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Marion Baptist to host holiday meal

Marion Baptist Church will again this year be hosting its Thanksgiving dinner. The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today (Thursday) at the church's Family Life Center. Pastor Mike Jones is inviting everyone to attend. He said the holiday meal is for individuals and their families or those who don't have families but would like to spend the day with others. Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center is located at 131 E. Depot St. in Marion.

Offices close to observe holiday

All city, county and state government offices will be closed today (Thursday) and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving. This includes Marion City Hall, all courthouse offices, Crittenden County Public Library, the Extension Service and Crittenden County Senior Citizens center. Court-house offices will remain closed Saturday, but the library will be open. The Crittenden Press will also be closed today and Friday. Meantime, only Thanksgiving Day is a federal holiday. On Dec. 7, the day of the Christmas Parade in downtown Marion, all courthouse offices will be closed.

Grand marshals named for parade

Helen Moore and Wayne Crider have been named as grand marshals of this year's Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. The parade starts at 2 p.m. Dec. 7 and runs along Main Street in Marion.

Blood drive held locally on Tuesday

Western Kentucky Regional Blood Center will host a blood drive Tuesday in the Crittenden County Amish community. The drive will be from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at Byler's Cabinet Shop at 1974 Mount Zion Church Road. Blood types O-negative and A-negative are most needed.

Public meetings

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce meets at 8 a.m. Tuesday at Marion Tourism Center.



This week's poll at The Press Online asked, "When do you plan to start your holiday shopping?" Almost half of those voting have already begun their Christmas shopping. The results were as follows:

- Already started: 46%
- Black Friday: 9%
- Cyber Monday: 1%
- Closer to Christmas: 24%
- Not shopping: 20%



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School district looking to purchase more propane buses

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

With one propane school bus already in use, Crittenden County Board of Education is planning to add at least two more propane buses to its fleet. At the Nov. 19 Board of Education meeting, board members approved participation in a resolution with the Kentucky Interlocal School Transportation Association (KISTA) for the purchase of three propane school buses. The district received the green light to add up to three

additional propane buses to their pilot program. School officials said they have written another Clean Diesel grant to help pay for the buses. If the grant is not received, the school district will purchase two propane buses instead. KISTA is a not-for-profit association of Kentucky school districts that was formed to provide school districts a finance tool for purchasing buses. Instead of paying the total cost up front, payments are set up on a multi-year schedule. Crittenden County Superintendent

of Schools Dr. Rachel Yarbrough said typically nearly every school district in the state uses KISTA when it purchases a bus. The decision to add new buses to the fleet came after discussion on the condition of older buses. Lead bus mechanic Wayne Winters told board members he couldn't advise spending additional money trying to rebuild the older buses. "When you rebuild the old bus, you put your money into that bus and there's not really any benefit back. When

you buy a new bus, one thing you get is the five-year warranty with them, which is maintenance-free on the buses to the school district," Winters said. Based on the performance of the propane bus currently in use, Winters recommended the purchase of additional ones for the district. Crittenden County is



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the only school district in the state allowed by the Kentucky Department of Education to pilot a propane bus and use it daily on a route. Board members also received data on the propane bus' performance. Winters said it costs 23 cents a mile to operate the bus on its route. By comparison, two diesel buses that run a similar route both in mileage and terrain, average 56 cents a mile to operate. With an average of 16,000 miles, Winters

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PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR

Above, Nancy Lapp (left) is shown a library card by Crittenden County Public Library director Regina Merrick. The new library card's number will act as an account log-in to check out eBooks through Freeding.

eBooks now available from Crittenden library

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Individuals will now be able to check out books from Crittenden County Public Library's new eBook service from any location in the world. All they will need is an electronic device, Internet connection and a new library card. Crittenden County Public Library Director Regina Merrick said patrons can now check out eBooks through a program called Freeding, an eBook download service now offered through the library. The service is free to patrons. Cardholders will need their new library card to begin receiving books sent to their electronic devices. Their library card number will allow them to log into the service. "You have to come in and get your new library card. That is Step

1. The library card is very important," Merrick said. In addition, the standard card comes with a secondary and smaller key ring card. When checking out materials at the circulation desk, all cardholders will present one of the two cards to library staff. Once individuals receive a new library card, they will have access to the Freeding eBook service and can visit www.CrittendenLibrary.org/catalog.htm to browse the selections. Merrick said a free Adobe account ID will be needed if individuals do not currently have one. When



Merrick

individuals first visit the Freeding site, a link will be provided to an Adobe account. Merrick said the Adobe account allows sharing between one's electronic devices. "I was able to download (a book) with my phone but was able to read it with my iPad," Merrick said. "It makes it much easier. When you've got some time on your hands, you can use your phone. Later, you may not want to read it on your phone but on a larger device like an iPad or Kindle Fire." Merrick said individuals can check out an eBook for two weeks. After that time it will simply disappear from their electronic devices, removing the possibility of incurring any late fees. Merrick said she found the interface very user-friendly and

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McNeil into 2nd week as CEO of CHS

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

Greg McNeil is thrilled to be back home in western Kentucky, but the new chief executive officer of Crittenden Health Systems admits bringing the hospital onto solid financial footing will be a challenge. "Fiscal stability is our No. 1 goal," he said Friday, less than a week on the job as head of the hospital and its related health care facilities. "We can't keep losing money." McNeil, born in Hopkinsville and raised in Madisonville, started his job as CEO on Nov. 18. He brings more than 30 years of hospital and health care ex-



McNeil

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County attorney recognized for collection of child support

STAFF WRITER

Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson's office has been named by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) as one of the state's 20 top-performing child support collection partners. This is the fifth consecutive year for the award, said Johnson. "Any recognition we get, whether it is a parent or grandparent telling us thank you or a state award, lets us know that we are doing something right, that we are helping the children of our community," Johnson said of the award presented this month at a conference in Bowling Green hosted by the CHFS Child Sup-



Johnson

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County leaders urge spending shopping dollars locally all year-round

STAFF REPORT

Millions of Americans will begin their holiday shopping in earnest this weekend as the biggest day for retail sales in the country arrives on Black Friday. That will be followed up with the biggest shopping day online, Cyber Monday. Although many shoppers have already begun fulfilling Christmas wish lists, the county's two top elected officials would like to encourage residents to keep as much as possible of their holiday spending local.



Hoping to encourage residents to do their holiday shopping at home, The Crittenden Press has started a Shop Marion First campaign. In the weeks prior to Christmas, the newspaper will focus on aspects of shopping local first.

"It is very important for those of us who live here to

patronize our businesses and support them in order to sustain availability of products locally," said Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. More than \$59.1 billion was spent by retail shoppers last Thanksgiving weekend. That included 139.4 million shoppers who visited stores and shopped online, many taking their business away from their home community. Though Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander would like to see residents of Crittenden County consider doing much

of their Thanksgiving weekend shopping locally, he believes it is more important to keep that mindset year-round. "It's something you should do every day, not just one time a year," he said. Alexander said he loves to shop local and finds many deals in Marion as good as at any other location, particularly on sporting goods and appliances. There's also a special touch to shopping local. "You can't beat that personal service you get here in town," the mayor said.

Newcom said local businesses also provide much more to the community than the products they sell and the services they offer. "The businesses provide a great deal of support for local projects and interests," he said. "Without our local business community, we simply could not survive as a community and for that we need to always think of shopping Marion first." Wedged between Black Fri-

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Marion City Council normally convenes in regular session at Marion City Hall at 6 p.m., on the third Monday of each month

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PSC: Smelter to go offline; higher rural energy rates loom

FROM AP AND STAFF REPORTS

A proposed agreement that would keep a Webster County aluminum smelter open by allowing it to purchase electricity on the free market has been filed with the Public Service Commission.

It would be the second smelter to leave Big Rivers Electric Corp., which has asked to increase rates for remaining customers.

The PSC approved a similar agreement this year for Century Aluminum's Hawesville smelter.

Media report the proposed agreement would be for the company's Sebree smelter.

Century Aluminum said the move is necessary for it to keep the plant open.

Officials say the goal is to get the PSC's approval by the end of January.

"We're pleased that all parties agreed on a path for Century-Sebree to have access to market-priced power, but Big Rivers still has important decisions to make," said Marty Littrel, manager of communications and community relations for Big Rivers. "We still have to idle plants, and that will be painful."

He said around 200 workers would lose their jobs if two plants are idled.

Big Rivers is the wholesale power supplier for three distributive co-ops in western Kentucky – Kenergy Corp., Jackson Purchase Energy Corp. (JPEC) and Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative. Kenergy and JPEC serve Crit-

tenden and Livingston counties. Altogether, Big Rivers serves about 112,000 customers in 22 counties.

Kenergy President and CEO Greg Starheim said he was pleased with the agreement that would keep 480 jobs at the Sebree plant.

"This is what Century said they needed, and hopefully, the PSC will approve it."

Big Rivers officials say they are asking for a 21 percent increase for other electric customers – which would filter down to members of Kenergy and JPEC – due to the loss of the smelter.

That's on top of an increase of about 16 percent that the PSC approved last month after the Hawesville plant left the system.

Big Rivers representatives say they are trying to delay the second rate increase by using reserve funds.

"We recognize these rate increases are very difficult for our members."

– Greg Starheim
Kenergy Corp. president and CEO

"These rate increases and plant idlings are not intended to be permanent," Littrel said, noting that the utility is attempting to sell excess power to other entities across the country. "This provides real optimism and encouragement."

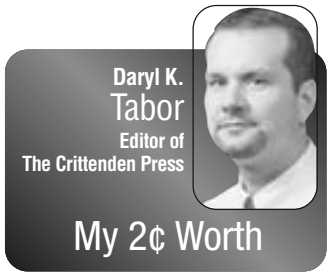
Giving thanks year-round affair

Thanksgiving. A time to be thankful.

It goes without saying that Thanksgiving in America is perhaps the busiest day for God to receive prayers of appreciation for the blessings he bestows...at least from Americans. It probably brings a smile to his face that such a large number of people remember to say thanks for one day instead of simply asking for more favors and blessings without the slightest hint of appreciation.

But now, God has Facebook to see how thankful we are for an entire month.

It seems the trend – for those of our readers who are not into social media – is to take each day of the month of November and post something for which you are thankful. So, in theory, at the end of November, you



should have told the world – or at least your network of Facebook friends – 30 reasons you are grateful.

God certainly doesn't need Facebook to keep watch over us, but with more than 7 billion people to follow, perhaps it makes it a bit more convenient for him to keep closer tabs on all of our gripes, jokes, gossip, silly photos and tasteless comments. If nothing else, it preserves yet another record of such things to be used against us at the Pearly

Gates.

I've seen a lot of reasons people are thankful thus far into this Month of Thanksgiving – from God to favorite TV shows. I don't recall seeing many reasons for thanks the first 10 months of the year, but then a trend just wouldn't be trendy if it were an every-day occurrence.

For me, I refuse to give thanks on Facebook. Not that there's anything wrong with that, but I find Facebook a better place to offer opinions on things like Halloween, photos of dead deer and other random topics of insignificance.

But like my Facebook friends, I am grateful for a number of things at this special time of year.

But giving thanks is a serious matter and should not be a seasonal occurrence. There are so many things for

which all of us should be grateful year-round, even if it seems like life is out to get us with financial burdens, health woes, the loss of loved ones, disasters, family problems or any number of other crises that can plague the human condition.

We should all take pause to give thanks, not only on this day set aside especially for giving thanks, but every day the sun rises in the East. On some days, it might be difficult to find a reason, but it's there.

And if we know someone struggling to find one of those reasons to be grateful, we should go out of our way to offer them one. After all, the last half of Thanksgiving is "giving."

(Daryl K. Tabor is editor of The Crittenden Press. He can be reached at thepress@the-press.com.)

Flying friendly skies now safer than ever

The Gateway Arch in St. Louis is perhaps the most recognizable landmark in the Midwest. It reminds me of the stories and depictions of the ancient statue known as the Colossus of Rhodes, which was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

The 100-foot statue of Greek Titan Helios crashed during an earthquake in 226 BC into the bay where it stood arching over the channel into an island port.

Our modern Colossus overlooking the Mighty Mississippi in St. Louis is in jeopardy and the World Monuments Fund (WMF) is stepping in to help. Engineers are puzzled by odd corrosion high on the 630-foot arch, which was built almost 50 years ago as a monument to western expansion.

According to Missouri media reports, the WMF recently announced its plans to refurbish 67 "endangered" monuments or sites in 41 countries and territories. The Arch was one of five American monuments on the list.

The landmark, which carries visitors to its top, is the largest arch in the world. It is made of stainless steel, but it was built differently near the ground where concrete reinforces the steel. Father up, construction materials are all steel and it appears the metals are reacting with one another, causing corrosion to the exterior and its welded joints.

Part of the money the WMF hopes to provide will be used to determine exactly what's going on with the upper stretches of the arch.

Cost to renovate the arch is \$380 million. Its original construction cost was only \$13 million in 1967. The



can monuments on the list.

Commercial aircraft has become perhaps the safest form of travel in the world. Still, many people have great anxiety about flying.

Although take-off and landing give me sweaty palms, I do enjoy flights. I only wish GPS would work on my phone so I could track what is below me, perhaps spotting landmarks.

Here is an interesting statistic I saw recently in a newspaper report. When flying within the U.S., the average person's odds of dying in a plane crash are one in 60 million.

