birmingham, Ala., and Steve (Dannette) of Monroe N.C.; a sister, Dorothy Butler of Henderson; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen (Berry) Duffy in 2011; a son Bruce in 2014, his parents, a brother and a sister.

Funeral services were Nov. 4 at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home in Henderson. Burial with military rites was in Freedom Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Paid obituary

Rushing

Donna Sue Rushing, 62, of Marion, died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021 at her home. She was a member of Lola Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Gary Rushing of Marion; four children, Gary Wayne Rushing of Princeton, Janice Reddick of Marion, Rocky Joe Rushing of California, Penn., and Jason Floyd Rushing of Marion; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jimmy and Robert "Rocky" Roberts both of Marion; and two sisters, Bonnie Woodall of Webster County and Annetta Nelson of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richie and Meddie Jean Roberts; three brothers, Ritchie Steve Roberts, Ricky Ray Roberts and James Richie Roberts.

Services were Monday at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Freedom Cemetery.

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Reno ribbon cutting

Crittenden Community Hospital officially unveiled first-floor renovations of the annex adjacent to the hospital during a ribbon-cutting ceremony conducted by the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce. The facility houses an outpatient clinic for ambulatory care. Continued improvements are planned for the physical therapy department including added gym space. Front from left are Staci Blackburn, Wynne Wallace, Billy Hardin, Brad Adams and Shelly Davidson, (back) Charlie Day, Elliot West, Laura McKinney, Laurel Diaz, Teresa Kayse, Jennifer Hardesty, Reese Baker, Mary Cooksey, Gina Croft and Shawn Bright.

Greenery class Dec. 10

Crittenden County Extension Service will host an evergreen decoration class Saturday, Dec. 4. Dee Heimgartner, Crittenden County Agriculture Agent, will lead the class, which begins at 10 a.m., at the Farmers Market in Marion. Call (270) 965-5236 to pre-register by Wednesday, Dec. 1. Participants will have the option of making a wreath or a gnome. Take a pair of work gloves to make either project. To make the gnome, participants will need a tomato cage, a Santa hat and a pair of child’s gloves for decorations.

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Salem Class of '56

Salem High School Class of 1956 of recently held its 65th class reunion. Standing from left are Vivian Monroe, Donnie Tharp (seated), Geraldine Barnes, Nellie Jean Robertson, Doris Belt, Anna Sue Jennings, Dean Wilson, William Chittenden, (back) Tommy Wring, George Malcom and Neal Ramage. Four classmates unable to attend were Eva Jean Wilson, Wanda Barnes, Shirley Grimes and Shirley Williams. Lunch was served by Tampico Deli at Deer Creek Golf Club.

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Health Article

Proper care prevents wounds

Rita Driver, APRN
Board certified wound care specialist

rashes. “She has a wealth of knowledge that can prevent, treat and diagnosis, and Medicare, Medicaid and insurance pay these services,” said FPC/specialty clinic director Janet Kemper. “She does a lot of preventative care and education, which even can include proper nail care.” Weekly wound appointments are essential and toenail trimming is recommended. Problems arising from improper toenail care include ingrown toenails, fungal issues and hard, thick and brittle nails. A good portion of Driver’s

job as a board certified wound specialist is education and community awareness, oftentimes for individuals caring for loved ones suffering from diseases which cause blood flow to be compromised or pressure to build up from fluid beneath the skin – both of which can cause sores. Sores and stubborn wounds are not specific to diabetic patients; however, Driver encourages people with the disease, or their caregivers, to check the bottoms of their feet and between their toes daily, to always wear shoes and to keep a close check of their blood sugar levels to help alleviate problems with their skin. Driver is twice published and received third place in a National KCI Wound Vac case study contest and publication. Appointments with Driver can be made by calling Family Practice Clinic at (270) 965-5238.

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FAMILY PRACTICE CLINIC

West Gum. St., Marion, KY

Senior Menu

Crittenden County Citizens Center, located on North Walker Street, is open from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The center will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

The menu for next week includes the following:

Monday, Nov. 29: Meat balls with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned peas, wheat roll and tropical fruit.

Tuesday, Nov. 30: Mexican lasagna, buttered broccoli, garlic breadstick and oatmeal raisin cookie.

Wednesday, Dec. 1: Pork roast, baked sweet potato, black-eyed peas, carrot raisin salad and cornbread.

Thursday, Dec. 2: Baked spaghetti, broccoli salad, Mandarin oranges and garlic breadstick.

Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio is held at 10:30 a.m., each Monday, and Bingo Wednesday and Friday.

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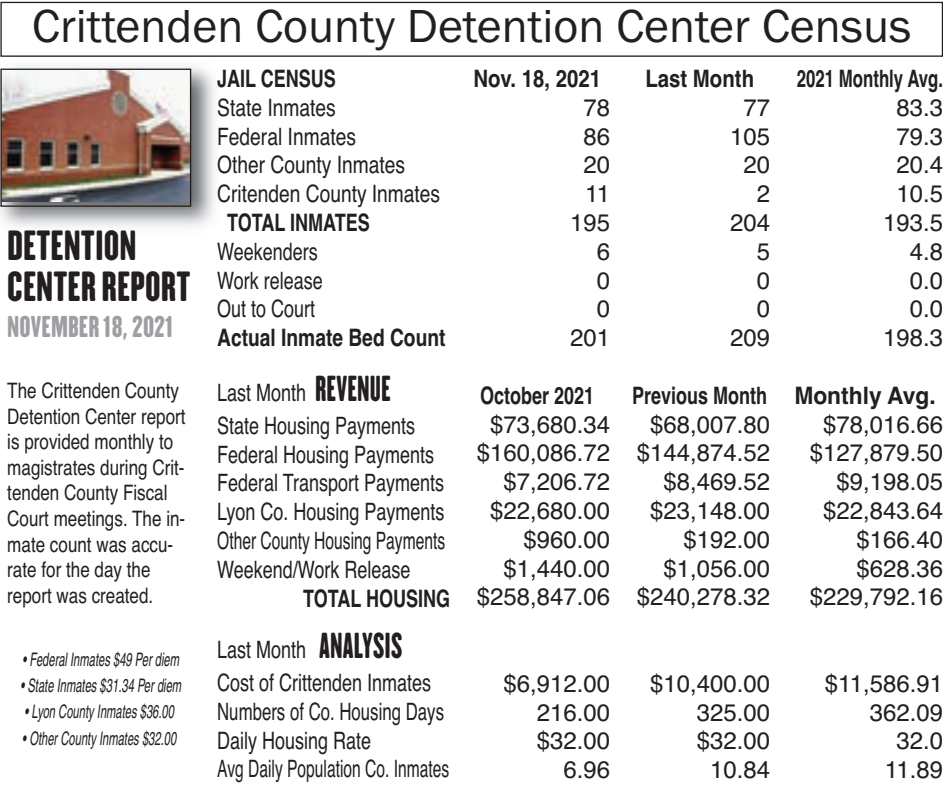
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






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-  Precinct with new voting location or Marion Voting Center
-  Southern precincts voting at Mexico Baptist Church or Marion Voting Center
Traditional voting location for Frances 7, new for Frances 8
-  District 2 precincts voting at Deer Creek Baptist Church or Marion Voting Center
Traditional voting location for Sheridan 9, new for Tolu 10
-  Rosebud precinct voting at Mattoon Fire Department or Marion Voting Center
Traditional voting location for Rosebud 11
-  Shady Grove precinct voting at Shady Grove Fire Department or Marion Voting Center
Traditional voting location for Shady Grove 12
-  Precincts offered only Marion Voting Center
Precincts already voting in Marion at 6 separate locations. All county precincts eligible to vote Marion Voting Center.
-  5-mile radius from eligible voting location
-  10-mile radius from center of Marion
-  Countywide Marion Voting Center
-  Previous polling location to be utilized
-  Previous polling location not utilized

“The local board of elections put in a lot of

"And to help dispel some of the mistruths intending to cast doubt on the integrity of elections in Kentucky, no voting machine has ever or will be connected to the internet," said Tabor. "The only way to hack them is to physically break into the devices, which are in-

If the broader project stays on its original schedule, demolition work at the construction site would begin in the spring. That would mean doing away with existing football field to make way for a new school.

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Being thankful takes effort

I suspect that I am not the only person for whom Thanksgiving is a complicated holiday. Most other national holidays (Christmas excepted) are, for me, straightforward. There may be family traditions or expectations around the others, but they do not seem nearly as freighted as those around the "holiday season."

There is always a swirl of emotion and sentimentality as we gather as families that are ever changing as the circle of our loved ones moves through time. Old recipes and new faces are all part of the table. Every couple of decades the people at the head and foot of the table change and the centers of our lives shift just a little.