Put another way... you could fly every day for 164,000 years before dying in

arch will remain open to visitors during the renovation.

Did you hear that Blockbuster recently closed its last 300 retail movie rental stores in America? They were once everywhere. Now they're no more. Same thing happened to the buggy whip and the 8-track tape.

When flying internationally, crash odds increase, but even boarding a "Third World" airline shouldn't cause too much concern. Your chances of crashing on one of those planes are 1 in 2 million. The odds of dying of a snakebite in the United States are 1 in 10 million.

Speaking of smartphones. I think they're making us dumber. We certainly have less time to talk to one another. I am on the verge of creating phone-free evenings at my house.

There are so many things we need to discuss with our children in order to keep them safe.

I am pretty sure skunks and opossums don't tell their young to avoid playing on the highway. If we don't find time to talk to our children, they won't know those types of things either.

(Chris Evans is the publisher of The Crittenden Press. He can be reached at evans@the-press.com.)

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perience to CHS, much of which was spent at small, rural facilities like the one in Marion.

The challenge before McNeil is no small task. Notably, through October, four months into the 2013-14 fiscal year, the ambulance service continued to lose money to the tune of \$74,340. Without a monthly contribution of \$12,500 from Crittenden Fiscal Court, the net loss since July 1 was \$124,340.

Such losses cannot continue, McNeil said.

"We're going have to look at expenses. We're going to have to look at everything in here, we really are," he said. "And there will be changes, but I just don't know what kind. It's too early to say."

The health care industry has changed immensely since McNeil started his career in 1977 as an administrative assistant at Hopkins County Hospital in Madisonville. Continued changes to procedures, policies and rules mandated by the federal government have complicated matters for both medical professionals and administrators running health care facilities. And declining reimbursements from state and federal programs, as well as private insurance, has put a financial pinch on the health care industry.

So the challenges facing CHS are not isolated.

"The majority of hospitals are under a lot of financial pressure right now," he said. "You've got to live within



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

Greg McNeil has been on the job as chief executive officer at Crittenden Health Systems since Nov. 18. One of the first changes he made was moving the CEO's office from the hospital annex to a small, modest room inside the hospital so he could be amid day-to-day activities at the hospital.

your means, just like any business."

McNeil said many people may not completely grasp the impact the 48-bed hospital has on the community outside of the health care it provides. CHS employs 210 workers, which ranks it among the top employers in the county. The City of Marion, too, derives a large portion of its occupational tax revenue from a gross payroll of \$300,000 every two weeks at CHS.

With challenges and changes ahead aimed at making CHS solvent, McNeil said one thing is certain.

"Our objective and goal is to make sure the hospital is here," he said. "We're going to make it, but we've got a lot to do."

So far, McNeil said he has been impressed with the

board of directors, the medical staff and employees of CHS. He also finds the new operating wing as a major asset.

"The tools are here to pull this thing out," he said.

One longterm vision he has for the hospital is to modernize the physical facility and bring it on par with the new operating suite.

In the nearer future, he wants to revive Crittenden Health Systems Community Healthcare Foundation, a fundraising mechanism for CHS that has been inactive recently.

"Foundations are extremely important to health care entities, and we need to get this one going again," he said.

Though McNeil officially started work on Nov. 18, he's already been on the job sev-

eral weeks. After getting the nod for the position from the CHS board of directors last month, he began working over the phone to get familiar with the ins and outs of the local facility.

"As soon as I accepted, I wanted to learn as much as I could," he said.

McNeil agreed to take the job in October. The position had been open since June when former CEO Jim Christensen resigned.

McNeil has a bachelor's degree in health care administration from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. He started his career in Madisonville, but has worked at health care facilities in seven other states, including spending the last 10 years at a 14-bed hospital in Lincoln, Kan. Prior to that, he spent two decades at rural hospitals in Arkansas.

The 59-year-old prefers rural life to that of urban areas. In fact, he grew up bow hunting at Land Between the Lakes. Though he doesn't hunt deer anymore, he has shifted his primary after-hours hobby to golf. He also enjoys routine exercise at the gym.

McNeil is currently renting a home on Higgins Road in Crittenden County and is enjoying the rural lifestyle the area has to offer, including the people. He said the community has greeted him with open arms.

"It's beautiful here," he said. "It really is."

McNeil is also relishing the opportunity to be closer to his father, an 86-year-old retired superintendent of schools who lives in Madisonville.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Christmas Bazaar deemed a success

To the editor

I would like to say thank you to everyone that volunteered during the Project Graduation Committee 2014's Christmas Bazaar.

Thank you to all those who came early and stayed late, helped set up, worked in the concession stand and greeted people at the door. Thank you for all the donations of baked goodies and to all the vendors who reserved a booth. Thank you to The Crittenden Press for advertising and Jason Travis for the nice article about the bazaar. And thank you to Bowtanicals for

letting us borrow decorations.

The committee appreciates all the kind words from everyone – and there were many! We really are grateful for all the support we have received from the community, family and friends.

We regret that we were not able to have the second day of the bazaar and the plate lunch. We are truly sorry for any inconvenience or hardship that may have caused anyone. We tried our best to get the word out after we were notified by the school officials that all activities on school property needed to be cancelled due to the threat of severe weather.

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Raising Pathway Academy standards being weighed by board of education

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Proposed student eligibility changes to enroll in the Pathway Academy were addressed at the Crittenden County Board of Education meeting Nov. 19.

Vince Clark, supervisor of instruction for Crittenden County Schools, proposed initiatives that would raise standards for the program, which allows students who have dropped out of high school to earn their high school diploma in an alternative classroom environment.

"We're proud to offer the Pathway Academy opportunity for our students in our school district. It is a Kentucky minimum requirement diploma. But it is a Kentucky high school diploma," Clark said. "Since we enacted this in 2008, looking at the numbers we can say consistently about two to three percent of our students need a non-traditional opportunity to obtain that type of diploma."

After reviewing the data, Clark said administrators felt it was time to strengthen and raise the standards for the program, citing the target audience has changed. Pathway Academy was instituted in 2008 to address an alarming drop-out rate at Crittenden County High School. The program was developed, in part, to bring back those students so they could earn their high school diploma.

While the program has helped over 50 students earn their diploma, Clark emphasized the importance of student learning in a traditional classroom environment.

"We still hold tight to the belief that the best education that a student can get in Crittenden County is at the high school," he said.

Currently, to enroll in the Pathway Academy a student must have 10 high school credits. The graduation requirement matches the Kentucky minimum number of high school credits, which is 22.

One proposal would change the number of credits needed to enroll in the program to 16 high school credits. Clark said the reason for the change is that administrators feel another year at the high school with certified teachers will benefit students. Clark pointed to statistics which indicated students that have enrolled in the Pathway Academy with 10 or 12 credits have more of a problem finishing the program. Moving the enrollment requirement to 16 credits would ensure a student would stay in high school through their junior year.

Another proposed change would raise the graduation credit to 24, which would match Crittenden County High School's graduation requirement.

Attendance at the alternative school is expected but has been flexible because it is a performance-based program. Clark suggested a mandatory attendance of 20 hours per week, with a commitment from 8 a.m., to noon each day. He said officials would be willing to work with students who have sustained employment to create an accommodating schedule.

Enrollment windows were also proposed. Currently there is open enrollment to the Pathway Academy. Proposed enrollment periods would take place from July to August and then again in January. Students would not be accepted into the program except during those enrollment periods. Clark said enrollment periods are a common practice with similar programs he has observed.

Even with the proposed changes, Clark emphasized students who are currently enrolled in the Pathway Academy would operate under the current standards of 22 credits for graduation. He said those students would be given a reasonable amount of time to complete the program before being required to meet any proposed new standards.

Board of Education members will review the proposals and decide on possible changes to the program at the December meeting.



PHOTO BY JASON TRAVIS, THE PRESS

Board tours CCES remodeling

It was a sneak peek at what is occurring behind the scenes of the addition and remodeling project at Crittenden County Elementary School. After the Nov. 19 Crittenden County Board of Education meeting, board members had the opportunity to tour the construction areas, including the new administrative suite and the new front entrance of the school. The school's former lobby was renovated and cut dramatically in size to create more classroom space. Another new feature is the emblem on the floor of children holding hands. Above, school board member Phyllis Orr looks at the location for a trophy case while speaking with Greg Binkley (center), maintenance supervisor, and board chairman Chris Cook. The wall behind Binkley and Cook is where benches were located in the former lobby. The CCES addition and remodeling project is tentatively scheduled to be completed by January of next year.

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port Enforcement (CSE) program. Johnson, child support coordinator Brenda Croft, case worker Debbie Brown and Assistant County Attorney Mary Rohrer were on hand to receive the recognition.

The CSE administers child support enforcement jointly with local contracting officials for all 120 counties in Kentucky.

"In every county, our contractors are working hard for the families in their communities," Department for Income Support Commissioner Steve Veno, who leads the CSE, said in a news release. "In counties large and small, they continue to improve services so the children they serve get the financial support to which they are entitled. We are so pleased to honor these top performers."

Contracting officials are ranked based on their paternity establishments, the establishment of child support orders, child support collections and past-due collections.

Rankings for the 2012-13 fiscal year were made based on number of active cases. Crittenden County was recognized among counties with 1,000 or fewer cases. The office has as many as 600 cases



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson's office was recently recognized for its success in child support collections. Pictured above at the awards ceremony in Bowling Green are (from left) Crittenden County case worker Debbie Brown, Crittenden County Child Support Coordinator Brenda Croft, Kentucky Child Support Enforcement Commissioner Steve Veno, Assistant Crittenden County Attorney Mary Rohrer, Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson and Assistant CSE Commissioner Steve Brooks.

open at any one time.

Johnson said hard work, availability and a desire to help people are the ingredients key to making her office continually successful in child support collections.

"Because the cases and

circumstances of the parents and children are always changing, we work hard to stay on top of each case and keep informed about the parents who are obligated to pay support, Johnson said. "From the start, we let both the cus-

todian of the child as well as the parent obligated to pay support know that we mean business. Their children come first, and if they do not meet their financial obligations they know that there will be negative consequences."

eBOOKS

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was first introduced to the Freading program at the Marshall County Public Library.

All eBook check-outs are based on tokens. Each account is given five tokens a week. Each book is assigned anywhere from one to four tokens.

"This week I checked out a book that was worth two tokens. I finished it. I went back and I checked out a book that was worth three tokens. That equaled five tokens for the week," Merrick said. "Next week I can go in and check out a four token book if I want to."

Tokens do build up for a couple of weeks before clearing out every month. Merrick

said individuals can amass up to 20 tokens. If an individual doesn't have enough tokens for a book, the program won't allow downloads.

Merrick said the Freading program doesn't always offer the most recent best sellers, but she believes everyone will be able to find something to read. The program has numerous categories and sub-categories. In addition, it has

top tier authors in Christian fiction, and many classic works are available for school use. Another advantage is there isn't a waiting list with the Freading service. All books listed are available to download.

"With many eBook programs, there are still only so many copies. So you are on a waiting list. But with Freading, there aren't waiting lists.

What you see is what you can check out," Merrick said. "In the future, we might look into one of the higher level eBook programs. But I think for us right now, this is a good, cost-effective way for us to start introducing eBooks."

Tutorials on how to use the service will be made available on the library's website. Training sessions may also be offered, after the first of

the year, for different electronic devices, as eBooks can be downloaded and read on a PC, Mac, iPad and iPhone. It's available on the Kindle Fire through a special procedure. There's also an app for many Android tablets and phones.

For more information, visit www.Freading.com/questions and www.CrittendenLibrary.org/catalog.htm.



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Turkey Trot 5K winners

A 5K "Turkey Trot" event to raise money for Crittenden County High School's baseball team was held Nov. 16 in Marion. The winners were as follows: Women under 20 – Hannah Berry, first. Men under 20 – Travis McKinney, first; Will Tolley, second; and Dylan Hollis, third. Women 20-29 – Carrie Flaherty, first; and Lauren Berry, second. Women 30-39 – Brandi Rogers, first; Robin Curnel, second; and Jessica Jones, third. Women 40-49 – Sherri Thompson, first; Ann Newcom, second; and Tammy Williams, third. Women 50-59 – Evelyn Jones, first; Roseanne Chandler, second; and Toyia Redd, third. Women 60-plus – Lois Roleland. Travis McKinney was the overall winner.



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COC ballots to be remailed Dec. 20

Just want to remind everyone that wheat certifications are due by Dec. 15. I know many of you are still working on harvest, but if you happen to have insurance maps and can drop them off, we would be more than happy to prepare your certifications for you and have them ready for you to shorten your office time.

COC election update

Due to the misprinted ballots we discussed last week, we will not continue with this batch of County Committee (COC) ballots that were mailed a few weeks ago. Please discard any ballot(s) you received in the last few weeks and save your postage. The new ballots will be mailed again on Dec. 20. The last day to return your new ballots will be Jan. 17, 2014.

We apologize for the confusion and inconvenience.

Farm changes

Since our fiscal year starts Oct. 1 of each year, we are now in crop year 2014. If you



know you have changes for the 2014 crop year, please let us know as soon as possible so we can update our records. This includes a new operator coming onto your farm or an old one coming off. Also, please let us know if any ground has been bought or sold. Please also let us know when there has been a death of an owner or operator.

Many people assume that when items are updated at the courthouse, they automatically come here, but they do not. Other changes would include a new mailing address, e-mail address or bank account information.

We always try to keep our records updated so that we

can provide the best customer service to our producers.

Wheat certifications

Please remember that Dec. 15 is the final date to certify wheat and other fall seeded small grains. This is really not too far away. Please remember to certify in a timely manner.

Many producers are planting wheat right now. As soon as you are done planting, please contact the office to schedule an appointment to certify. As always, you are more than welcome to drop off insurance maps.

AFIDA

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency administers this program for U.S. Department of Agriculture.

All individuals who are not U.S. citizens and have purchased or sold agricultural

land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form (FSA-153) could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property.

County government offices, realtors, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

Upcoming

- Thursday: Office will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.
- Dec. 4: Regularly scheduled COC meeting.
- Dec. 15: Last day to certify fall seeded small grains.
- Dec. 20: New COC ballots will be mailed out.
- Jan. 17: Last day to return COC election ballot.

(Laura Kessler is the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency executive director at the Salem service center, which serves both Crittenden and Livingston counties. She can be reached at 988-2180.)

Fort Campbell unit set for deployment to Afghanistan war

FROM AP AND STAFF REPORTS

As the holiday approach, a brigade of Fort Campbell soldiers has cased its colors in preparation for an upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

The Kentucky New Era in Hopkinsville reports 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, which consists of nearly 3,000 soldiers, will begin deploying in January to support combat operations in the north and east regions on the country.

The commander of the brigade, Col. Jimmy Blackmon, told soldiers their mission was atypical but still important as the U.S. begins winding down its military presence in Afghanistan.

"There's a lot more of that movement of forces and around the battlefield, but it is incredibly busy right now as we provide the strategic reach for (regional command) east and the maneuverability really for the entire (regional command)," he said. It is the brigade's fifth cas-

ing ceremony since 2003.

Blackmon noted the bravery of the soldiers in a speech during last week's ceremony.

"Over 2,000 soldiers joined our Army knowing that they would deploy in harm's way, that they would leave their families, that they would endure harsh weather, terrain, incredibly long days and literally fight for our very way of life. They make me proud to be a soldier," Blackmon said.

"You see, the men and women of this brigade committed themselves to something extremely important in preparation for this deployment. They committed themselves to one another, and that commitment meant that everyone plays to ensuring that they held themselves accountable to a higher standard."

The war in Afghanistan is America's longest ever. The mission there began in October 2001, just weeks after the 9/11 attacks on New York and Washington.



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FFA collects food for local hungry

In many ways America is the land of plenty, but for a staggering number of Kentuckians, hunger is the reality. That's why Crittenden County High School FFA held a food drive to help feed the hungry in Crittenden County. The drive collected a total of 989 cans of food. After completing the food drive collection, the high school freshman class collected 492 cans; seniors, 262 cans; juniors, 120 cans; and sophomores, 115 cans. The food went to local food banks to help the people of Crittenden County have a happier Thanksgiving. Above (from left) Dustin Collins, Elysia Thaxton, Nick Robinson and Logan Fox load a truck with the collected goods.

MCC offers 2 mining classes in spring 2014

STAFF REPORT

In an effort to make mining classes more accessible, Madisonville Community College is offering two online mining classes in the upcoming spring semester.

Introduction to Mining Engineering (MING 102) will provide an orientation to the mining engineering and mining technology professions. The course includes introduction to key mining engineering activities and functions, mining methods and equipment and health and safety subsystems.

Roof Control and Ventilation (MING 286) involves an in-depth study of roof and rib control and coal mine ventilation. This course includes methods of inspection and reporting potential safety hazards, reading roof control plans, processes and procedures involving mine resistance, law and minimum standards

Each three-credit hour online course will be taught by MCC mining instructor Bart Allen and no textbooks are required.

"I am particularly pleased that we have constructed these classes so that they are challenging without requiring the purchase of a textbook," Allen said. "Taking into account the rising costs of going to college, students can work on the classes at their convenience and at minimal cost."

The courses use online resources in the public domain.

Classes begin Jan. 13, 2014. All students are encouraged to apply for admission and register for classes before Dec. 1 to avoid the late registration rush.

Financial aid is available to those who qualify and students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, as soon as possible to avoid delays in processing aid.

For more information, contact MCC's enrollment center at (270) 824-8621.

November hunting harvests



Bill Smith took this nice buck Friday afternoon. It was a 13-pointer.



Kalli Champion, 10, bagged her first deer. It was a 4-point buck.



Kevin Chambliss bagged this big 12-pointer that scored about 170 B&C.



Jeremiah Foster, 8, took his first rabbit Nov. 19.



Jaxon Hatfield, 7, bagged this buck during the rifle season.



Ethan Stone, 12, bagged this 10-point buck on the last weekend of season.

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How ungodly; soldier dying for dying America

Thanksgiving for America was given to us by the Pilgrims who landed on the eastern shores of this continent. After a frightening, long, hard trip across the Atlantic Ocean, battling a stormy and an unfriendly sea, the Pilgrims' first act was to kneel and thank God for finally reaching their destination.

Their reason for leaving the security of their homes and risking everything to start all over in a hostile and unknown land was to find a place where they would have the freedom to worship God according to the dictates of their hearts.

Satan has worked ever since they landed and worked with all he had to keep them from reaching here to destroy their dream. Our freedom of religion is slipping from us every day by the evil plans of Satan's bullies he has placed in high places. Uninformed or uncaring voters are his tools to put them there.

This America the Pilgrims founded has been the greatest, freest, richest, most benevolent nation in history and is now dying. Only God can save her life by sending a great Spiritual awakening and saving mil-



lions of voters who will have more love for those sent overseas to die for them than for their party or handouts from the political thieves now ruling over us.

How I grieve constantly over the men and women who have given time out of their lives and the thousands who have given their lives or have been mangled for an America. Their sacrifices have been for a country which is swiftly becoming one of atheists, homosexuals, Muslims and America-haters who would not lift a hand to fight in the armed forces for what these aforementioned are still fighting, dying and mangled for.

How I pray God will get all our men and women home and not let any more die for a nation that is selling them out and not worth sending all our young and

brightest to die for anymore.

They need to come home and let all of us fight for or die for our own freedoms. There is nothing right or moral in sending them out to hostile and horrible places to die for us. Meantime, we vote in rogues and traitors who day by day are destroying everything they want their nation to be.

There aren't any of them who want socialism here. Thousands of our men and women went halfway around the world to fight. Thousands died fighting socialism and communism, and now, we have an administration that is forcing it on us. Our universities are turning out thousands whom they have convinced to support communism instead of freedom of speech, religion and the press.

They are being convinced that Americans should be forced to give up their guns so they cannot defend themselves against the communistic tyrannical thugs that held the Russians slaves for 70 years and the socialist Germans who almost destroyed Germany. North Korea, China, Cuba and Venezuela still more examples of brutal,

slavish regimes.

All of South America is swiftly going into the slave camps of a few ruling the millions.

These young college students are easily deceived because they have never been taught what our men and women went through in the wars. Nor have they been taught what the Russian and German sociopath, narcissistic and arrogant brutes put all the nations through that they overran, almost decimated and caused suffering and slaughter to millions. Now, we have not only leaders working for it, but I've seen hundreds in the streets of cities in California demanding we become communist.

My first thought is the poor idiots don't have a clue of what they are demanding and yet they want the world to think they are smart and highly educated. They are what Americans once called "educated fools."

The way some leaders in both parties are destroying the America I grew up in and love dearly is a disgrace to our service men and women.

Each one of these lazy, greedy, power-hungry, lying politicians – from the White

House down who are there only for themselves – care nothing about the American people, and are dragging us into a slave state to politicians. These politicians ought to be shipped to Afghanistan and put on the front lines and live and die like they are forcing our men and women to do.

Then they should be replaced by farmers, blue collar workers, miners, plumbers, electricians and small business people who make their own living by the sweat of their brow. These people know what it is like to work from daylight to dark, paying 60 cents of every dollar in taxes for the politicians' fat paychecks and handouts to the voters living off the hard working people.

Americans, be thankful for the most important things in sustaining our way of life:

- God who gives us America, guarded and fought for by our military.
- Clean water that 884 million don't have it.
- Bathrooms that 40 percent of the world doesn't have it.
- Electricity that 1.6 billion don't have it.
- Shelter that 2.5 million

Americans don't have and 640 million children worldwide don't have it.

- Food. Twenty-eight percent of children worldwide are hungry.

- Your stove. About 2.5 billion people use wood, charcoal or animal dung for energy.

- A job, as most of humanity lives on less than \$10 a day.

- Education. Nearly 1 billion cannot read or write their names.

- Health. Around 2.2 million children die a year from not being immunized, and 1 million people die a year from malaria.

- Freedom of religion. More than 400 Christians die every day for their faith across the world.

And thousands of Americans want America destroyed?! They ought to be shipped to any of the Third World countries and forced to live there until they are willing to take our military's place to fight for this country instead of trying to destroy it.

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

Missionaries volunteer their time assisting at PACS office, other locations in region

STAFF REPORT

Tyson Cottam began working as a missionary nearly two months ago. Tucker Fincher will complete his missionary work in December.

As members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, both men are currently in Marion, sharing their faith and reaching out to the community. They currently volunteer a few hours each week at the Pennyryle Allied Community Services office helping with the facility's clothing

outreach.

Fincher, originally from Aztec, N. M., began his missionary work in December 2011. He has worked in communities in and around Mayfield, as well as in Nashville and Clarksville, Tenn. As a full-time missionary, Fincher said he has paused his life for two years and stressed the im-



Fincher

portance of sharing the Gospel with others.

"I've seen a lot of people who have had it rough. I've seen a lot of people who have had it really well. Either way, I've seen the joy that comes from the Gospel," Fincher said.

Both men are assigned to the Tennessee Nashville Mission, which covers parts of Tennessee, Kentucky and a small part of Illinois. It includes 250 men and women age 18 to 25 who serve between 18 to 24 months in various communities across the



Cottam

region. Cottam, originally from West Jordan, Utah, said the two are looking for opportunities to share their faith and

serve the community in Marion and Crittenden County.

"Not everyone is ready to hear our message, and that's fine. We're not here to force our message on

anyone. We just want to invite them to come to Christ," Cottam said. "If they want to do that, we'll talk to them more."

As with any endeavor, both men said there are challenges to missionary work, whether they visit a large city or a more rural area.

"Missionary work isn't easy. It's something that's very hard, very difficult and very stressful. But it's also very rewarding, and I find a lot of joy in doing it," Fincher said.

Church notes

■ Marion Baptist Church invites the public to attend a free Thanksgiving Day dinner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday (today) at the church's Family Life Center, located at 131 E. Depot St. in Marion. The church invites individuals or families to come and celebrate. Those who would like to help with early preparations or serving can call the church at 965-5232.

■ The Salem Baptist Church Choir will be presenting its annual Christmas Cantata at 4 p.m., Dec. 1. This year's program is entitled "Bethlehem Morning" and promises to bless all who attend. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following the performance.

■ Need a good jolt of encouragement and inspiration? Pinckneyville Baptist Church will hold its next AMP'D session at 5 p.m., Dec. 14. AMP'D offers the best in next generation worship music and a challenging message of hope from noted author and speaker Jamey Ragle.

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OBITUARIES

Croft

Casadeen Croft, 97, of Burna went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Nov. 23, 2013, at Salem Springlake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Salem.

She was a graduate of Lola High School, and together with her husband, John Lowery Croft, owned and operated the local telephone company for several years as well as Lola Gulf. They later ran Burna Gulf with their daughter and son-in-law, Doris and Sunnie Jim Belt.

Croft attended Hampton Methodist Church in Hampton.



Croft

She is survived by two children, Dwayne and wife Nancy Croft of Marion and Doris Croft Belt of Burna; three grandchildren, Teresa and husband Ronnie Beavers of Mexico, Janet and husband Larry McGregor of Burna and Jim and wife Lisa Belt of Burna; eight great-grandchildren, Ryan and wife Lisa Beavers, Jessica and husband Brian Penn, Molly Beavers, Chad and wife Jennifer McGregor, Sunni and husband Cody Ogg, Danielle and husband James Lane, Erica and husband Brandon Fondaw and Maranda and husband Drew Williams; nine great-great-grandchildren, Reyann, Raven, Chloe, Victoria, Caden, Mela, Karli, Reagan and Madden; and a special daughter-in-law, Jill Fay.

Croft was preceded in death by her parents, Ora and Florence Suits; her beloved husband, John Lowery Croft; a grandson, Mark Dwayne Croft; and a son-in-law, Sunnie Jim Belt.

A celebration of her life was held Tuesday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem with Revs. Chuck Ladd and Mike Atkins officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services Auxiliary, 131 Hospital Dr., Salem, KY 42078.

Condolences may also be left online at www.BoydFuneralDirectors.com.

(Note: Extended obituaries require a nominal fee. Please ask your funeral director about fee-based obituaries.)

Guess

Eugene A. Guess, 86, of Spokane, Wash., formerly of Marion, died Nov. 15, 2013, at his home.

He was born in Crittenden County on July 17, 1927. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1945 to 1948. He retired from Spokane Community College, where he taught welding classes for many years.

Guess is survived by a daughter, Patti and husband Greg Dickson of Veradale, Wash.; a grandson, Todd Fenn of Spokane; a sister, Lillian and husband Coleman Fox of Marion; four nieces, all of Kentucky; and many cousins from Crittenden County.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Guess; and his mother, Ila Mae Hollo-man.