The holiday season has been so sentimentalized and loaded with expected or ideal feelings that it can be exhausting to those who want to make it so. However, to expect joy, for example, at Thanksgiving is to limit its power in our lives. There will no doubt be great joy around the table as family and friends that do not often get together share a sacred meal together. But there will also be memories, hard discussions, rending and repair of relationships. It is all part of life together.

Given all of this, here are some thoughts that have helped me manage the massive beauty and complexity of both thanksgiving and Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is about relationships. That means that it is about "us" and not "me" or "you." We are thankful for our families, or whomever is gathered around the table with us - be it one other or a hundred. It is a way to say, just like those who celebrated in the 17th century, "here we are." Just sharing food with thanksgiving is a demonstration of common struggle and setting aside for a moment everything else to show that this is the most important thing right now.

There is a relationship between hardship and being thankful. Sometimes we need to stop, take a

breath, and share a feast, some football (on TV or in the back yard), and a fire. Every gathered group will



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

laughter, missing people and surprise visitors, arguments and reconciliations.

Being thankful requires understanding that something has been done for us that we could not possibly have done without help. Because of this, I believe Thanksgiving becomes more meaningful over the years for most people. Here, we learn that family is not a given, it takes effort, forgiveness, patience, kindness, tolerance, and love. In the Old Testament there were sacrifices of thanksgiving in which the first fruits of the bounty that God provided was dedicated to him. That is not a bad place to start for us today. Recognizing all of the effort made by everyone around the table to make a gathering possible should humble us enough to be thankful.

Everyone around the table should be there because they want to be, not from expectation or pressure - although if that can be done with maturity and grace it can be a beautiful experience. Otherwise, we learn that entitlement is a vicious, sinister master that siphons off our ability to be thankful and feeds our selfish nature and hurts those

to whom we owe so much.

Being thankful is not restful. It takes some effort and motivates us to action on behalf of others. We expend such energy because we want to honor others with either gifts or presence. It takes love to cook for two days, even if one enjoys it. It takes love to drive 12 hours one way or brave the crowded airports for a long weekend.

Thanksgiving is about the presence of all our family. We miss those who cannot be there - yet they are still with us. They are with us in traditions, the pumpkin pie recipe, and the chair they sat in. They made us who we are, and it is good to look for those things in their lives for which we can be thankful.

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful." (Colossians 3:12-15, RSV).

Dr. Sean Niestrath is a minister in Madisonville, Ky. He holds a doctoral degree in ministry. You may contact him at sean.niestrath@outlook.com.

Community Events & News

■ A reunion and Christmas party for former employees of Moore Business Forms and their guests will begin at noon, Dec. 2 at La Delicia Mexican Restaurant in Marion. Bring a \$5 wrapped gift suitable for a man or woman if you want to participate in a gift exchange. There will be Christmas Bingo and Christmas carol sing-along. All former employees and guests are welcome. For information, call (270) 965-3484 or (270) 969-0095.

■ Historic Rose Hotel in Elizabethtown, Ill. will have a Christmas Open House from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4.

■ The Virgil Jones VFW is having a "Christmas and Bingo Party" at 6 p.m., Dec.

4 at 412 N. College St.. Ladies bring ladies' gifts and men bring men's gifts (\$20 value). Finger food will be served. Open to the public.

■ The Virgil Jones VFW will have a meeting 6:30 p.m., Dec. 9 at 412 N. College St. Refreshments will be served.

■ Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem, KY (former Salem school).

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. For the time being, the Clothes Closet is operated outdoors from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. Please observe social distancing.

The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.

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

■ First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.

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

■ Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

Give thanks even in tragic times

Question: My wife and I were greatly anticipating the arrival of our second child. Just weeks before the arrival date, she miscarried. Our hearts were broken. In our grief we are angry. Thanksgiving Day will soon be here. How can we be thankful when we hurt so deeply?

Answer: You have every right to be sad and angry. Anger is often accompanied with grief. It is okay to even be angry at God. Acknowledging your emotions is healthy.

I haven't been in your shoes, but I know your loss is great. My heart goes out to you. Few things are as wonderful as having another child to love and enjoy.

I assure you this terrible loss in your lives is not

ASK the PASTOR

By Bob Hardison



caused by God punishing you for anything you have done. Sometimes bad things happen to good people. God doesn't promise anyone that hard times will not come, but He promises us He will be present with us in our times of trouble (Ps. 46:1).

As Thanksgiving Day ap-

proaches, look for things you can be thankful for. Likely, there are many things. Giving thanks to God will lift your spirits.

Don't stay away from public worship this Thanksgiving Season. When we come together, we encourage each other. As you hear others give thanks to God, it encourages you to thank God and to praise Him, too (Ps. 100:4)

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O’possum dinners anticipated events

With the traditional Thanksgiving Day meal on our tables this week, let’s take a fun look back to yester-year at another anticipated meal. Who knew the little wiry opossum was such a much-looked-forward to meal.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

Tales of the ‘possum also provided the subject for several interesting and entertaining articles that appeared in The Press many years ago. From the archives of The Crittenden Press.

Nov. 1893 - The Crittenden Springs Hotel, the well-known and popular watering place in the early 1900s, enjoyed hosting its yearly Thanksgiving Bird and ‘Possum Supper.

It was a splendid affair. The ‘possum and tatters, was delicious beyond description; the quail-on-toast was simply superb and the sulfur water was sweetened and otherwise prepared to gratify the taste of anybody and everybody.

Monday evening about dusk a party of 14 left Marion for Crittenden Springs upon invitation of Mr. James Smith, the manager of the Springs, to assist in the principal act of an ‘opossum and quail supper.

Opossums were there in all of their plentitude, and quails were there in coveys, and they were such ‘possums as only Crittenden County persimmons can flavor for such occasions and quails as plump as they grow in that famous neighborhood.

The great dining room was festooned with the gay colors of the autumn leaves, wreathed with the wild vines, blushing with the first kisses of frost and smiled with the beauty of the wild woods.

No homage over paid to salaried cook of king or potentate would do justice to the culinary arrangement of this occasion. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Dulaney superin-

tended the preparation of opossums and quails, and pencil is too short to adequately sing the praises of the deliciousness of such viands.

After the glorious supper, properly lubricated with ‘possum gravy, Mr. Ollie M. James was chosen to be toastmaster and gave an eloquent toast to the evening.

Nov. 1921. A ‘Possum Hunt

‘Possum hunting has been a favorite pastime for the last few weeks, but the climax was reached Thursday evening when Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cruce delightfully entertained about 20 guests at their beautiful home near Crayne.

After the hunt, the guests were taken to a cabin on the place where a huge old-fashioned wood fireplace welcomed them.

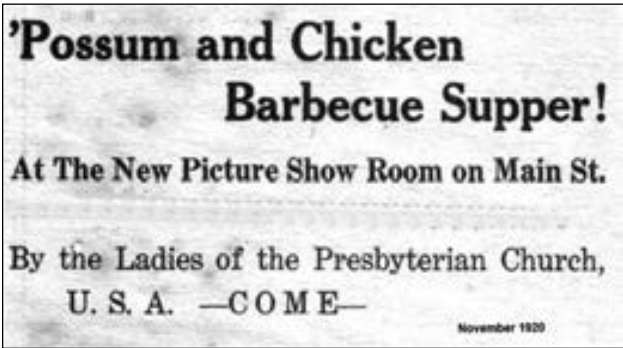
Before this Mr. J. H. Orme, who was master of ceremonies and chief cook, had barbecued ‘possum, steak, ducks and broiled bacon to a delicious doneness. No chef can excel Mr. Orme in the art of barbecuing.

In addition to the barbecue, chicken salad, pickles, wafers, onions, candy, cake, coffee and cream was served. The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Huston Orme, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Tucker; Mesdames: Ruth Brown of Tolu; L. E. Guess and Niles Flanary; Misses Esther Barnett, Margurite Crider of California; Virginia Flanary and Messrs. Gene Guess, Earl Clement, Billy O. Moore, Virgil Threlkeld, Charles Cassady, Floyd Wheeler and Audrey Clark.

A wonderful time was had by all who attended and as they left, thanked the kind host for having them.

Nov. 1903 – An Unfortunate Juant

James Jennings, Calvin Corley and Clarence Terry went on an o’pos-



This ad appearing in The Crittenden Press in November 1920 tells how the ladies at Presbyterian Church U.S.A., had fixed a Thanksgiving supper for anyone that would like to come and have a good meal.

sum and raccoon hunt last week.

On the way they stopped to rest, sat their guns down and were joking each other about the incidents of the trip.

Just at this time an old sow came along and the dogs started to chase her, when to the dismay of the party, she stamped and ran right through the crowd, the result of which was disastrous to two of the gentleman.

In her rush through the camp she ran over the double barreled shotgun and it was discharged, one shot striking Mr. Corley in the toe and another striking Clarence Terry in the heel as he ran away down the hill, thinking a bear was after him.

It is not known if the ‘possums and raccoons of the vicinity put the old sow up to this trick or not, but the dogs were taken off their scent for this time anyway.

Dr. Frazer was called and dressed the wounds of the unfortunates, and they are on the high road to recovery, although pretty badly used up as a result of their experience.

They all swear they will never hunt coons or o’possums again, but will go after larger game, such as buffaloes or bears. Clarence Terry says there is not a bear in America as big as that old sow looked to him that dark night.



The star of our stories is the ‘Possum. Not so much today, it once was popular for funny stories and some good eating.

Dec. 1904 – An Opossum Mule

Farmers in this section proudly boast of their excelled opossum curs, in fact they are very common things, but an opossum mule, one that can actually scent a opossum, and, by its acute sense of smell, distinguish the slim-tailed specie from the other vermin of the wood – is something new under the sun.

The story of this talented quadruped is told by Mr. Larkin Hard, of near Frances, the truth of which he vouches for, his father having raised His Muleship, whose genealogy and characteristics are matter of personal knowledge to our informant. His name is Beck.

Beck is a very ordinary, unpretentious sort of mule, with ears of average length. There is nothing in a name, how-

ever, for no less that 500 mules in the county bear the same title. But this Beck enjoys an instinct that the common herd can’t boast of.

Beck was purchased of the elder Mr. Hard by George W. Parish, of Frances, at which time nothing was known of his canine qualities, and they were not discovered until one night when Mr. Parish rode Beck to services at Caldwell Springs Church.

Nothing unusual occurred until they were on their return trip, when at a certain point on the road Beck began pawing the earth, prancing and snorting and conducting himself in a manner that was greatly alien to his wonted disposition.

Being somewhat surprised at the usually docile Beck’s disorderly conduct, Mr. Parish at once began looking about to ascertain, if possible, the cause of the disturbance. When he spied on a fence nearby a large, fat opossum, which he captured much to the pleasure of our hero of the trail, he proudly pranced around and expressed his joy in his own mulish fashion.

The next exhibition of this wonderful instinct was made when the family, on hearing a commotion in a field near the house, went out and found our distinguished domestic triumphantly trampling under foot an object of his mulish malevolence. The family rescued the captive and started from the field,

with the captor bringing up the rear laughing as best a mule can laugh.

Again Beck’s enmity for Brer’ Possum was displayed again later when the brays of the former announced the fact to the Parish household that again there was something doing in the pasture, and surmising the trouble they hurried to the scene of action to find that Beck had another of his unfortunate victims at bay in a persimmon tree.

There are other instances when persons have been riding on Beck and he would attempt leaving the road and taking to the wood, the cause of which is that he scented a trail crossing the road and his unexplainable characteristic gave him an inclination to follow it.

Mr. Parish contemplates putting his opossum mule on the trail to compete for honors with the best dogs in the county, and is confident that Beck will wear the blue ribbon.

It’s fun to read these little entertaining articles and yet still learn some history of our county and of how our ancestors enjoyed life in the simpler days.

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



Woman’s Club Officers

Woman’s Club of Marion officers elected Nov 4 and installed by GFWC Kentucky First District Governor Amy Mason (right) are (from left) are Carolyn Belt, Roberta Shoemaker, Susan Alexander, Annie Rubino and Nancy Hunt.

NOTICE

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on/Crittenden County 911 Board Office by 9:00 AM on December 10, 2021. The Bids may be mailed or delivered to the Marion/Crittenden County 911 Board Office at 107 S. Main Street Marion, KY 42064. Bids will be opened on December 13, 2021 at 9:00 AM at the 911 Board meeting. The Marion/Crittenden County 911 Board Office reserves the right to refuse any and all sealed bids. (1t-47-c)

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legal notice

Notice is hereby given that on November 17, 2021 Myrtle Adams of 510 Walton Calver Dr., Dawson Springs, Ky. 42408 and Claudia Norris of 12061 Nortonville Rd., Dawson Springs, Ky. 42408 was appointed co-executrixes with will annexed of Judy Ann Hunt, deceased, whose address was 808 East Depot St., Marion, Ky. 42064. Hon. Rebecca Johnson, P.O. Box 415, Marion, Ky. 42064, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby certified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the co-executrixes with will annexed on or before the 17th day of May, 2022 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-47-c)

Notice is hereby given that on November 17, 2021 Michael Stephen Conger of 105 Circle Dr., Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed administrator of Lillie Ann Conger, deceased, whose address was 249 North Maple St., Marion, Ky. 42064. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the administrator on or before 17th day of May, 2022 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

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CHRISTMASTIME EVENTS, ACTIVITIES GEARING UP NOW

It's beginning to look like the start of Christmas season around the area. Here are some holiday events and activities you'll want to know about:

- Marion Christmas Parade on Main Street starting at 5 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 4. Entries should be submitted by Nov. 26.
- Fredonia's Christmas Parade will be held at 6 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 3.
- The Christmas Parade in Salem will be at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 27.
- Community Christmas will come to a climax early next month and organizers are looking for adult volunteers to help set up for distribution at from 9 a.m., until 4 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 16 at Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center.
- Distribution for Community Christmas will be 9 a.m., to 4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 16 and from 9 a.m., until noon on Friday, Dec. 17 at Marion Baptist Church.

HERE'S HOW TO HELP HOLIDAY PROGRAMS, COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Community Christmas has about 60 families registered for the holiday fundraising and distribution program. Volunteers are busy distributing angel tree tags to sponsors, ordering food for food boxes, and organizing toy and gift drives, said Brandie Ledford, one of the organizers.

"Community Christmas wouldn't be possible without all of these people taking time out of their schedules to work on this important project," she said.

Here is a list of upcoming toy and gift drives that benefit Community Christmas recipients in Crittenden County.

- Cash Express Toy and Coat Drive - Donate new toys and coats at Cash Express now



through Dec. 15. Coats will be matched with kids in need through the Heart to Heart Family Resource Center at Crittenden County Schools.

- Stuff the Cruiser is scheduled for Dec. 9 at Darben Plaza parking lot. Marion Asst. Police Chief Bobby West will be at Cash Express for the annual Stuff the Cruiser event on that day. New toys will be accepted and they will be distributed through the Community Christmas program.
- Stuff the Bus will be in front of CCHS on Dec. 15. Donations are being accepted of teen items like hats, mittens, body care products, cologne and perfume, art supplies and just about anything teens would like in their stockings.

Donors may also make cash contributions to Community Christmas at Farmers Bank. Cash donations help fund grocery store gift cards for family and senior households as well as teen gift vouchers to local stores. All monetary donations stay in the community to be spent at local stores through the Community Christmas voucher program.



CUTTER & CASH HELP DECORATE HISTORIC MONROE HOMEPPLACE

Cash and Cutter Singleton of the local Bluegrass band Classy and Grassy were invited last week to participate in decorating the home of

the late Bill Monroe, a legendary pioneer of bluegrass, in Ohio County.

The boys' band performed there, at Jerusalem Ridge, in September.

"They fell in love with the farm and rambled the hills, hollers and creeks while we camped there on Festival weekend," said their mother, Shelley Singleton. She said the boys cherish the opportunity to learn about and preserve bluegrass music's rich history.

Based on their interest in the Monroe homeplace, the Ohio County Tourism Commission and Bill Monroe Foundation invited the Singleton boys to participate in holiday preparations, including hanging of the green.

The Homeplace is open to tourists seasonally, with the last date being Dec. 10 this year. On the evening of Dec. 10, a Christmas party with live bluegrass music and light refreshments will take place. The party is limited to 32 guests. The Homeplace is visited each year by people from all over the world.

Cash has also been approached about portraying a young Bill Monroe for a project the tourist attraction is working on for next fall.

Classy and Grassy performed at the Lincoln Jamboree last weekend and will be back in Gatlinburg this weekend. The group is also planning to host another Old Kentucky Hayride at Marion's Fohs Hall on Feb. 12.

HEADY ATTENDS JUDGES' COLLEGE

District Court Judge Daniel Heady who serves Crittenden, Webster and Union counties, recently attended the District Judges Fall College in Lexington.

Judges usually meet once a year for a judicial college but this was their second program this year. They had a college in June to catch up after their 2020 col-

lege was canceled due to COVID.

"Because district judges oversee a broad spectrum of cases, it's important to stay current on the issues affecting those who come before us in court," said Jefferson District Judge David P. Bowles, who was elected president of the Kentucky District Judges Association at the college. "This college offered timely sessions on everything from substance abuse and immigration to domestic violence and DUIs."