Guess, by his own wish, was cremated. His ashes will be laid to rest with his wife in Spokane.

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Penn

Anna Pauline Penn, 72, of Marion died Nov. 21, 2013, at Ochsner Hospital in Slidell, La.

She is survived by a son, Timmy Penn of Marion; two daughters, Kathey Penn and husband Steve Belt of Marion and Joyce and husband Steve Harwell of Picayune, Miss.; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Penn was preceded in death by Glen Penn; two sons, Richard Penn and Tonny Penn; and a grandson.

Funeral services were Tuesday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with burial at Deer Creek Cemetery.

Gass

Shirley Sue (Riley) Gass, 75, of Paducah, a native of Livingston County, died Nov. 25, 2013, at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.



Gass

She was a member of Southland Baptist Temple. She graduated from Draughon's Business College and retired from State Farm Insurance after 33 years of service.

Gass enjoyed dancing and playing slot machines. She was an avid University of Kentucky basketball fan and loved watching her son, Kevin, drag race.

She is survived by a son, James Kevin and wife Kim Gass of Ledbetter; two sisters, Betty Joretta and husband Rubel Ramage of Paducah and Jackie Riley and husband Edward Doom of Burna; and many friends.

Gass was preceded in death by a brother, Junior Riley; a sister, Ann Wright; and her parents, J.V. "Tom" and Elizabeth Riley.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem. Burial will follow in Hampton Cemetery.

Friends may call after 5 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to: St. Jude's Childrens Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, TN 38105; or Shriners Hospital, 1900 Richmond Road, Lexington, KY 40502-1204.

Condolences may also be left online at www.BoydFuneralDirectors.com.

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Eberle

Tina Louise Eberle, 44, of Marion died Nov. 21, 2013, at Baptist Health Paducah.

She was a housewife. Eberle is survived by a daughter, Julia Eberle of Marion; a son, David Eberle of Marion; her father, Robert Eberle; her step-mother, Eva Eberle of Burna; her mother, Geraldine Eberle of Marion; two sisters, Jessi Eberle of Grand Rivers and Suzzane Eberle of Marion; and four grandsons.

She was preceded in death by a brother.

Memorial services were Sunday at Main Street Missionary Baptist Church in Marion.

Myers Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Henry

Russell Louie Henry, 83, of Tallahassee, Fla., formerly of Dycusburg, died Nov. 22, 2013, at Seven Hills Health and Rehab Center in Tallahassee.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and assembly line worker at an automotive plant.

Henry is survived by a daughter, Kathy K. Henry of Florida; a brother, Jerry Henry of Eddyville; two sisters, Ramona Brasher of Marion and Shirley Winters of Murray; two grandchildren, Derick Hatler of Florida and Windy and husband Robert Grigsby of Monticello, Fla.; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jennie L. Hall Henry; a sister, Mary Jane Watson; three brothers, Harold Henry, Jerald Henry, and Raymond Henry Jr.; and his parents, Reba Kennis and Raymond Henry.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton. Burial will be in Dycusburg Cemetery.

Friends may call from 10 a.m. to funeral hour Friday at the funeral home.

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CHS RN dies from injuries sustained in recent crash

STAFF REPORT

A registered nurse at Crittenden Health Systems and her husband died last week from injuries sustained when their vehicle struck a deer Nov. 15 in Caldwell County.

Vallerie Peyton, 61, of Hopkins County was an employee at the Marion hospital for the last eight years, according to Chief Nursing Officer Robin Curnel. She died Nov. 17 from injuries sustained in the wreck. Her husband, David Peyton, 63, succumbed to his injuries last Thursday.

According to The Times Leader, the Caldwell County Sheriff's Department reported the couple was south-bound on Ky. 293 North when their Jeep struck a deer and overturned multiple times on the morning of Nov. 15. The accident occurred about a mile north of the junction with Sugar Creek Church Road.

The newspaper reports Vallerie Peyton was flown from the scene to Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn., where she later died. David Peyton was taken to Caldwell Medical Center in Princeton and later that afternoon transferred by ambulance to Vanderbilt, where he later died.

The couple is survived by three adult children. The joint funeral was Monday at Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville. They were both buried in Rosecreek Cemetery in Nebo.

Deer are the deadliest animal in the United States, causing thousands of injuries and dozens of deaths to humans each year in collisions. In fact, from 2008 to 2012, according to Kentucky State Police, there were 811 injuries and 10 deaths attributed to deer collisions in Kentucky alone.

Traffic deaths fall

Below are the number of 2013 traffic fatalities in the state reported by the Kentucky State Police through Sunday in comparison to last year.

2013 DEATHS	CHANGE FROM 2012	ALCOHOL RELATED
Deaths ...57195127

MODE	DEATHS	NO SAFETY EQUIPMENT
Automobile.....	438220
Motorcycle.....	7144
ATV.....	1010
Pedestrian.....	48n/a
Horse-drawn.....	1n/a
Bicycle.....	3n/a

SHOP

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day and Cyber Monday is Small Business Saturday, a nationwide initiative started in 2010 to encourage more local shopping. The movement's Facebook page reads, "Saturday is the day we celebrate the Shop Small movement to drive shoppers to local merchants across the U.S."

Still Mayor Alexander finds it important to maintain a shop-local-first attitude 365 days a year.

"If we support what we do have now, other businesses may come," he said. "That's why we should have that mindset every day. One day a year just does not make that huge of an impact."

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Interesting and entertaining opossum stories

With the traditional Thanksgiving Day meal here, let's take a fun look back to yesteryear, where another kind of meal was highly anticipated. Who knew the little wirey opossum was such a beloved meal?

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

November 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 opossum and taters were 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 plenitude and quails were there in coveys. They were such opossums as only Crittenden County persimmons can flavor for such occasions, and quails were as plump as they grow in that famous neighborhood.

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

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



per, properly lubricated with opossum gravy, Mr. Ollie M. James was chosen to be toastmaster and gave an eloquent toast to the evening.

November 1921 A 'Possum Hunt

Opossum 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 popossum, 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 and Virginia Flanary; and Messrs. Gene Guess, Earl Clement, Billy O. Moore, Virgil Threlkeld, Charles Cassidy, Floyd Wheeler and Audrey Clark.

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

November 1903 An Unfortunate Juant

James Jennings, Calvin Corley and Clarence Terry went on an opossum and



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Above is an early 1920 ad that appeared in The Press advertising a much anticipated event. Our wiry little nocturnal animal (at right) was popular as a meal and also for many interesting stories.

raccoon hunt last week.

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

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

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 opossums 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 opossums 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.

December 1904 An Opossum Mule

Farmers in this section proudly boast of their excelled opossum curs; in fact, they are very common things. But a opossum mule – one that can actually scent a opossum and by its acute sense of smell, distinguish the slim-tailed species 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 a 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, however, for no less than 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. 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.

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. 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 past times in our county and of how our ancestors enjoyed life in the simpler days.

(Brenda Underdown is Crittenden County's historian and serves on the board of the historical and geneological societies in the county. She is also active in maintaining Crittenden County Historical Museum.)

KSP to patrol roadways over Thanksgiving weekend

STAFF REPORT

The Thanksgiving holiday is typically one of the busiest as well as one of the deadliest holidays of the year on Kentucky highways.

In an effort to save lives and reduce injury-related crashes, the Kentucky State Police will be out in force over the five-day holiday period that ends just before midnight Sunday.

Statewide, during the 2012 Thanksgiving holiday

period, there were 1,390 motor vehicle crashes on Kentucky roadways including seven fatalities. There were no fatalities reported in the Post 2 District – Crittenden, Caldwell, Christian, Hopkins, Muhlenberg, Todd and Webster counties – during the 2012 Thanksgiving Holiday period.

KSP troopers and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement officers will concentrate their holiday

enforcement efforts on high traffic areas such as interstates and parkways, along with high crash locations. They will be observing for individuals exhibiting unsafe driving behaviors, such as, speeding, reckless driving and driving impaired.

This enforcement period will be highlighted by troopers and officers aggressively targeting those people who choose not to

wear seatbelts or use child safety restraints.

Motorists around the Post 2 District can expect to see traffic safety checkpoints at pre-approved locations. The KSP utilizes traffic safety checkpoints to promote safety for motorists and to provide a deterrent for those who violate laws contained in the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

The intent of a traffic

safety checkpoint is to provide a highly visible, public safety service focusing on vehicular equipment deficiencies, confirming appropriate registration and insurance of vehicles, and the valid licensing of drivers. Violations of law or other public safety issues that arise shall be addressed.

Citizens can contribute to highway safety by report-

ing erratic drivers to the Kentucky State Police toll-free at 1-800-222-5555. Callers may remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel, and license number if possible.

Post 2 serves the following counties: Caldwell, Christian, Crittenden, Hopkins, Muhlenberg, Todd, and Webster.

Christmas trees available


THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Starting Monday, free Christmas tree permits will be available in the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area. Officials say a permit entitles a family to cut one cedar tree through Dec. 24.

Permits, maps and cutting guidelines can be ob-

tained from the LBL administrative office.

Cedar trees can be cut anywhere in Land Between the Lakes except for areas within sight of U.S. 68/Kentucky 80 or Woodlands Trace National Scenic Byway, cemeteries, nature watch areas, campgrounds, lawns or other mowed areas.



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*In life we loved you dearly, In death we love you still.
In our heart you hold a place no one could ever fill.*

*If tears could build a stairway and heartache make a lane,
We'd walk the path to heaven and bring you back again.*

*Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same.
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The 2013-14 Rockets are (front from left) Maeson Myers, Taylor Champion, Logan Young, Noah Hatfield, Aaron Owen, Travis Gilbert, Dylan Hicks, Trevor Faith, (back) coach Denis Hodge, Zac Tinsley, Dakota Watson, Devin Belt, Colby Watson, Adam Driver, Noah Dickerson and coach Matt McMMain.

Quickness, shooting changes team’s persona

STAFF REPORT
 In his third season as head coach at his alma mater, Denis Hodge is ready to shed the blue collar.
 This year, his team will likely find that its persona leans more toward the finesse side, unlike his first two clubs.
 Quickness and better shooting will be the hallmark of the 2013-14 Rockets. Gone are the workhorses that bullied teams in the paint last year. Replacing the inside toughness lost by the graduation of Bobby Knox and Devin Clark will be Hodge’s primary challenge.
 Hodge admits that this team has yet to give him a hint of what it’s going to be like when the whistle blows next week for the opener against Trigg County.
 “I have never had a team where I was unsure at this point what we’d be like,” Hodge said.
 “I think we’re going to shoot the ball better and play faster as a team. We don’t have anyone as fast as Ethan Hill (graduated point guard), but overall we will have more quickness especially with Dakota Watson in there.
 The question, Hodge says, is what the Rockets will bring defensively.
 “We may struggle with toughness,” he said.
 To help shore up the void inside, Hodge has brought in senior Devin Belt, who did not play last year. Belt is a big body and at 6-foot-4, he’s sure to give the Rockets an inside presence. He will see most of his action at forward and don’t be surprised if he sinks several threes this year. For a guy who’s been out of the fold for a while he

has a nice touch.
 Dakota Watson and Adam Driver are the centers. Watson has been injured some in pre-season but should be back to full strength by next week. He’s long-armed and runs the floor as well as anyone on the team.
 “He may be the strongest guy on the floor, too,” Hodge said.
 Watson has worked hard in the offseason to improve his strength. He is also a distance runner, giving him plenty of stamina when the Rockets deploy their full-court pressure. Hodge likes the mobility of his center and thinks the sophomore has a bright future.
 Driver is another big body, not quite as mobile as Watson, but he has the girth to be an inside force. Zac Tinsley played linebacker for the football team. That’s about all anyone needs to know about his strength and determination. The coach says he may be the toughest guy on the floor this year.
 Colby Watson will also see time inside. He has a good shot and rebounds well. Hodge wants Watson to work on being more physical around the basket.
 The Rockets will have some athleticism on the perimeter. Taylor Champion will play the No. 3 spot, Landon Young at the shooting guard and Aaron Owen at



Denis Hodge
 3rd-year coach
 26-36 overall
 15-16 last year

the point. Travis Gilbert, who has been out with a knee injured suffered in football season, is another man to figure into the mix once he’s healthy.
 Owen and Gilbert are seniors and three-year starters. Owen is the leading returning scorer. He knocked down a dozen points a game last year, including 107 foul shots which was by far the most on the team. Owen can create his own shot and when he gets hot outside, zone defenses pay. If he scoots over to the shooting guard, sophomore Dylan Hicks can play the point. Hicks is a rising force and the coach wants him on the floor as much as possible.
 Young was probably the most improved player last year. By the end of the season he was a lethal outside shooter, making almost 40 percent of his 3-pointers. Young will be a key figure this year and Hodge expects double-digit scoring from the junior. Over the summer Young has made strides in improving his overall game.
 He’s attacking the rim more and leaps well.
 Champion is also a good jumper and can score well from 15 feet in. Defense is his speciality.
 Junior Noah Dickerson and freshman Maeson Myers are two more guys who will see plenty of playing time. Dickerson has the size and strtength to bang around inside but can step out and shoot, too. He was the JV team’s top scorer last year.
 The Fifth District championship went to Trigg County last year and the Wildcats will probably be tough to handle again. Former Rocket standout Peyton Croft is now Trigg’s head coach and his father, Jimmy (a longtime Rocket skipper) will be helping. Trigg lost its best player to graduation, but a transfer from Hopkinsville is sure to help shore up the lineup for Croft’s first season in Cadiz.
 Livingston and Lyon lost a great deal from last year’s teams. Hodge thinks the district crown is achievable this season as there is no clear-cut favorite.