The judges learned about the increase in methamphetamine use and attended a session on the recovery capital model, a comprehensive approach to helping people with substance use disorder gain and maintain recovery. In addition, several law enforcement officers from Jefferson-town shared their experiences with substance abuse and drug trafficking cases.

HOLIDAY DRIVING TIPS

With the holidays quickly approaching, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) is sending Thanksgiving travelers important life-saving reminders - buckle up and put the phone down.

"The upcoming holiday is one of the busiest travel times of the year, so we're asking Kentuckians to extend their commitment to safety and health onto our roadways," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "We believe that if all drivers practice these two simple behaviors - buckle up, and put the phone down - lives will be saved."

Each year in Kentucky distracted driving results in more than 50,000 crashes, more than 15,000 injuries and approximately 200 deaths. So, put down the phone and refrain from distracted driving behaviors such as texting, emailing and phone chats.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY LIBRARY EVENTS

Children's Programs

Story Hour with Ms. Melissa is held Fridays 10 a.m. Take your preschool-age children to the library to listen to stories and do early literacy activities. It is held in the meeting room this winter with social distancing as much as possible. Programs may be recorded and posted on Facebook if there is a high incidence of community spread or a library closure due to the pandemic. Register at the library and get notified about story hour plans on the Remind App. There will be no Story Hour on Nov. 26, Dec. 24 or Dec. 31.

We Believe in Christmas Book Signing with Betty Brantley. There will be a special appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus at this event on Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. Join the library in welcoming local author Betty Brantley and purchase a signed copy of her new book, "We Believe in Christmas." This will be a photo opportunity for little ones sitting on Santa's lap.

Adult Programs

Tech Help with Carol is held Thursdays 10 a.m., to noon. Need help figuring out how to use your computer or how to download eBooks and digital audiobooks? Get help from Carol Harrison in the library on Thursday mornings. There will be no tech help on Nov. 25 or Dec. 23 and 30.

Brown Bag Book Club at 11:30 a.m., Dec. 22. Bring your lunch for this noontime book discussion. Discussion will center on the book of the month as well as other books everyone is reading.

Family Programs

The Polar Express Downtown Story Walk begins Nov. 27 and runs through Dec. 31. Pick up a map for the annual downtown story walk starting the weekend after Thanksgiving and stroll the streets of Marion with your family reading The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg is on storefront windows. This story walk program was a big hit last year. Bundle up and make plans to walk and read the book this year, too. Start at the Crittenden County Public Library to pick up your map. If the library is closed, just snap a picture on your cell phone of the map on the front door.

Holiday Countdown Crafts is held at 10 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from Nov. 30 through Dec. 21. Need ideas for holiday decorations and gifts? Vist the library to make things with Mrs. Brandie and Ms. Melissa and mark some things off your holiday to-do list. All supplies will be provided. Take a friend and maybe some treats to share.

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Attempted murder charge dropped, but local woman gets long sentence

STAFF REPORT

A Marion woman is going to prison for several years after pleading guilty to nearly running over Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal in early September and crashing into his police cruiser before taking officers on a high-speed chase across town.

Sebrina Jones Adams, 34, was sentenced last Thursday in Crittenden Circuit Court to a total of 15 years on a variety of felony, misdemeanor and traffic violations. The charges included felonies for first-degree fleeing or evading police, two counts of wanton endangerment of a police officer, first-degree wanton endangerment and leaving the scene of an accident. There were more than two dozen charges in all filed against Adams, including eight counts of running a stop sign, reckless driving, driving on a DUI suspended license and trespassing. A more serious charge of attempted murder of a police officer was dismissed in return for a plea.

Adams was on probation when the incident occurred in Marion on Sept. 1. The incident began on Highland Circle and escalated to a chase at speeds around 100

mph through town. Police called off the chase, citing the risk to public safety, and Adams got away. She was arrested a few days later in another county.

Adams' probation in other previous cases has been revoked and she has nine years to serve from additional crimes in Henderson and Crittenden counties. She has yet to be sentenced in an unrelated McCracken County case. All of the prison time in those cases will run consecutive to the new 15-year term handed down last week, meaning Adams is facing more than 24 years behind bars.

Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell told Circuit Judge Rene Williams that he'd consulted with the police chief with regard to the plea offer in the case. The prosecutor said O'Neal was in agreement with the offer.

In other cases before the circuit court last week:

- Dakota D. Hunter, 24, had his probation revoked for being arrested in Tennessee and failing to properly report to his probation officer. Hunter was originally convicted on a 2020 charge of first-degree disorderly con-

duct and resisting arrest. He was ordered to jail to begin serving the unserved balance of his original sentence, which is about five months.

- Sammy D. Lovell II, 44, of Marion pleaded guilty to first-degree fleeing or evading police in a motor vehicle and operating an off-road vehicle on private or public land without consent. He was sentenced to 18 months on the felony fleeing charge and 12 months on the misdemeanor traffic offense. The term will run concurrent for a total of 18 months. However, the judge said the sen-

tence would be consecutive to any time he receives in an unrelated pending case in Webster County.

- Terry Dorris, 48, pleaded guilty to felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was sentenced to one year on the meth charge, 45 days on the pot charge and 12 months for possession of drug paraphernalia. All time will run concurrent for a one-year sentence.

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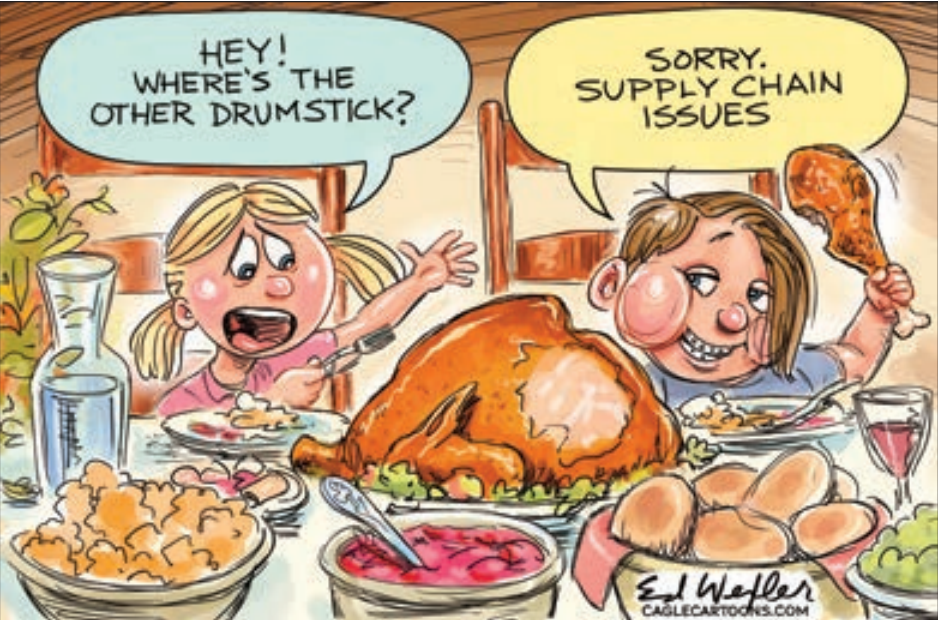
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THURSDAY

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

50 YEARS AGO

November 25, 1971
■ Nathan Brantley Jr. harvested a six-point, 105-pound buck.
■ Debra Collins and Chip Wight were winners in the 4-H King and Queen contest as they represented the Four Leaf Clover Club.

25 YEARS AGO

November 28, 1996
■ Winners in the second annual Winter Wonderland Pageant at Fohs Hall were: Boys (0-12 months) Cameron McDaniel, Travis Anthony-Paul Patterson, runner-up; (2-4 years) Gavin Heady; Girls (0-12 months) Kenyon Fox, and Amber Wright, runner-up; (13-23 months) McKenzie Frailex, Davana Head, first runner-up, and Olivia Lee Scott, second runner-up; (2-4 years) Hope Nicole Sherrell, Katilin Maynard, first runner-up, Cortni Head, second runner-up and Katie Travis, third runner-up; (5-7 years), Bethany Heaton; (8-11 years) Abby Mechelle Wright; (15 years and up) Susan Collins, Tabitha

HOUSE

Continued from page 1 Frankfort,” Bechler said. “I’m a proud conservative, and protecting gun rights and the sanctity of life while fighting for balanced budgets, lower taxes and better schools makes a difference for our communities. I’m looking forward to the coming campaign because our constituents

MILLIKAN

Continue from page 1 the show came as a result of Paducah and Jinju being sister cities, of sorts. Both are designated as a UNESCO Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art. With such status, cities invite artists from other countries in the network for shows and festivals. In 2018, she was one of 20 Paducah artists who attended a UNESCO festival in Mexico. She collaborated with Paducah Chef Sara Bradley and made hand-dyed indigo napkins for a dinner at the festival. There are only nine U.S. cities with the UNESCO Creative City designation. The National Quilt Museum in Paducah was the icing on the cake, as Millikan puts it, for Paducah’s designation as a NESCO Creative City. “UNESCO is super prestigious and one of those things that can be hard to advertise,” Millikan explains. “It is a network that is really important. “The fact that I can travel from Kentucky to Korea and have conversations with people from Bulgaria and Estonia.... They might bring artwork here, so it is obvious how

Hendrix, first runner-up, Darci Holeman, second runner-up and Andrea Belt, third runner-up.
■ The elementary, middle and high school chess teams earned first place trophies at the Murray Scholastic Tournament.