ROCKETS Basketball Roster

Devin Belt	12	30	6-3	235
Taylor Champion	12	15	5-11	175
Travis Gilbert	12	14	5-8	165
Aaron Owen	12	2	5-9	190
Zach Tinsley	12	20	6-1	195
Landon Young	11	3	6-0	170
Noah Dickerson	11	4	6-1	185
Adam Driver	11	31	6-2	215
Trevor Faith	11	5	6-0	135
Noah Hadfield	11	32	5-8	185
Colby Watson	11	23	6-5	175
Dylan Hicks	10	11	5-9	155
Dakota Watson	10	24	6-2	185
Maeson Myers	9	25	5-8	155

Head Coach: Denis Hodge
 Assistant Coaches: Matt McMMain, David Perryman

Rocket Schedule

Dec. 6	TRIGG COUNTY*	GB
Dec. 7	at Union County	BG
Dec. 10	CALDWELL COUNTY	GB
Dec. 13	at Lyon County*	GB
Dec. 14	at Webster County	V
Dec. 17	at Dawson Springs	JV V
Dec. 20	LIVINGSTON CENT.*	GB
Dec. 26-28	at McLean Tournament	V
Jan. 3	at Livingston Central*	GB
Jan. 4	at Madisonville	JV V
Jan. 6	at UHA	JV V
Jan. 10	LYON COUNTY*	GB
Jan. 11	JV District at Marion	JV
Jan. 11	at Graves County	V
Jan. 14	WEBSTER COUNTY	JV V
Jan. 17	at Trigg County*	GB
Jan. 18	MARSHALL COUNTY	JV V
Jan. 20	at Fort Campbell	JV V
Jan. 24	All A at Dawson Springs	V
Jan. 28	MURRAY	JV V
Feb. 4	HOPKINS CENTRAL	JV V
Feb. 6	HARDIN COUNTY (Ill.)	JV V
Feb. 7	DAWSON (Homecoming)	GB
Feb. 10	at CCA	GB
Feb. 11	at Caldwell County	JV V
Feb. 13	at Central Hopkins	JV V
Feb. 14	at St. Mary	GB
Feb. 18	UNION COUNTY	JV V
Feb. 21	FT. CAMPBELL	GB

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The 2013-2014 Lady Rockets are pictured (front from left) Kiana Nesbitt, Cassidy Moss, Amanda Lynch, Maggie Collins, Chelsea Oliver, Taylor Johnson, Khyla Moss, Meredith Evans, (back) Courtney Beverly, Marie Riley, coach Ali Shewcraft, coach Lisa Willis, coach Angie O'Leary, coach Heath Boone, head coach Shannon Hodge, Francesca Pierce and Mallory McDowell.

Lady Rockets have tools to play various games

STAFF REPORT
 After 21 years of coaching high school girls, Lady Rocket skipper Shannon Hodge has seen it all. She knows very well what it takes to win and after a couple of difficult seasons, the coach thinks this might be a breakout year. Although the optimism is riding on the shoulders of some still very young players, the coach says her roster is full of players with varied skill sets, and that will help her mix things up. Hodge's team is just three years removed from its only Sweet 16 finish in school history. Since then, however, the success has been lean. Just eight wins over the last two years is a mark of a rebuilding organization that lost nearly everything after a fabulous run in 2011.

Part of putting the pieces back together has meant having a great deal of patience. Although her resolve has been tested over the past two seasons, the veteran skipper has never wavered in her view of the future. "A lot of kids are going to get a chance to prove themselves," Hodge said. "We're deeper than we've been the last couple of years and different girls will bring different qualities to the table." If she needs a fast team, Hodge believes she has the personnel to press and gun. If she needs to match up with a bigger team, she has some frontliners with girth. If the opposition has one or two players that need to be stopped, she has some defensive specialists to deploy. "Over the last couple of years we've struggled to develop an identity," Hodge said. "This year, I think teams may have to adjust to us instead of us trying to adjust to them. "We have a lot of options. We can run people in and out and get after teams," she said. The biggest challenge, however, will be offense. Scoring has been a trouble spot the past couple of sea-



Shannon Hodge
 21st Season
 Overall record 216-308

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.....	12-15
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
Total	216-308

sons and Hodge is looking to junior Chelsea Oliver and freshman Cassidy Moss to carry much of the offensive burden this season. Hodge says Oliver has enormous potential, but lacks the self confidence at times to let the clutch out. "We need her to be a beast," Hodge said. "She needs to go to the rim and be ready to score every time she touches the ball."

Lady Rockets Roster

Player	Number	Grade	Height	Position
MAGGIE COLLINS	10	SR	5'9"	FORWARD
TAYLOR JOHNSON	20	JR	5'5"	FORWARD
MALLORY MCDOWELL	3	JR	5'2"	GUARD
KHYLA MOSS	44	JR	5'5"	FORWARD
CHELSEA OLIVER	21	JR	5'8"	GUARD
MARIE RILEY	14	JR	5'5"	FORWARD
COURTNEY BEVERLY	35	FR	5'5"	FORWARD
MEREDITH EVANS	24	FR	5'8"	FORWARD
AMANDA LYNCH	41	FR	5'7"	GUARD
CASSIDY MOSS	43	FR	5'6"	GUARD
KIANA NESBITT	32	FR	5'8"	FORWARD
FRANCESCA PIERCE	13	FR	5'4"	GUARD

Head Coach: Shannon Hodge
 Assistant Coaches: Heather Boone, Angie O'Leary, Lisa Willis, Ali Shewcraft

Oliver is the complete package. She has a good shot, a nose for rebounds and will be charged with guarding the opposition's best player. "She has only scratched the surface of her ability," Hodge said of the 11th grader who led the team in scoring last year as a sophomore with 9.5 points a game. If Oliver is Crittenden's right in the one-two punch, Moss is a strong left. Just a freshman, she was the second leading scorer on the varsity team last year as an eighth grader. She provided

a half dozen points a game a year ago, but the coach fully expects much more than that this time. "Cassidy is such a force," Hodge said. "She can play inside or out, she's aggressive, takes the ball the rim and gets herself in position to rebound." Oliver will likely play the No. 3 forward position with Moss working at the off guard slot. Both are capable of playing other positions though and will be called to do just that. Maggie Collins is the only senior on the team. At 5-

foot-9 she's the tallest inside player, but oddly enough she's worked a great deal on her outside shot. Hodge says Collins is going to surprise some people by popping a three from time to time when trailing everyone else down the floor in transition. Collins is clearly the team leader both on and off the floor. Her teammates fondly call her "Mama Maggie." Junior Mallory McDowell will be running the point most of the time. She's the obvious quarterback of the club and needs to be on the floor almost every minute of the game to make things happen. She's a good perimeter defender and picks up several points on

layoffs. Right now the other forward spot is probably least solidified. Kiana Nesbitt, a freshman, has taken the lead at garnering the starting nod. She runs the floor well and plays good defense. With a little confidence, Hodge says her offense will pick up, too. Junior Khyla Moss will see time at the four and five spots. She will provide a good deal of strength around the basket. Juniors Marie Riley and Taylor Johnson will see time at the forward spots, as will freshman Amanda Lynch. Freshman Francesca

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Rocket Cheer

Crittenden County High School cheerleaders are (front from left) Arieal Wright, Katie Travis, Kali Travis, Sadie Easley, (middle) Lauren McKinney, Bristen Holman, Ella LaPlante, Madison Lynch, Brittany Minton, (back) coach Stacey McKinney, Tania Thompson, Sydney Hunt, Brittney Buell, Lauren Beavers, Sydney Leibenguth and coach Cindy Crabtree.

GIRLS TOP FIVE ALL-TIME SCORERS						
Rank	Points	Name	Seasons	Games	Avg.	High
1	1,628	Jeanne Hinchee*	1973-1978	103	15.8	42
2	1,534	Shannon Collins	1979-1985	135	11.4	35
3	1,502	Jessi Hodge**	2006-2011	117	12.8	33
4	1,333	Morgan Dooks	2000-2004	97	13.7	43
5	1,123	Vanessa Gray	1981-1984	75	15.0	26

For a list of the top 34 all-time scorers see this year's Rockets and Lady Rockets Fan Guide on Sale at home games

LADY ROCKETS Basketball Schedule

Dec. 2	ST. MARY	JV/VG
Dec. 6	TRIGG COUNTY	VG/VB
Dec. 7	at Union County	VG/VB
Dec. 10	CALDWELL CO.	VG/VB
Dec. 13	at Lyon County	VG/VB
Dec. 14	at UHA	JV/VG
Dec. 17	at Hopkinsville	JV/V
Dec. 20	LIVINGSTON CENT.	VG/VB
Dec. 26-30	at Orlando, FL	
Jan. 3	at Livingston Central	VG/VB
Jan. 7	at Ballard Memorial	JV/V
Jan. 10	LYON COUNTY	VG/VB
Jan. 11	JV District at Marion	
Jan. 11	WEBSTER COUNTY	VG
Jan. 14	at Dawson Springs	V/JV
Jan. 17	at Trigg Co.	VG/VB
Jan. 20-25	All A at Dawson Springs	
Jan. 28	UNION COUNTY	JV/V
Jan. 31	at Ft. Campbell	JV/V
Feb. 1	at Caldwell County	JV/V
Feb. 7	DAWSON SPRINGS (HC)	
Feb. 8	BALLARD MEMORIAL	JV/V
Feb. 10	at Comm. Christian	VG/VB
Feb. 14	at St. Mary	VG/VB
Feb. 18	at Hopkins Central	JV/V
Feb. 2	FORT CAMPBELL	VG/VB
Feb. 24-28	District Tourn.	at Marion

GIRLS

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Pierce is a good floor leader who will be able to play at the point or at the No. 2 guard, where she's more comfortable and perhaps better suited.

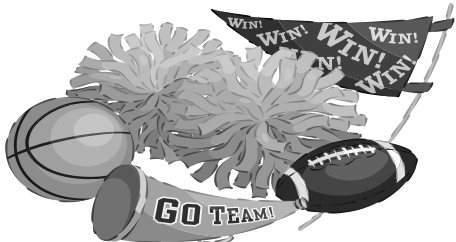
"Francesca must be a ball-handler for us," the coach said. "She's a competitor." Meredith Evans and Courtney Beverly, a couple more freshmen, will add depth around the basket.

As for the competition, Livingston and Lyon return the best teams to the Fifth District. Livingston returns a strong inside game and Lyon has perhaps its best player, Jill P'Poole, back after a knee injury sidelined her last year. Other injuries, however, are already taking a toll on Lyon's lineup.

"Those two teams get the early nod just because of what they've done the last couple of years," Hodge said.

Crittenden and Trigg are both very capable of being in the mix, however, the coach said.

The girls will be making a long road trip over Christmas, playing in a holiday tournament in Orlando, Fla.



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Rocket Records	
Season	Record
1980-1981	9-17
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
1994-1995	11-15
1995-1996	6-16
1996-1997	10-11
1997-1998	19-8 *
1998-1999	9-14
1999-2000	20-10 **
2000-2001	13-14
2001-2002	14-14**
2002-2003	17-10**
2003-2004	16-9
2004-2005	14-11
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

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FOOTBALL

Little league ceremony
Crittenden County Junior Pro Football will have its post-season awards ceremony at 2 p.m., Sunday at the CCHS multi-purpose room. All players should bring their cleaned equipment to the event. There will be no meal.

Alumni football game
Alumni Football USA Legends Series is looking for players in Crittenden County to compete in a full-contact tackle football game. Equipment will be provided. Only the first 40 players will be given a roster spot. Call 1-866-U-Get-Hit or go online to Alumnifootballusa.com.

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Archery Deer	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Archery Turkey	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Raccoon	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Crossbow Deer	Nov. 9 - Dec. 31
Squirrel	Nov. 11 - Feb. 28
Rabbit, Quail	Nov. 11 - Jan. 31
Trapping	Nov. 11 - Feb. 28
Bobcat	Nov. 23 - Feb. 28
Dove	Nov. 28 - Dec. 6
Gun Turkey	Dec. 7-13
Muzzleloader Deer	Dec. 14-22
Free Youth Deer	Dec. 28-29
Dove	Dec. 28 - Jan. 3
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote	Year Round

Rifle deer season over
Crittenden County hunters bagged 2,257 deer using modern firearms this season. The total deer harvest for the county as of Tuesday was 2,773 deer, which included 1,463 antlered whitetails. The total is just 312 deer from a record harvest, which is not outside the realm of reason considering bow season lasts through Jan. 20 and there is a nine-day muzzleloader season and two-day youth rifle season to go. In neighboring Livingston County, hunters have taken 1,328 deer with modern rifles and 1,590 for a total harvest by all types of weapons. The nine-day late blackpowder season is Dec. 14-22 and there will be a free youth weekend where hunters 15-under may use modern firearms to bag a deer without a license or tag. That two-day event will be Dec. 28-29 and the new Big Rivers WMA in Crittenden and Union counties will open to young gun hunters for those two days.