10 YEARS AGO

November 24, 2011
■ The Crittenden County Rocket football team held its annual banquet. Award winners were Austen Chambliss, coach’s award, senior award; Elliot Day, determination award, senior award; Travis Gilbert, most improved defensive player; Bryce Willis, iron man award, most valuable player award, The Crittenden Press-Paul E. Mick Leadership award, Rocket captain award, senior award; Bobby Knox, most valuable defensive player award, tackling points leader award; Zach Tinsley; junior varsity offensive MVP award, junior varsity defensive MVP award, 110-percent award; Korey Mayes, perfect attendance award, solid Rocket award, senior award, coach’s award; Micah Holoman, most improved special team player award,

most valuable special team player award, record setters award; Brenden Phillips, 110-percent award; Wes Evers, senior award; Dugan Overfield, perfect attendance award, junior varsity captain award; Grant Gardner, Greg “Dozer” Belt award, most valuable offensive player, most improved offensive player; Stephon Cozart, R.B.I. leader award, Rocket captain award, most valuable line-man award, Marion Feed Mill-Rocket Grit Iron award.
■ Marion Central Dispatching hired Nicole Watson and Cheryl Fox as part-time E-911 dispatchers.
■ Three Rivers Rock Quarry between Burna and Smithland received its fifth Sentinels of Safety Award from the Mine Safety and Health Administration.
■ The Crittenden County Middle School Homecoming Court was as follows: 6th grade Duke and Duchess Logan Belt and McKinzie Simpkins, 7th grade Prince and Princess Ethan Hunt and Francesca Pierce and 8th grade King and Queen Alex Maynard and Autumn Jones.

juries that promoted his early retirement from the military. “My desire to serve is still there, but it’s now in different capacities,” he said. “I decided to run after talking with several people and community leaders who told me they wanted more support from Frankfort.” More about each candidate is available at their social media sites.

tainment, but Millikan is excited for a break from the pandemic in order to see where she can help bring art to a community she now calls home. Millikan, 37, grew up in South Dakota and attended college as a non-traditional student at the Kansas City Art Institute. She describes growing up in a poor, DIY family. Her father was a woodworker, her mother grew plants and canned. Her dad also was a weaver, so she saw people making things with their hands. That planted a seed for her career as an artist. “When I was younger I didn’t know you could do this as a career,” she said. “I grew up in rural places like Marion so there weren’t a whole lot of opportunities. When I moved to Kansas City I could see more possibilities.” Art school gave her experience in ceramics, painting and print-making, but today her most common form of art is textiles. She is in the process of setting up a studio on the south side of Marion where she can use her loom, sewing machines and store fabrics that could become the centerpiece of her next international exhibition.

Fascinating 4-year quest for buck ends

LBL COMMUNICATIONS DEPT.
An intensive, four-year pursuit of an elusive buck dubbed “Sasquatch” at Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area (LBL) ended in celebratory tears, hugs and shared joy between father and son. Like its namesake, glimpses of this 16-point deer were only captured in grainy trail cam photos until a recent deer quota hunt.
On that fateful November morning, Bobby Carnine and son, Jacob, both of Benton, had the hunt of a lifetime together, with Bobby describing it as “the greatest memory of my life.” This moment was decades in the making, as this father and son duo have been hunting public lands together for over 20 years.

“The best memories I’ve ever had were of us hunting, including this hunt,” said Jacob. “My dad taught me to enjoy the hunt more than anything. Hunting is a family thing for us, and spending time with family is the biggest thing.” Bobby has been on a quest for the buck he named “Sasquatch” since finding its shed at LBL in 2017. That discovery led to a year-round obsession, with Bobby collecting trail camera photos, sheds, and diligently tracking and mapping the monster buck’s movements for four years. All of his patience, diligence and passion for this deer finally paid off, with his son at his side. There wasn’t much time to savor the first, in-the-flesh view they had of the seemingly mythical buck when it flashed before their tree stands. They saw a doe, and then a spike, run by. Then



Jacob Carnine with “Sasquatch” and sheds he had collected since 2017.

came the sounds of “Sasquatch” crashing through the forest, running close behind. When they realized who was about to cross their path, Bobby felt “a train of emotions.” Bobby quickly whispered to his son, “You better get ready.” Within seconds, Jacob fired a successful shot at 75 yards. The beast was no longer a tale of mere legend, but now part of a family story that will be told for years to come. “Words can’t even describe the experience, we hugged and had tears in our eyes. It was one of the best hunts ever, and I am so glad my dad was there,” said Jacob. Bobby and his sons hunt regularly on public land, both near home at LBL and around the country. “Hunting LBL can be frustrating, as it’s more challenging,” said

Jacob. His father agreed, calling LBL a hard but enjoyable place to hunt, and one with benefits through persistence. “Work harder than everyone else. And when it hurts and you’re about to give up, you’re almost there,” said Bobby. Both agreed that the work and challenges that come with hunting on public land make the payoff even better. LBL provides over 170,000 acres of diverse wildlife habitat and excellent hunting opportunities, and non-consumptive uses. The Carnine’s monster buck is a testimony of the success in active management techniques on the local landscape. It is also considered a result of removal of Bonus Bucks tags at LBL in recent years.

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Upcoming Games

Monday
MS girls host Trigg County

Tuesday
MS boys host Union Coounty
Rockets host Union County
Lady Rockets host UHA



SOCCER
Guess is team MVP

Crittenden County High School's soccer team recently held its post-season awards ceremony. Pictured above is coach Jessica DeBurgo and MVP Taylor Guess. Other awards presented were as follows:
Golden Leg Award - Taylor Guess
Most Versatile - Emilee Russelburg
Offensive Award - Lizzie Campbell
Defensive Award - Lyli Wesmolan
Most Improved - Bailey Williams
Leadership Award - Leah Long
Citizenship Award - Maggie Blazina

CROSS COUNTRY
Martinez, McCord MVPs

Crittenden County High School's cross country team recently held its post-season awards ceremony. Following are the featured awards presented by the team:
Mary Martinez - high school MVP
Ella Geary - middle school MVP
Jayden Gibson - middle school MVP
Asa McCord - high school MVP
Landon Starkey - Resilency Award

OUTDOORS
Deer harvest No. 5

Deer hunters in Crittenden County had harvested about 1,350 deer during the moden firearm season as of early this week. The season's total harvest with all weapon types was 1,871, which is No. 5 in the state.

Free bobcat permit

New this year for hunters is a free bobcat permit, which is now required for hunters. You can get one online or where licenses are sold. The permit is necessary to hunt or shoot a bobcat. Bobcat season opened last weekend and runs through Feb. 28.

Hunting Seasons

Here are some of the key hunting opportunities currently in season or coming up:

Deer archery	Sept. 4 - Jan. 17
Turkey archery	Sept. 4 - Jan. 17
Deer crossbow	Sept. 18 - Jan. 17
Raccoon hunt	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Deer gun	Nov. 13 - Nov. 28
Turkey crossbow	Nov. 13 - Dec. 31
Squirrel	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28
Raccoon trap	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28
Quail	Nov. 15 - Feb. 10
Rabbit	Nov. 15 - Feb. 10
Bobcat trap	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28
Fox hunt/trap	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28
Dove	Nov. 25 - Dec. 5
Duck	Nov. 25 - Nov. 28
Canada goose	Nov. 25 - Feb. 15
Bobcat hunt	Nov. 27 - Feb. 28
Turkey shotgun	Dec. 4 - Dec. 10
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Deer muzzleloader	Dec. 11-19
Dove	Dec. 18 - Jan. 9
Deer youth	Jan. 1-2
Coyote	Year Round

An Official Couple

Porters mutually enjoy officiating gig

STAFF REPORT

A shortage of referees and umpires is affecting local scholastic, recreational and travel sports across the region, state and country.

Since the pandemic began, fewer and fewer new officials are joining the ranks and more are quitting.

One local couple has found that they can spend quality time together and earn extra money. The unique tandem was officiating a middle school basketball game last week in Marion. The husband and wife team of Jeff and Misty Porter are no strangers to local athletics. They played sports in high school at Crittenden and Livingston Central, respectively, and have raised children who were very active in scholastic sports.