BASKETBALL

Crittenden Middle School Games and Scoring Summaries

GIRLS

8th Grade CCMS 28, Livingston 25
CCMS Scoring: Mauri Collins 7, Chaylee Wolf 2, Madison O'Dell 1, Madison Champion 15, Emmalea Barnes 2, Shelby Summers 1.
LCMS Scoring: Stafford 11, Downing 6, Kaszuba 4, Tolley 2, Johnson 2.

8th Grade Crittenden 33, Dawson 31
CCMS Scoring: Collins 17, O'Dell 5, Champion 5, Kenlee Perryman 6.

8th Grade Union 30, Crittenden 27
CCMS Scoring: Collins 11, Champion 14, Barnes 2.

7th Grade CCMS 28, Livingston 6
CCMS Scoring: Perryman 10, Brandy Book 4, Summers 10, Ellie Smith 2, Emmie Smith 2.
LCMS Scoring: Grimm 2, Conner 2, Drapeza 2.

7th Grade Crittenden 19, Dawson 16
CCMS Scoring: Perryman 6, Summers 12, El.Smith 1.

BOYS

7th Grade Lyon 33, Crittenden 23
CCMS Scoring: Hunter Boone 6, Gavin Dickerson 11, Devon Nesbitt 4, Wyatt Gipson 2.

8th Grade Lyon 36, Crittenden 31
CCMS Scoring: Logan Belt 4, Cody Belt 5, Clay Croft 4, Adam Beavers 8, Boone 2, Dickerson 8.

Rocket Football Superlatives



Crittenden County High School held its football awards banquet Sunday. Among those honored were (front from left) Daniel Wagoner, Solid Rocket Award; Micah Hollamon, Most Valuable Special Teams Player and two Record Setter Awards; Cody Caraway, Solid Rocket Award; Lane Wallace, Ironman Champion, Most Improved Offensive Player, Most Valuable Offensive Player and Team Most Valuable Player; Zach Tinsley, Tackling Points and RBI Leader, Rocket Captain and Marion Feed Mill Grit Iron Award; Brenden Phillips, Rocket Captain and Most Valuable Defensive Player; Travis Gilbert, Crittenden Press Paul E. Mick Leadership Award; (back) Maeson Myers, JV Captain; Adam Wright, freshman letterman; Dakota Koerner, Mr. Excitement Award; Austin Sitar, Most Valuable JV Defensive Player and Most Improved Special Teams Player; Travis McKinney, Most Improved Defensive Player; Travis Fitzgerald, Most Valuable Lineman; Nick Castiller, Most Valuable JV Offensive Player and 110 Percent Award; Nicholas Greenwell, Coach's Award for Commitment; and Ethan Hunt, Hitman Award.



Crittenden County Middle School seventh-grade basketball players are (front from left) Hunter Holeman, Eric O'Leary, Mitchell Joyce, Peyton Riley, Devon Nesbitt, Sawyer Towery, David Manness, (back) coach David Perryman, Wyatt Gipson, Blake Curnel, Jimmy Crider, Josh Sarles, Gavin Dickerson, Hunter Boone and Sean O'Leary.



Crittenden County Middle School eighth-grade basketball players are (front from left) Ryan Belt, Logan Belt, Cody Belt, Kane Hill, Kyle Castiller, (back) Landon Brooks, Adam Beavers, coach Bryce Winders, Clay Croft and Tyson Steele.



Members of the Crittenden County Middle School seventh-grade basketball team are (front from left) Hannah Easley, Sydney Coomes, Shelby Summers, Brandy Book, Kenlee Perryman, Ashley Wheeler, (back) coach Rashelle Perryman, coach Pam Collins, Ashton Binkley, Lauren Gilchrist, Emmie Smith, Nahla Callaway, Ellie Smith, Morgan Barnes and coach Misty Champion.



Members of the Crittenden County Middle School eighth-grade basketball team are (front from left) Chaylee Wolf, Madison O'Dell, Meighan Koon, Emmalea Barnes, Madison Champion and Mauri Collins.



Members of the Crittenden County Middle School cheerleading squad are (front from left) Hannah Cooksey, Shelby Wallace, Jaylie Stone, Kaitlyn Young, (back) Rheavyn Tabor, Shea Martin, Bailey Barnes and Hannah Morrison.

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Babies, toddlers and small screens don't compute

As families consider holiday gifts for their young children, attractive electronic devices with small screens come to mind. However, educational organizations concerned about the well-being of children are cautioning parents and educators to remember babies' and toddlers' developmental needs. Well-known companies that produce educational



toys and electronic games for children have recently been marketing their smart phone and tablet apps for

babies as educational tools. The Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood and the Institute for Public Representation at Georgetown University have countered these marketing claims as false. Research shows that there is no evidence that babies learn anything meaningful from electronic screens. That includes television and DVDs as well as

smart phones or tablets. Moreover, media and commercial companies that claim their products are educational for babies are violating consumer protection laws. The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) states emphatically that babies and toddlers do not learn by seeing things on screens. In a position state-

ment called Technology and Young Children, NAEYC says that infants and toddlers need to interact primarily with people. Adults or older children should play along with these youngest children. Such play using their senses is the way infants and toddlers develop socially as well as intellectually. They love to explore their world, including

pushing buttons, switches and controls. If adults let babies and toddlers handle smart phones or tablets, adults should playfully interact and converse with them. Not until children are preschool age or older should they be permitted to use such devices for learning purposes. Even then, adults should be with them to interpret what they are seeing and hearing.

Alumni award nominees sought

STAFF REPORT
Local education leaders are looking for nominees for the 2014 class of Crittenden County Schools Distinguished Alumni Awards, which will be presented before graduation in the spring. Both living and posthumous awards can be given. Nominations may be made through Dec. 8, and selections will be determined by educational, professional and community service accomplishments. The five-member selection committee will announce the honorees later this win-

ter. Anyone may nominate an individual for the annual award. Recipients must have graduated high school from a Crittenden County school. Applications are now available for download from The Press Online at www.the-press.com. Any nominee not inducted will be considered by the committee for three years after the initial nomination is submitted. They will not need to be renominated until after that three years are up.



Performing on stage requires practice. Cast members (from left) standing are Natalie Boone, Hannah Long, Jake Hoover and Cade Crider; seated is Dougie Smith. The cast takes direction from Kathleen Guess as they prepare for the performance of 'Scrooge in Bethlehem' scheduled for Dec. 6 and Dec. 8.

'Scrooge in Bethlehem' play set for Dec. 6, 8 at Fohs Hall in Marion

STAFF REPORT
Get ready for two nights of holiday music and performances that are sure to delight and entertain audiences. Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation will present the play 'Scrooge in Bethlehem' at 7 p.m., Dec. 6 and 3 p.m., Dec. 8 at Fohs Hall. The musical production incorporates the Nativity with the Dickens classic, A Christmas Carol. The musical production will be under the direction of Michelle Crider. Crider is a

voice teacher and has taught music in public schools. She has a bachelor's degree in music education with a vocal emphasis and a master's degree from the University of Kentucky in vocal performance. Crider said rehearsals are going very well and the children are really excited about the production. "With this being the first undertaking of this sort to be attempted in our community in recent years, the response has far exceeded our expectations," Crider said.

"We are thrilled to have 26 children participating in this production, as well as a number of adults who are volunteering their time to cover the myriad of jobs entailed in preparing and producing the type of quality program our community will enjoy and remember." Crider said lights, sound, staging, set design and construction, as well as organizing scheduling and availability of rehearsal space are all being taken on by a dedicated team comprised of the Community

Arts Foundation and volunteers from the community. In addition to "Scrooge in Bethlehem," the CCHS Jazz Band, led by band director Jon Nash, will perform a number of Christmas classics and jazz standards to serve as the first half of each program. "All the children and we adults are working diligently together in hopes of offering a memorable and meaningful 'gift' to help kick off the Christmas season in our community," Crider said



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Press visits Opryland

Jackie Chandler, Cathy Poindexter, Teresa Price, Kay Jacobs and Lisa Brasher took a copy of The Crittenden Press with them on a trip to Nashville in October at Gaylord Opryland Convention Center.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those age 60 and older. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested. Every day, the center at 210 North Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and use of the exercise equipment. Call the center at 965-5229 for further information. This week's activities and menu include:
- Today: The senior center is closed in observance of Thanksgiving.
- Friday: The senior center is closed in observance of Thanks-

giving.
- Monday: Christmas crafts begin at 10 a.m. Menu is beef ravioli in sauce, peas and carrots, rosy applesauce and wheat bread.
- Tuesday: Kentucky Opry Outing: Baked catfish, navy beans, beets, turnip greens, cornbread and ambrosia.
- Wednesday: Bookmobile arrives at 9 a.m. Menu is grilled chicken on wheat bun, baked potato, Brussels sprouts and tropical fruit.
- Next Thursday: Menu is pork roast, oven-brown potatoes and carrots, broccoli casserole, whole wheat roll and pineapple fluff.



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CHS names grand prize winner

Crittenden Health Systems' grand prize winner for National Mammography Month in October was Carrie Stoltenburg (center). CHS radiology technicians pictured with Stoltenburg are Cherie Henshaw (at left) and Trina Dyer.

Harrison graduates training

STAFF REPORT
Army Spec. Ryan L. Harrison has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo. During the nine weeks of training, Harrison received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship qualification, bayonet combat, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, marches, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions and core values. Harrison is the son of Ron and Carol Harrison of Fredonia. He is a 2004 graduate of Crittenden County High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2010 from Murray State University.



Harrison

Community CALENDAR

Tuesday, Dec. 3
■ Bigham Lodge # 256 F&AM will have stated communication at the Lodge on Sturgis Road. Officers for 2014 will be elected and installed. The meal will be at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m. All Master Masons are invited to attend.

Saturday, Dec. 7
■ Marion will hold its annual Christmas parade with the theme "Christmas Memories."
Tuesday, Dec. 10
■ An arts extravaganza will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the CCMS multipurpose room.
Saturday, Dec. 14
■ The Salem Lighted Christmas Parade will be held at

5:30 p.m.
On-going
■ All veterans are invited for coffee and breakfast at 7:30 a.m., each Tuesday at the VFW building in Marion.
■ The Crittenden County Public Library is hosting Lego Club at 3:30 p.m., each Tuesday.
■ An indoor flea market is held

the second Saturday of the month at the Salem Baptist Church Christian Life Center. For more information call 988-2033 or 704-1567. All proceeds from booth rentals benefit the youth program.
■ Basic sewing and quilting classes are held from 5 to 6:45 p.m., each Wednesday

night at Ambassadors for Christ Church in Marion located on Church Street. Classes are open to all women wanting to learn to sew and include girls age seven to 13. For more information contact the church at 965-9388 or the PACS office at 965-4763.

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Volunteers help rebuild Hampton church

STAFF REPORT

It will be a special Thanksgiving for Pastor Danny Starrick and the congregation at North Livingston Baptist Church in Hampton. The church's sanctuary, which previously was Hampton Elementary School's gymnasium, was leveled by a tornado on Jan. 13. Ten months later, a new chapter begins for the church. Over 50 volunteers from six states, including New York, Georgia, Louisiana, Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky are in Hampton to help in the church's rebuilding process. The group is part of the organization Resurrection Disaster Relief based in Virginia. They specialize in rebuilding structures after a natural disaster. A member of Hampton's congregation was able to relay word about the church's rebuilding efforts to an associate of the organization.

"They agreed to come

and put the call out that they were going to rebuild this church in Kentucky," Starrick said. "They were hoping for Thanksgiving to have about 50 people in. Now it's 62. Some came in and left Wednesday to be with their families for Thanksgiving. Others came Wednesday because they are going to be off for the holidays."

Starrick said the organization is made up of skilled volunteers experienced in rebuilding sites after natural disasters. He said the group spent one year in Virginia building nine homes from the ground up between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

A concrete slab had already been poured at the site and Starrick said he was praying the weather would cooperate for the volunteers.

"The goal is to be able to have all the walls up and trusses set and maybe

have the metal roof on before they leave," he said. "We are going to be rebuilding the sanctuary on one end of the educational building that wasn't damaged. Then we are also going to be building a completely new gym where our sanctuary had stood. We're actually going to be putting up two buildings but they are going to be connected to the educational building so it will look like one building when it's all done."

The church moved into the old Hampton Elementary School in 2000. Both the gym and kitchen area were leveled by the tornado. The congregation has been meeting at North Livingston Elementary School's gym since that time. Starrick offered his appreciation to the school board and elementary school officials for allowing them to use that location during the rebuilding process.



Cold temperatures didn't stop volunteers from Resurrection Disaster Relief as they worked Sunday afternoon to help rebuild North Livingston Baptist Church in Hampton.

"We know that God has blessed us through this," Starrick said, adding Thanksgiving week was an

appropriate time to have a building blitz to raise the church. "Thanksgiving this year is really a time of

thanksgiving and seeing how God has blessed even in the midst of a difficult circumstance."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

CCHS names November Students of Month

The following students were named Crittenden County High School's November Students of the Month. They include (front row) Mallory McDowell, Bobby Glen Stephens and Tristian Knight; (second row) Elle LaPlante, Emily Hall, Khyla Moss and Arry Schofield; (third row) Ashley Cooper, Chloe McKinzie, Kasey Herrin, Dusty Lemon, Maria Dossett and Emily Robertson; (fourth row) Noah Hadfield, Chelsea Tramel, Alex Maynard, Mackenzie Mathews, Cassidy Moss and Daniel Bricken; (fifth row) Travis McKinney, Bobby Vasseur, Cody Hayes, Anna Hazel and Marcus Tinsley.