Now, their distinctive work as a self-contained referee crew is quite unique and might be an inspiration for other families to get involved with officiating.

"I get to call two or three games a season with Jeff in basketball. I enjoy it because we hash out the game on the way home or test each other on rules on the way to the game," said Misty.

"Officiating allows me to be involved with sports which I love and to be part of a team with my fellow officials. In the last few years it has become very special as I get to share my hobby of officiating with my wife," said Jeff, a 1986 graduate of Crittenden County High School.

"I've always loved sports," Misty adds. "I played softball and basketball since the age of five. I've always wanted to continue to be involved in basketball even after my career of basketball was over. I umpired some when I was in high school with little league in Livingston. I've been a player, coach, sports mom and now a high school official. I've seen all sides."

There have been some truly memorable moments with them together on the court.

"The last one was when I was picked to call my very first regional game. It



Jeff and Misty Porter have found a common interest as sports officials.

was at Murray State on the floor at the CFSB Center, and it was with Jeff. I loved it," Misty explains.

Her husband, who had been in officiating for many years and has called high school state championship games, encouraged Misty to get involved.

"I love to see athletes grow into young adults on the floor from year to year. It's not always easy but for the most part I do enjoy it. Jeff actually was the one to tell me, 'Just try it,'" she said. "When I did start officiating, both basketball and softball, I fell in love with it."

Last year, the couple was on the floor at the same time officiating a regional tournament in the First Region.

"We enjoy sports and officiating allows us to spend time together while enjoying a hobby. We get into discussions of rules and game situations which makes us better at what we do," said Jeff. "We get to call some games together and when we do we treat each other just like another official, not as a married couple. A highlight of our officiating career was when Misty got to officiate her first high school regional tournament at Murray State. I was

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lucky enough to be on the floor with her as her partner. She did an awesome job. We are very blessed to get to do what we do."

High school officials are in great demand right now and there are various reasons individuals want to get involved with refereeing and umpiring.

"Being a high school official allows us to be role models for the youth," said Matt Bell, an assigning secretary for Second Region high school officials. "It is a great way to stay connected to the game and allows you to earn some extra income and your hours can be flexible."

Most importantly, said Bell, who is a Webster County school administrator, "We can protect the integrity of the game our kids love to play and help teenagers learn life lessons that will benefit them for a lifetime."

The Second Region Pennyrile Umpires Association is looking for umpires for the 2021 and 2022 season. The region is made up of the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth districts and spans from Henderson to Fort Campbell.

If interested in umpiring any sport, email matt.bell@webster.kyschools.us or call 270-871-6956 for more information. Association meetings will begin in January.

The National Federal of High Schools has begun a nationwide campaign to recruit officials. It recently said the shortage has reached a "critical level" and could affect schedules, forcing teams to cancel games in some instances.

Crittenden County Middle School Basketball

BASEKTBALL
CCMS Results

7th GRADE BOYS
Crittenden 41, Trigg County 39
CCMS Scoring: Garner Stallins 12, Davis Perryman 6, Colt Bailey 10, Hudson Stokes 6, Jacob Embrey 7.

Caldwell 39, Crittenden 10
CCMS Scoring: Garner Stallins 7, Jacob Embrey 2, Hudson Stokes 1.

8th GRADE BOYS
Trigg County 46, Crittenden 30
CCMS Scoring: Bryson Walker 16, Levi Suddoth 2, Brayden Poindexter 3, Quinn Summers 1, Caleb Riley 4, Garner Stallins 4.

Caldwell 36, Crittenden 25
CCMS Scoring: Bryson Walker 9, Levi Suddoth 8, Brayden Poindexter 6, Caleb Riley 2.

8th GRADE GIRLS
Crittenden 44, Caldwell 23
CCMS Scoring: Anna Boone 10, Elliot Evans 18, Chloe Hunt 2, Elle McDaniel 7, Andrea Federico 2, Georgia Holeman 5.

Crittenden 42, Lyon 30
CCMS Scoring: Boone 12, Evans 7, Hunt 2, McDaniel 6, Federico 7, Holeman 8.

7th GRADE GIRLS
Crittenden 25, Caldwell 17
CCMS Scoring: Jordyn Hodge 8, Abigale Champion 6, Alexis Smith 2, Morgan Stewart 3, Charlee Munday 6.

Lyon 46, Crittenden 38
CCMS Scoring: Hodge 8, Smith 2, Stewart 11, Munday 13, Alexis Mattingly 4.



Middle school girls Andrea Federico and Anna Boone wrestle the ball away from Lone Oak (above left) and CCMS seventh-grader Isaac James (right) guards the paint against Livingston County. Middle schoolers will end their regular season next week. The playoffs are in December.

Volleyball awards presented

Crittenden County High School's volleyball team held its awards ceremony last weekend. Among those honored were MVP Riley Smith, Offensive Award winners Addy Kirby, Sofie Watson and Carly Porter, Defense Award winner Jaylee Champion, Ace Award winner Sofie Watson, Block Award winner Payton Hall, Rocket Award winner Addy Kirby, Character Award winner Payton Hall, Assist Award winner Riley Smith and Senior Award recipient Addy Kirby.

JV awards presented were MVP Hannah Mott, Offense Payton Hall and Katie Perryman, Defense Mary Rachel Stephens, Assists Kiley Croft, Most Improved Brooke Winstead and Character Aubre Conyer.

Freshman awards presented were to MVP Lilah Sherer, Offense Lacey Boone, Defense Riley Kirby, Most Improved Maeon Martin and Hannah Jent and Character Award Braelynn Pate.



Among the awards winners at last weekend's volleyball banquet were (from left) Jaylee Champion, Riley Smith, Sophie Watson, Carly Porter and Addy Kirby.



Crittenden County High School's basketball cheerleading squad includes (front from left) are Hadlee Rich, Raina Jo West, Callie Brown, Emma Waters, (second row) Kayleigh Weathers, Haylee Jackson, Laken Hunt, Kara Fulkerson, Emilee Sizemore, Brilee Crittendon, G'Anna Sizemore, Destiny Reed, (back) coach Sadie Sanders, Hattie Hatfield, Aliyah Maraman, Rachel Mundy, Makayla Ford, Jenna Maxfield, Payton Maness, Haylee Perrin, Abbey Swinford, and assistant coach Wendy Williams.



The 2021-22 Lady Rocket basketball players are (front from left) manager Alyssa Woodall, Addie Hatfield, Taylor Guess, Grace Driskill, Natalie Boone, Hannah Long, manager Kady Parrish, (back) coach Shannon Hodge, manager Brianna Walker, Georgia Holeman, Andrea Federico, Madison Walker, Anna Boone, Jaylen Tapp, Bristyn Rushing, Chloe Hunt, Elliot Evans, Elle McDaniel, assistant coaches Bristyn Prowell and Jessie Mathieu.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY				
LADY ROCKET BASKETBALL				
2021-22 ROSTER				
Player	No.	Class	Ht	Pos.
Grace Driskill	34	Sr	5'9"	F
Natalie Boone	11	Jr	5'6"	G
Taylor Guess	10	Jr	5'9"	G
Addie Hatfield	3	Jr	5'7"	F
Hannah Long	35	So	5'3"	F
Jaylen Tapp	23	So	5'9"	C
Anna Boone	2	8th	5'7"	G
Elliot Evans	22	8th	5'4'	G
Andrea Federico	20	8th	5'5"	F
Georgia Holeman	15	8th	5'5"	G
Chloe Hunt	00	8th	5'5"	G
Elle McDaniel	41	8th	5'2"	G
Bristyn Rushing	25	8th	5'9"	F
Madison Walker	32	8th	5'7"	F
Managers:Alyssa Woodall, Kady Parrish, Brianna Walker				
Head Coach: Shannon Hodge				
Assistant Coaches:Bristyn Prowell, Jessie Mathieu, LeeAnna Boone				

CCHS GIRLS SCHEDULE	
Nov. 30	University Heights
Dec. 3	at Livingston Central
Dec. 4	Ballard Memorial
Dec. 7	Caldwell County
Dec. 10	Lyon County
Dec. 11	at Union County
Dec. 13	at Dawson Springs
Dec. 17	Trigg County
Dec. 21	at Calloway County
Dec. 28-30	Christmas Tournament at Allen County-Scottsville
Jan. 4	at Lyon County
Jan. 8	Ohio County
Jan. 10-15	at UHA, All A Classic
Jan. 18	Paducah Tilghman
Jan. 21	Livingston Central
Jan. 25	at Caldwell County
Jan. 27	at Madisonville
Jan. 28	at Fort Campbell
Jan. 29	Carlisle County
Feb. 1	at Trigg County
Feb. 4	Dawson Springs
Feb. 5	Union County
Feb. 8	McLean County
Feb. 10	Webster County
Feb. 12	Mayfield
Feb. 15	Hopkins Central
Feb. 17	Hopkinsville

Lady Rockets mix youth with proven scoring to set sights high in 2Region

STAFF REPORT

The composition of Shannon Hodge’s 29th rendition of Lady Rockets basketball is a potentially potent concoction.

Armed with the Second Region’s top-ranked pre-season player, junior Taylor Guess, and charged with the return of a couple of varsity veterans, Hodge continues to make history as Crittenden County’s longest-serving coach, but longevity isn’t what makes her tick – it’s winning.

Hodge has won 345 games in her long tenure at CCHS, including a regional championship in 2011, seven Class A regional titles and a Final Four appearance last year in the All A Classic. Hodge is about 30 victories from earning a spot in the KHSAA all-time winningest coaches club.

If she tacks on double digit wins this season, it will require some help from the middle school. Hodge’s high school numbers are thin – a half dozen, in fact – which has prompted the skipper to mix in a bevy of eighth graders, “the puppies,” as she and her staff have named them.

The big dog, of course, is Guess who will fly under no one’s radar. A prolific scorer, Guess is a well-seasoned guard who began attracting attention when she shot a perfect 10-for-10 from the foul line in the Fifth District championship as a seventh grader. She has been the centerpiece of the Lady Rocket offense almost ever since, averaging 19 points a game as a sophomore on a squad that went 16-5, but missed the post-season for the first time in several years due to COVID-19.

Guess is rejoined in the front court by outside shooting threat junior Natalie Boone, who was off the court for 10 months after suffering a ruptured Achilles tendon.

“When she got hurt we challenged her to think like a coach, and she is applying that knowledge,” Hodge said. “Her basketball IQ has really, really increased.”

Records Under Coach Hodge			
1993-94	.....6-19	2008-09	.....11-9
1994-95	.....15-13	2009-10	.....13-14
1995-96	.....11-14	2010-11	.....21-9
1996-97	.....17-9	2011-12	.....4-24
1997-98	.....12-14	2012-13	.....4-23
1998-99	.....14-13	2013-14	.....7-18
1999-00	.....11-15	2014-15	.....16-12
2000-01	.....11-16	2015-16	.....15-16
2001-02	.....5-20	2016-17	.....25-8
2002-03	.....6-18	2017-18	.....15-14
2003-04	.....12-13	2018-19	.....14-14
2004-05	.....11-16	2019-20	.....18-11
2005-06	.....16-10	2020-21	.....16-5
2006-07	.....6-20	Total	.....345-399
2007-08	.....13-12		

“Taylor’s confidence level handling the ball boosts when Natalie is on the floor with her,” Hodge said.

With Guess sure to draw a double team from most opponents, Hodge thinks she has others capable of putting the ball in the basket.

“Natalie gives us an outside shooting threat that we didn’t have when she got hurt last year.”

Hodge will depend on quick and long senior Grace Driskill who rejoins the Lady Rockets after sitting out the 2020-2021 season. She got varsity minutes as a sophomore, and Hodge expects her to pick up where she left off, which will include providing a presence on the boards and causing disruption with her defensive.

Hodge calls junior Addie Hatfield a workhorse with some varsity experience and the Lady Rockets’ best post defender.

“Although she’s not real tall, Addie has a big heart, plays tall and will do whatever we ask her to do,” Hodge said.

Sophomores Jaylen Tapp and Hannah Long are working hard to make up for lost time on the court as a result of a COVID-cancelled junior varsity season in 2020. Their inside presence will spell Driskill and Hat-



Junior Taylor Guess scores during last weekend’s Blue-White scrimmage.

field.

The Lady Rockets will rely on the contributions of Anna Boone and Elliot Evans, part of an eighth-grade class that remains undefeated in middle school.

“Anna is smooth handling the ball and Elliot has been shooting the ball well. They are both plenty capable,” Hodge said. “I think their confidence will build as the season goes on.”

Hodge praised the hustle and grit of other eighth graders on the roster including Elle McDaniel, Georgia Holeman, Chloe Hunt, Andrea Federico, Bristyn Rushing and Madison Walker. Don’t be surprised to see those “pups” on the floor a great deal this season.

Despite its youth, Crittenden is the pre-season No. 3 team in the Second Region, according to Cats Pause. The Lady Rockets’ lofty ranking is no doubt largely attributable to Guess being the basketball magazine’s pick for best returning playing in the region. With her, the Lady Rockets are will be the favorite to win a Fifth District crown.

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The 2021-22 Rocket basketball players are (front from left) manager Abre Conyer, Preston Morgeson, Jordan Hutchison, Luke Crider, Tristan Davidson, Tanner Beverly, Travis Champion, Hayden Adamson, Seth Guess, Cam’Ron Belcher, manager Laycee Lynn, (back) head coach Denis Hodge, Jace Adams, Turner Sharp, Tucker Atchison, Chase Conyer, Gabe Keller, Holden Cooksey, Dylan Yates, Trace Derrington, Kaiden Travis, Jaxon Hatfield and coach Jeff Embrey.

Rockets bring to bear deep, engertic rotation

STAFF REPORT

As coach Denis Hodge begins his 11th season at the helm of the Rocket basketball ship, he can look across the bow and see that gone is much of the artillery that made Crittenden County a viable foe in the past few years.

What is left to bear force on opponents are a number of energetic yet unproven weapons that will undoubtedly be loaded to the hilt. Whether that ordnance can find its mark is yet to be determined.

Scoring about 3,000 points over the last four seasons were all region performers Gabe Mott and Preston Turley. Finding replacement weaponry will prove difficult, particularly in the early going. Coach Hodge knows that to challenge for a Fifth District championship will be an up-hill battle with Lyon County holding high ground for one more winter of hoops. The rest of the district will be a dogfight with Crittenden, Livingston and Trigg counties all scratching for an inch of superiority.

The three league underlings participated in a full-day scrimmage last weekend at Rocket Arena. The parity was evidenced by outcomes although none of the teams were likely showing their full hand. Livingston’s fifth-year senior Max Downey and Trigg 12th-grader Kenny Adams give their squads solid foundations on which to build. A wild card is Trigg sophomore Jhaden Vaughn, who did not play on Saturday at the scrimmage.

Crittenden will have its round-robin with Lyon completed by early January, but will face the Lyons again in the opening round of the All A where the purple crew is a strong favorite to win a regional title. It could be late January or early February before the district’s full pecking order shakes out, and postseason will be interesting for the teams that can avoid a first-round matchup with the Lyons.

“Our goal is, of course, always a winning season, and getting into the regional tournament where we’re looking to knock somebody off,” said coach Hodge.

Replacing the lost offense could be a slow process, but the Rockets will not sit idly by and wait for it. Look for a full-throttle pace aimed at creating disruptions, getting layups and relying heavily on sophomore point guard Travis Champion and junior guard Preston Morgeson.

“I think you will see a more balanced scorebook this season,” the coach explains.

What’s encouraging the longtime



Rocket basketball coach Denis Hodge makes a point to new assistant coach Jeff Embrey. Hodge says Embry’s addition to the coaching staff will make a noticeable difference. Embrey, a basketball and baseball two-sport athlete in college at Evansville and Southern Indiana at Edwardsville, has 22 years head coaching experience in Indiana and Kentucky, most recently during a 12-year stint at Lyon County.

Rocket Results		
UNDER COACH HODGE		
2011-12	.....	11-20
2012-13	.....	15-16
2013-14	.....	9-21
2014-15	.....	16-12
2015-16	.....	5-24
2016-17	.....	7-24
2017-18	.....	7-20
2018-19	.....	11-19
2019-20	.....	16-17
2020-21	.....	13-10
CAREER TOTAL . . . 110-183		

skipper is that he’s got a new right-hand man with incredible coaching experience. Jeff Embrey knows the Fifth District quite well. He was head coach for a dozen years at Lyon County and one year at Trigg. Hodge said Embrey will be the offensive coordinator and lauds his understanding of ways to put the ball in the basket.

The personnel charged with fulfilling the task are largely untested but ready for action. Among the top five at any given point will be seniors Trace Derrington, Tanner Beverly, Holden Cooksey, Hayden Adamson, Tristan Davidson, Luke Crider and Dylan Yates. There are eight or nine

interchangeable parts that the coaching staff hopes can bring some firepower that few might expect. Other parts to the puzzle include freshman Chase Conyer, who can play big or shoot the long ball; senior Jordan Hutchison, another spot shooter; and junior Seth Guess.

The big guys are football linemen and coach Hodge says don’t expect them to play like anything less. He wants them to impose their physical assets on opponents.

“Dylan looks like an MMA fighter or football lineman,” Hodge said, and that’s what the coach expects from him.

Cooksey is another giant with good feet and his ball handling skills have greatly improved.