STOP tip line provides reporting means to schools

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Crittenden County School officials said the Safety Tipline Online Prevention program, also known as STOP, is officially live and functioning on the district and schools' web-sites.

At the Nov. 19 board of education meeting, the agreement with the Kentucky Center for School Safety for access to the STOP program was ap-

proved.

STOP is an online reporting/prevention tool. If students, parents or community members know of an unsafe situation in schools, such as bullying, weapons, drugs or alcohol, they can anonymously pass on that information to school personnel by using a basic email format. Individuals can access the STOP tip line by clicking on the icon on the school district's web pages.

Crittenden County Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough said the online reporting system provides another layer of safety in the district's schools.

"If anybody wanted to present an anonymous tip for us to follow up on it goes to designated administrators in our district so that it can be followed up on as quickly as is feasible," Dr. Yarbrough said. "It provides another layer of safety in making sure

our community and students understand that we take all reports very seriously and student safety is a high priority in our school district. I'm pleased our district has moved in this direction and the Center for Safe Schools has offered it as an option."

Crittenden County was one of a handful of school districts allowed to pilot the safety tip line earlier in the school year.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Color winners named

Winners of the Thanksgiving coloring contest sponsored by WMJL and Food Giant are (top photo) first grader Danielle Riley and second grader Riley Smith. Pictured below is kindergarten winner Elliot Evans.

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Anyone who wishes to honor a veteran is asked to submit a copy of a picture of that person in uniform, no larger than 8x10, along with the person's name, branch of service and a contact number.


Pictures may be mailed to Julie Tinsley at 9430 SR 297, Marion, KY 42064. Please do not send originals as it will not be possible to return them. If help is needed to copy a picture, bring it to the VFW Post at 412 N. College St. in Marion between the hours of 7 and 10 a.m. on Tuesdays. Photos may also be placed in the dropbox on the outside of the VFW building.

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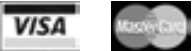
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notices

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Notice is hereby given that on November 20th, 2013 Martha V. Greene of 303 Maple Street, Marion, Ky 42064 was appointed administratrix of Anne C. Hina, deceased, whose address was 469 Mattoon Loop, Marion, Ky 42064. Lindell Choat, Attorney.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the administratrix before the 20th day of May, 2014 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-22-c)

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CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT

CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-CI-00065

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BENTON PLAINTIFF VS.

TIMOTHY R. DOWNING

and his wife;

CANDICE N. DOWNING;

LOURDES HOSPITAL, INC;

TAX EASE LIEN INVESTMENTS

1, LLC; and

CRITTENDEN COUNTY

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DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the 12th day of September, 2013, I will on Friday, December 6, 2013, beginning at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following de-

scribed real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 910 Owens Road, Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky 42064

DESCRIPTION:

All iron pins set are ½-inch x 24-inch rebars with yellow plastic caps stamped "B.J. May L.S. 878."

Beginning at a ½ inch rebar found with a plastic cap stamped "B.J. May L.S. 878" on the east side of and 15 feet from the center of Owens Road, corner to Polston (Will Book 11, Page 113), being S 07° 10' 58" E 93.73 feet from the east end of an 18-inch metal pipe crossing under Owens Road, also being at approximate Kentucky co-ordinates (south zone) N 304,400 feet, E 1,291.100 feet; thence with the meanders of the east side of Owens Road N 00° 27' 03" W 44.95 feet and N 04° 49' 37" W 136.91 feet to an iron pin set, a new corner; thence with new division lines S 81° 43' 35" E 239.70 feet to an iron pin set and S 03° 43' 41" E 181.77 feet to an iron pin set in Polston's line; thence along her line N 81° 43' 13" W 239.64 feet to the beginning; containing 0.973 acre, more or less, according to a survey by Billy J. May, L.S. 878, on February 16, 2000.

Being in all respects the same property conveyed to Timothy R. Downing and his wife, Candice N. Downing, by Deed dated February 14, 2003 and recorded in Deed Book 195, Page 406, Crittenden County Clerk's Office.

Also included are a 1996 Mid America mobile home, VIN MAKY1721, and an air unit, serial number 961153461.

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Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, The purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will be immediately be offered again for sale.

This the 3rd day of

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Brandi D. Rogers

MASTER COMMISSIONER

CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT

(3t-23-c)

Legal Notice

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COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN;

DEFENDANTS

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the October 25, 2013, I will on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2013, at the hour of 10:00 or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit:

DESCRIPTION: Three (3) Surveys of land lying and being in the County of Crittenden State of Ky. On Hoods Creek, joins the land of Will Samuels and bounded as follows; to-wit:

Beginning at a sugar tree and poplar on the South side of R.R. thence crossing Railroad N. 12, E. 22 poles to a stake; thence N. 48 E. 63 poles to a stone; thence N. 85 E. 45 poles to a white oak stump; thence crossing Railroad S. 21 E. 35 poles to a stone near the ford of the Creek; thence S. 39 1/4 W. 31 poles to a sweet gum; thence S 16 ½ W 64 poles to a rock in the west side of the road; thence N. 53 W. 84 poles to the beginning containing 42 acres (less 2 acres which belongs to the R.R. right of way).

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Third tract joining second tract, Beginning at a white oak stump an original corner up the hill with a line of Dr. R.L. Moore N. 25 W. 26 poles to a stake; thence up the line of said Moore W. 14 1/2 poles to a stake, thence N. 10 W. 28 poles to a stone on the North side of the Rose Bud and Blackford Road, thence down said road E 6 poles to a stone, thence S. 70 E. 86 poles to a stone with white oak and black oak pointers corner to B.F. Thurmond, thence with his line N. 55 E. 22 poles to a stake in the line of said Thurmond thence with his line N. 70 E. 34 poles to a white oak stump on the bank of Hoods Creek, thence S. 58 W. 120 poles to a point in the I.C.R.R. one of the original corners, thence N. 35 W. 12 poles to a white oak stump to the beginning corner, containing 15 acres more or less.

SOURCE OF TITLE: Being the same property conveyed to Thomas Henry by

J.B. Phillips, et ux., by Deed dated April 12, 1909, of record in Deed Book 26, at

Page 60, Crittenden County Clerk's Office.

One tract or parcel of land lying and being in the county and state of aforesaid on flood Creek and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stone on the South side of the road leading from Rose-Bud Church to Blackford, running S 72 E 76 poles to a stone; thence N 53 E 30 poles to a maple; thence N. 72 E 32 poles to a Creek; thence down same N 24 W 211/2 poles N 271/2 26 poles; thence N 19 E 2 poles N 39 E 41/2 poles N 55 E 13 poles to an Elm; thence N 20 E 54 poles to the said Roadright away; thence with same 101 poles to a stake; thence N. 65 W. 9 poles to a stake in Public Road; thence with same S 33 W 13 poles S 22 W. 12 poles S 47 W 6 poles S 60 W 6 poles S 70 W 6 poles N 78 W 36 poles to the beginning containing 29 3/4 acres by survey.

SOURCE OF TITLE: Being the same property conveyed to Thomas Henry by

Ben W. Thurmond by Deed dated February 5, 1919, of record in Deed Book 41, at

Page 220, Crittenden County Clerk's Office.

Thomas Henry, since deceased, died intestate on or about October ____, 1918 and his heirs at law Ursie Henry, his widow, a dower interest, and Tom Henry, S.J. Henry, and Jessie Louis Henry. See Affidavit of Descent of record in Deed Book 64, at Page 102. S.J. (Shelby Joe) Henry, since deceased, died intestate on August 11, 1951, and his heirs at law were Margaret Helen Shields Henry, his widow, a dower interest, and Richard Henry, Robert Joe Henry, and Jacqueline Henry Terrell. See Affidavit of Descent of record in Deed Book 223, at Page 72. All reference to the Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office.