Beverly and Derrington can both run the floor, jump and have confidence to shoot from anywhere. Davidson is the team’s best leaper and he’s fast, too. Crider is a record-setting quarterback who took a year off from basketball during the first pandemic season. He’s back stronger and longer and will be the backup point guard.

Adamson is recovering from a football injury that could take some time to heal. Getting him on the floor after the holidays is perhaps the most likely scenario. He can shoot and will normally be a starting forward.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY

ROCKET BASKETBALL

2021-22 ROSTER

Player	No.	Class	Ht	Pos.
Jace Adams	33	5-8	Soph	F
Hayden Adamson	4	6-0	Sr	F
Tucker Atchison	25	5-8	Soph	G
Cam’Ron Belcher	21	5-5	Fr	G
Tanner Beverly	3	6-1	Sr	F
Travis Champion	2	6-1	Soph	G
Chase Conyer	31	6-0	Fr	F
Holden Cooksey	34	6-4	Sr	C
Luke Crider	10	6-2	Sr	G
Tristan Davidson	11	5-11	Sr	G
Trace Derrington	22	6-0	Sr	G-F
Seth Guess	23	5-9	Jr	G
Jaxon Hatfield	5	5-8	So	G
Jordan Hutchison	25	5-11	Sr	G
Gabe Keller	12	6-2	So	F
Preston Morgeson	1	5-9	Jr	G
Turner Sharp	30	5-9	So	G-F
Kaiden Travis	24	5-9	Fr	F
Dylan Yates	32	6-1	Sr	C
Managers: Laycee Lynn, Aubry Conyer				
Head Coach: Denis Hodge				
Assistant Coaches: Jeff Embrey, Ethan Hill, Devin Belt.				

CCHS BOYS SCHEDULE

- Nov. 30 Union County
- Dec. 3 at Livingston Central
- Dec. 7 at Christian Fellowship
- Dec. 10 Lyon County
- Dec. 14 at Dawson Springs
- Dec. 17 Trigg County
- Dec. 18 at Hopkins Central
- Dec. 28-30 Holiday Tourn., LaRue Co.
- Dec. 31 Ballard Memorial
- Jan. 4 at Lyon County
- Jan. 8 Marshall County
- Jan 11 at Lyon County, All A Classic
- Jan. 15 at Whitesville Trinity
- Jan. 18 at Webster County
- Jan. 21 Livingston Central
- Jan. 22 vs St. Mary at McCracken Shootout
- Jan. 25 Caldwell County
- Jan. 28 at Fort Campbell
- Feb. 1 at Trigg County
- Feb. 4 Dawson Springs
- Feb. 8 Hopkins Central
- Feb. 15 at Union County
- Feb. 17 Fort Campbell
- Feb. 18 at Caldwell County

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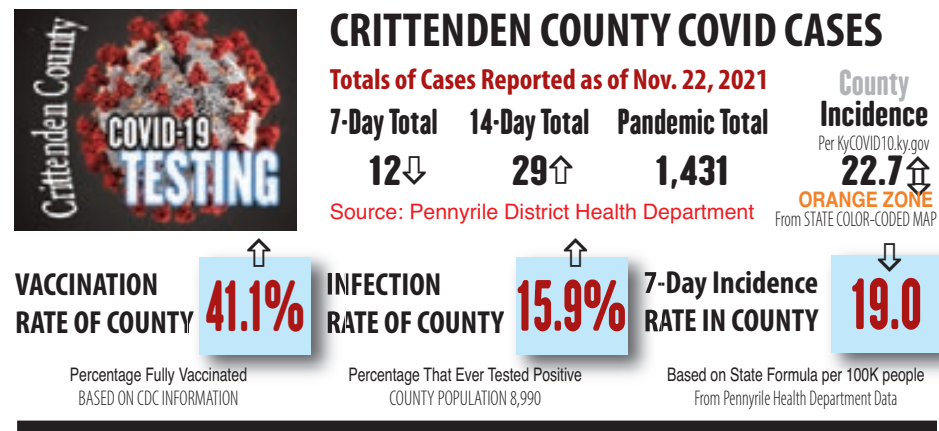
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Riverview Park dock launched, but not open for use

Further complications in completing installation of a boat dock at Riverview Park on the Ohio River is creating another delay in opening of the pier for public use.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom lamented the latest delays, the last in a series of stumbling blocks over the past few years. Duck season and early winter fishing are

creating a demand for its use. Although it's in the water, Newcom said the dock is not properly installed and unsafe for use due to some fabrication issues.

GOAL

Continued from page 1 source, and he believes investing in them early could reap dividends when they move into the workforce.

So far, the Foundation has met almost one-third of its \$150,000 fundraising goal in the past year. Now, Clark is asking the business sector and alumni to help reach that financial objective.

The foundation has begun selling legacy plaques for all CCHS alumni which will be hung in Rocket Arena noting the alumni's graduation year, successes or club involvement. Currently 25 employees in the Crittenden County School District make employee contributions to the foundation that add up to \$3,500 each year. Businesses are being asked to give a portion of sales to the Rocket Foundation during a period of time specified by each business.

Superior Trophies, for example, is donating 15

percent of November sales to the Rocket Foundation.

"We are proud of this," Clark said of the charitable body's potential to continue assisting students reach educational goals. "It helps kids get a head start, motivates them to start their careers earlier and allows them to be contributing citizens quicker. That is the goal of our Rocket education, as well as to support them in career their pathways."

Currently, the Crittenden County Board of Education pays half the cost of two dual credit classes, a \$10,000 annual investment. Additionally, the Kentucky Department of Education covers the cost of two dual credit college courses taken in high school. Rocket Foundation financial assistance can also be used for trade certifications or testing required for some classes at the Caldwell County Regional Training Center.

When the Foundation

reaches its goal, 10 percent of the interest income will be used to fund college and technical education expenses.

McKenzie Quertermous, a member of the Senior Academy at CCHS, will graduate next May with 45 college credit hours. Equally impressive, Clark says, is she is paying one-fifth the cost of tuition thanks to the deal high school students receive through local and state initiatives.

She plans to begin the pre-law curriculum at Murray State next fall. She said she is grateful for the opportunity to take dual credit courses, despite the rigorous course load.

Donations to the Rocket Foundation may be mailed to Crittenden County Board of Education, 601 West Elm St., Marion, KY 42064. Businesses interested in discussing contributions should contact Tiffany Blazina at (270) 965-5235.

County will loan Sheridan FD matching funds for new truck

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Fiscal Court met in regular session last week. Magistrates took up an agenda of routine business, plus the following items:

•Magistrates approved loaning Sheridan Fire Department \$9,000 to meet its matching fund obligation for getting a new fire truck. The volunteer fire-fighting agency received a grant to buy a new \$242,000 pumper/tanker truck, but it must come up with five percent of the overall cost. Three fire department members – Evan Head, John Croft and Larry Hearrell – attended the fiscal court meeting and outlined Sheridan's need for financial assistance in securing the truck. Head, who is the fire chief, said the department could afford to pay the cost-share, but members do not want to cut the agency thin on operating funds. Therefore, the department requested a short-term loan to complete the deal. The truck will be delivered in 2022 or early 2023.

•Crittenden Community Hospital CEO Shawn Bright appeared before the fiscal court to discuss restructuring its formal agreement with CommCare and Crittenden County with regard to operations of the county ambulance service.

Bright pointed out that the hospital, which is now privately owned, is still supplementing EMS with \$100,000 annually when the ambulance service does not break even. He said the hospital receives patients on



Deputy of Year

At last week's fiscal court meeting, Crittenden County Deputy PVA Libby Hodge was presented an award for being named Kentucky Deputy of the Year. Crittenden County PVA Ronnie Heady made the surprise presentation. Heady said the award is typically presented during the annual PVA state conference, which was not held because of the pandemic. Hodge has worked 14 years in the property valuation office at the courthouse and is truly deserving of the honor, Heady said.

about 40 percent of the ambulance runs.

"There is a huge opportunity to do better," he said.



Bright asked the county to facilitate some dialogue between the hospital administration and ambulance service management. Bright said there is some question about who is responsible for maintenance and operating costs for the EMS base, which is on the hospital campus.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the air conditioner at the EMS station developed issues over the summer and questions arose with regard to liability for those type of expenses. The hospital, county and EMS have had a three-way agreement for the

last few years with regard to the contracted ambulance services. Newcom and Bright agree that a formal meeting between all three parties to review the current contract would be beneficial.

•Michele Crider was appointed to serve a four-year term on the Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees. The four-year term will begin in December. She replaces Roseanne Chandler, whose term on the library board expired.

•Karen Maddux and Philip Parish were selected to serve on Crittenden County Extension Council. Their three-year terms will begin in January.



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