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PUBLIC NOTICE CASE NO. 2013-00385			
THE APPLICATION OF KENERGY CORP. FOR AN ADJUSTMENT IN EXISTING RATES			
Kenergy Corp., 6402 Old Corydon Road, Henderson, KY 42420, will file an application for an adjustment in existing rates with the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 2013-00385. The proposed changes are designed to flow-through to Kenergy's customers the wholesale power expense increase of \$48,109,856 which will result from the rate increase Big Rivers Electric Corporation proposes in Case No. 2013-00199. Big Rivers has proposed to offset the rate increase using the economic reserve funds until they are exhausted. The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Kenergy Corp.; however, the Kentucky Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates. Such action may result in rates for members other than the rates proposed by Kenergy and contained in this notice.			
The present and proposed rates are as follows:			
		Present Rate Schedule	Proposed Rate Schedule
Residential Service (Single & Three-Phase):			
Customer Charge per Delivery Point	\$	13.83 per month	\$ 17.68 per month
Energy Charge per KWH	\$	0.089782	\$ 0.114802
All Non-Residential Single Phase:			
Customer Charge per Delivery Point	\$	19.59 per month	\$ 25.05 per month
Energy Charge per KWH	\$	0.088260	\$ 0.112860
Three-Phase Demand			
Non-Dedicated Delivery Points (0 - 1,000 KW):			
Customer Charge per Delivery Point	\$	40.34 per month	\$ 51.58 per month
Demand Charge:			
All KW During Month	\$	5.12	\$ 6.55
Energy Charge:			
First 200 KWH per KW, per KWH	\$	0.07754	\$ 0.09915
Next 200 KWH per KW, per KWH	\$	0.05947	\$ 0.07604
All Over 400 KWH per KW, per KWH	\$	0.05264	\$ 0.06731
Primary Service Discount	\$.58 per KW	\$.74 per KW
Three-Phase Demand			
Non-Dedicated Delivery Points (1,001 KW & Over):			
Option A - High Load Factor (above 50%)			
Customer Charge per Delivery Point	\$	864.35 per month	\$ 1,105.22 per month
Demand Charge:			
All KW During Month	\$	10.81	\$ 13.82
Energy Charge:			
First 200 KWH per KW, per KWH	\$	0.04625	\$ 0.05914
Next 200 KWH per KW, per KWH	\$	0.04249	\$ 0.05433
All Over 400 KWH per KW, per KWH	\$	0.04022	\$ 0.05143
Primary Service Discount	\$.58 per KW	\$.74 per KW
Option B - Low Load Factor (below 50%)			
Customer Charge per Delivery Point	\$	864.35 per month	\$ 1,105.22 per month
Demand Charge:			
All KW During Month	\$	6.09	\$ 7.79
Energy Charge:			
First 150 KWH per KW, per KWH	\$	0.06409	\$ 0.08195
Over 150 KWH per KW, per KWH	\$	0.05613	\$ 0.07177
Primary Service Discount	\$.58 per KW	\$.74 per KW
		Present Rate Schedule	Proposed Rate Schedule
Private Outdoor Lighting (per month)			
Standard (served overhead)			
Not Available for New Installations after December 1, 2012 - Will Be Replaced with the Nearest Equivalent Lumen Fixture upon Failure:			
7000 LUMEN-175W-MERCURY VAPOR	\$	9.80	\$ 12.53
12000 LUMEN-250W-MERCURY VAPOR	\$	11.73	\$ 15.00
20000 LUMEN-400W-MERCURY VAPOR	\$	14.35	\$ 18.35
9500 LUMEN-100W-HPS	\$	9.23	\$ 11.80
9000 LUMEN-100W METAL HALIDE (MH)	\$	8.70	\$ 11.12
24000 LUMEN-400W METAL HALIDE (MH)	\$	18.67	\$ 23.87
Available for New Installations after December 1, 2012:			
5200 LUMEN-60W-LED NEMA HEAD	\$	7.88	\$ 10.08
20000/27000 LUMEN-200/250W- HPS	\$	13.70	\$ 17.52
61000 LUMEN-400W-HPS-FLOOD LGT	\$	16.11	\$ 20.60
Commercial and Industrial Lighting			
Available for New Installations after April 1, 2011:			
Flood Lighting Fixture			
28000 LUMEN HPS-250W-FLOOD LGT	\$	12.46	\$ 15.93
61000 LUMEN-400W-HPS-FLOOD LGT	\$	16.12	\$ 20.61
Not Available for New Installations after December 1, 2012:			
140000 LUMEN-1000W-HPS-FLOOD LGT	\$	37.17	\$ 47.53
19500 LUMEN-250W-MH-FLOOD LGT	\$	11.93	\$ 15.25
32000 LUMEN-400W-MH-FLOOD LGT	\$	16.05	\$ 20.52
107000 LUMEN-1000W-MH-FLOOD LGT	\$	37.11	\$ 47.45
Not Available for New Installations after April 1, 2011:			
Contemporary (Shoebox)			
28000 LUMEN-250W-HPS SHOEBOX	\$	14.09	\$ 18.02
61000 LUMEN-400W-HPS SHOEBOX	\$	17.84	\$ 22.81
107000 LUMEN-100W-MH SHOEBOX	\$	37.17	\$ 47.53
19500 LUMEN-250W-MH SHOEBOX	\$	13.55	\$ 17.33
32000 LUMEN-400W-MH SHOEBOX	\$	17.49	\$ 22.36
107000 LUMEN-1000W-MH SHOEBOX	\$	37.11	\$ 47.45
Not Available for New Installations after April 1, 2011:			
Decorative Lighting			
9000 LUMEN MH ACORN GLOBE	\$	12.64	\$ 16.16
16600 LUMEN-175W-MH ACORN GLOBE	\$	15.57	\$ 19.91
9000 LUMEN-175W-MH ROUND GLOBE	\$	12.40	\$ 15.86
16600 LUMEN-175W-MH ROUND GLOBE	\$	14.45	\$ 18.48
16600 LUMEN-175W-MH LANTERN GLOBE	\$	14.60	\$ 18.67
28000 LUMEN - HPS ACORN GLOBE	\$	14.26	\$ 18.23
		Present Rate Schedule	Proposed Rate Schedule
Not Available for New Installations after April 1, 2011:			
Pedestal Mounted Pole			
STEEL 25 FT PEDESTAL MT POLE	\$	8.00	\$ 10.23
STEEL 30 FT PEDESTAL MT POLE	\$	9.00	\$ 11.51
STEEL 39 FT PEDESTAL MT POLE	\$	15.13	\$ 19.35
Available for New Installations after April 1, 2011:			
WOOD 30 FT DIRECT BURIAL POLE	\$	5.01	\$ 6.41
ALUMINUM 28 FT DIRECT BURIAL	\$	10.30	\$ 13.17
Not Available for New Installations after April 1, 2011:			
FLUTED FIBERGLASS 15 FT POLE			
FLUTED ALUMINUM 14FT POLE			
Street Lighting Service(per month)			
Not available for New Installations after April 1, 2011 - Existing Fixture will be Replaced with the Nearest Equivalent Lumen Fixture upon Failure:			
7000 LUMEN-175W-MERCURY VAPOR	\$	9.80	\$ 12.53
20000 LUMEN-400W-MERCURY VAPOR	\$	14.35	\$ 18.35
Available for New Installations after April 1, 2011:			
9500 LUMEN-100W-HPS STREET LGT	\$	9.23	\$ 11.80
27000 LUMEN-250W-HPS ST LIGHT	\$	13.70	\$ 17.52
Not Available for New Installations after April 1, 2011 - Existing Fixture will be Replaced with the Nearest Equivalent Lumen Fixture upon Failure:			
9000 LUMEN-100W MH	\$	8.70	\$ 11.12
24000 LUMEN-400W MH	\$	18.42	\$ 23.55
Underground Service with Non-Std. Pole			
UG NON-STD POLE-GOVT & DISTRICT	\$	6.44	\$ 8.23
Overhead Service to Street Lighting Districts			
OH FAC-STREET LIGHT DISTRICT	\$	2.69	\$ 3.44
Decorative Underground Service			
Not Available for New Installations after April 1, 2011:			
6300 LUMEN-DECOR-70W-HPS ACORN	\$	12.72	\$ 16.26
6300 LUMEN DECOR-70W-HPS LANTERN	\$	12.72	\$ 16.26
12600 LUMEN HPS-70W-2 DECOR FIX	\$	22.54	\$ 28.82
Available for New Installations after April 1, 2011:			
28000 LUMEN - HPS ACORN GL 14 FT POLE	\$	24.39	\$ 31.19
Special Street Lighting Districts			
Not Available for New Installations after April 1, 2011:			
BASKETT STREET LIGHTING	\$	3.39	\$ 4.33
MEADOW HILL STREET LIGHTING	\$	3.09	\$ 3.95
SPOTTSVILLE STREET LIGHTING	\$	3.83	\$ 4.90
		Present Rate Schedule	Proposed Rate Schedule
Renewable Resource Energy Service Rider			
Per Kilowatt Hour Premium of:			
Non-Direct Served Customers:			
per Kilowatt Hour Premium of:	\$	0.02087	\$ 0.020870
Direct Served Customers (excluding Class A)			
	\$	0.025	\$ 0.020000
Large Industrial Customers Served Under Special Contract			
Dedicated Delivery Points (Class A)			
Base Energy Charge per KWH		.045228	N/A
Dedicated Delivery Points (Class B)			
Demand Charge per KW	\$	10.715	\$ 17.979
Energy Charge per KWH	\$	0.030166	\$ 0.035166
Dedicated Delivery Points (Class C)			
Demand Charge per KW	\$	10.715	\$ 17.979
Energy Charge per KWH	\$	0.033000	\$ 0.038000
Small Power Production or Cogeneration (100 KW or less):			
(Customer Sells Power to Kenergy)			
Base Payment per KWH	\$	0.035	\$ 0.035000
Small Power Production or Cogeneration(Over 100KW):			
(Customer Buys Power from Kenergy)			
The Charges for On-Peak Maintenance Service shall be the greater of:			
(1) per KW of Scheduled Demand per Week	\$	3.01	\$ 5.77
per KWH of Maintenance Energy	\$	0.035	\$ 0.035000
or			
(2) % of Market Price		110%	110%
The Charges for Off-Peak Maintenance Service shall be:			
per KW of Scheduled Demand per Week	\$	3.01	\$ 5.77
Excess Demand:			
to Import Energy from a 3rd Party:			
(1) % of Actual Cost Incurred		110%	110%
when Power is not Imported the Greater of:			
Charge per KW times highest Excess Demand	\$	12.914	\$ 24.742
or % of Highest Price Received for Off-System		110%	110%
		Present Rate Schedule	Before Accelerated MRSM & RER Credit (1)
Residential Deposit Amount		\$251.00	\$330.00
			After Accelerated MRSM & RER Credit (2)
			\$251.00
The amount and percent changes by rate class are as follows:			
		Before Accelerated MRSM & RER Credit(1)	After Accelerated MRSM & RER Credit(2)
		Big Rivers Flow-Through Dollars	Big Rivers Flow-Through Dollars
		Percent Change	Percent Change
Rate Class			
Residential Service	\$19,999,885	29.0%	\$0 0.0%
All Non-Residential Single Phase	\$3,389,592	28.9%	\$0 0.0%
Three-Phase (less than 1,000 KW)	\$4,927,431	29.1%	\$0 0.0%
Three-Phase (1,001 KW & Over)	\$1,846,855	29.4%	\$0 0.0%
Unmetered Lighting	\$567,212	28.5%	\$0 0.0%
Other	\$235,055	29.3%	\$0 0.0%
Total Non-Direct Served	\$30,966,030	29.0%	\$0 0.0%
		Rate Class	After Accelerated MRSM Only(3)
Direct Served Customer Class A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Direct Served Customers Class B	\$10,222,420	30.8%	\$0 0.0%
Direct Served Customers Class C	\$6,857,919	38.7%	\$0 0.0%
Total Direct Served	\$17,080,339	33.5%	\$0 0.0%
Total All	\$48,046,369	30.6%	\$0 0.0%
The effect of the proposed rates on the average monthly bill by rate class is as follows:			
		Before Accelerated MRSM & RER Credit(1)	After Accelerated MRSM & RER Credit(2) (3)
		Current Normalized Monthly Bill Through	Impact of Big Rivers Monthly Bill Change
		Proposed Monthly Bill Change	Percent Impact of Big Rivers Monthly Bill Change
Rate Class			
Residential Service	\$127.79	\$37.00	\$164.79 29.0%
All Non-Residential Single Phase	\$108.86	\$31.45	\$140.31 28.9%
Three-Phase (less than 1,000 KW)	\$1,390.11	\$404.45	\$1,794.56 29.1%
Three-Phase (1,001 KW & Over)	\$34,889.90	\$10,260.30	\$45,150.20 29.4%
Unmetered Lighting	n/a	n/a	n/a
Direct Served Customer Class A	n/a	n/a	n/a
Direct Served Customers Class B	\$922,757.92	\$283,956.10	\$1,206,714.02 30.8%
Direct Served Customers Class C	\$86,926.77	\$33,617.25	\$120,544.02 38.7%
(1) Big Rivers has proposed accelerating the use of the Member Rate Stability Mechanism (MRSM) and the Rural Economic Reserve (RER) to offset the proposed base rate increase.			
(2) The (MRSM) is expected to be exhausted in July of 2014 and the (RER) in April of 2015.			
(3) Per the proposed Big Rivers tariff and previous Kentucky Public Service Commission order, the RER applies only to the non-direct served classes.			
Any corporation, association, or person with a substantial interest in the matter may request to intervene by written request or motion, within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice of the proposed rate changes, although the Kentucky Public Service Commission may grant intervention beyond the thirty (30) day period for good cause shown. The request to intervene shall be submitted to the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P. O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 and shall set forth the grounds for the request, including the status and interest of the party. Interveners may obtain copies of the application by contacting Kenergy Corp., 6402 Old Corydon Road, Henderson, KY 42420, or by calling (800) 844-4832.			
A copy of the application and any other filing is available for public inspection at Kenergy's office at the above stated address or at one of its branch offices at 315 Hawes Boulevard, Hawesville, KY 42348; 1441 U.S. Highway 231 North, Hartford, KY 42347; 2620 Brown Badgett Loop, Hanson, KY 42413; 703 South Main Street, Marion, KY 42064; or 3111 Fairview Drive, Owensboro, KY 42303.			
By: Gregory J. Starheim, President and CEO			

At left (from left) seventh-grade King Hunter Boone and Queen Ashley Wheeler, eighth-grade Queen Madison O'Dell and King Adam Beavers and sixth grade Queen Hayleigh Bradham and King Hunter Jones. Above is the entire homecoming court (front from left) Ethan Shaffer, Michael P. Kirk, Hayleigh Bradham, Kiersten DeBoe, Mackenzie Dennis, Jenna Potter and Ellie McGowan, (middle row) Mauri Collins, Chaylee Wolf, Madison O'Dell, Emma Atchison, Baylee Priest, Hanna Easley, Kenlee Perryman, Paige Gilbert, Ashley Wheeler, Caitlyn Lynch, (back row) Dougie Conger, Hunter Jones, Jayden Carlson, Logan Belt, Clay Croft, Adam Beavers, Landon Brooks, David Maness, Payton Riley, Ethan Dosset, Hunter Boone and Sawyer Towery. Not pictured is Dawson Doyle.

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Rockets Basketball



Maggie Collins
Senior - Forward



Chelsea Oliver
Junior - Forward



Taylor Johnson
Junior - Forward



Marie Riley
Junior - Forward



Khyla Moss
Junior - Forward



Mallory McDowell
Junior - Guard



Cassidy Moss
Freshman - Guard



Meredith Evans
Freshman - Forward



Francesca Pierce
Freshman - Guard



Courtney Beverly
Freshman - Forward



Kiana Nesbitt
Freshman - Forward



Amanda Lynch
Freshman - Guard



Travis Gilbert
Senior - Guard



Aaron Owen
Senior - Guard



Taylor Champion
Senior - Guard



Devin Belt
Senior - Center



Zach Tinsley
Senior - Forward



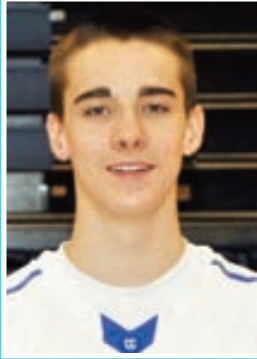
Noah Dickerson
Junior - Forward



Adam Driver
Junior - Center



Trevor Faith
Junior - Guard



Landon Young
Junior - Guard



Noah Hadfield
Junior - Forward



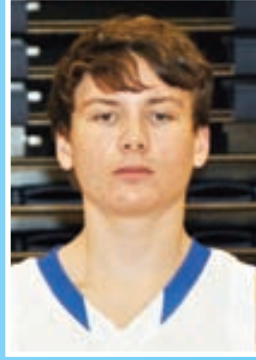
Colby Watson
Junior - Forward



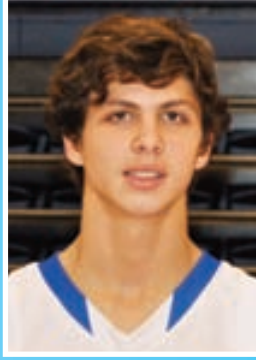
Dylan Hicks
Sophomore - Guard



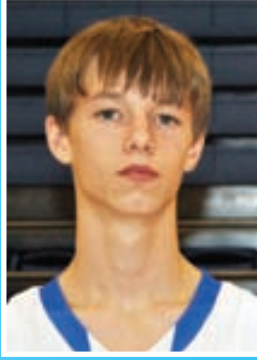
Dakota Watson
Sophomore - Forward



Reid Baker
Sophomore - Guard



Nick Rodgers
Sophomore - Guard



Nick Greenwell
Sophomore - Forward



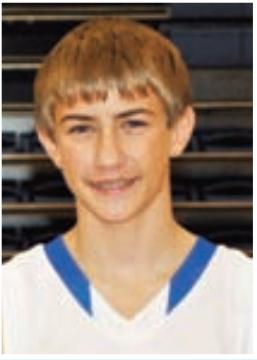
Ryan James
Sophomore - Forward



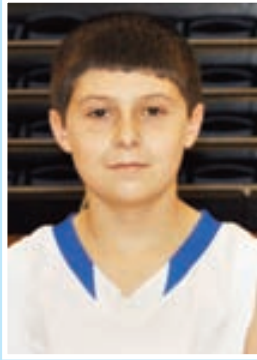
Maeson Myers
Freshman - Guard



Paxton Riley
Freshman - Guard



Will Tolley
Freshman - Guard



Bobby Glen Stephens
Freshman - Guard



Jared Lundy
Freshman - Forward

The Lady Rockets open their season at home Monday night against non-regional foe Paducah St. Mary... Then, the Rockets open up next Friday, Dec. 6 at home against district rival Trigg County in a varsity doubleheader.



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