

NEWS

SCHOOLS' VETERANS DAY SERVICE MONDAY

Crittenden County Schools will host their annual Veterans Day service on Monday at Rocket Arena. The ceremony begins at 9 a.m., and the community is invited. Crittenden County native and West Point military academy graduate Brandon Carlson will be the featured speaker. There will be no Veterans Day service this year at Mapleview Cemetery war memorial.

PUBLIC OFFICES CLOSE TO HONOR VETERANS

Several public offices will be closed Monday in observance of Veterans Day. Since the holiday falls on a Sunday this year, observance has generally been moved to Monday by all government offices. All city and county government operations in Crittenden County, including city hall, the courthouse, convenience center and animal shelter will be closed Monday, as will the senior center, Crittenden County Assistance Center and the public library. The sheriff's office will also be closed Saturday. All state and federal offices will be closed Monday, including the postal service. That will delay delivery of The Early Bird. The Extension service and The Crittenden Press will be open Monday.

CIRCUIT CLERK FINES DUE DESPITE HOLIDAY

Crittenden Circuit Clerk's office will be closed Monday in observance of Veterans Day. This is the normal State Court Improvement - Basic Program, or SCIP, date when fine payments are reviewed. Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill said all fine payments are still due even though court will not be held and the office is closed. Defendants must pay by 4 p.m. Friday or by 9 a.m. on Tuesday or a bench warrant will be issued for their arrest. Guill's office opens at 8 a.m.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Several special meeting dates have been set by public agencies for the month: - Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees will meet in special session at 5 p.m. next Wednesday in the library meeting room. This will serve as the November meeting.

Bullet found on Crittenden school bus

STAFF REPORT  
Crittenden County Schools conducted a security investigation Tuesday morning after a student found a .22-caliber bullet on a school bus at the end of the route to school. The student gave the bullet to the bus driver, who promptly reported it to school officials. School administrators and School Resource Officer John Shofner immediately secured the bus - which was at the middle and high school campus - and a security check was conducted of each student and the bus. Backpacks, students and the bus were all thoroughly searched. No other ammunition nor a weapon was found, and it was concluded that it was safe to release all students to class, said Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark. Elementary students on the bus were initially taken off the vehicle and into a building on the middle and high school campus while the search was conducted. They were later put back on the bus and taken to their school, only a few minutes late. The school district is not releasing the bus number or particular route at this time, as the investigation is continuing. "Safety and security are top priorities for our school district, and we applaud that our student reported what he found immediately and school officials conducted a thorough search," said Clark.

★★ Election HQ ★★

Johnson holds off Frazer

'Red wave' continues, fiscal court upended

STAFF REPORT  
County Attorney Rebecca Johnson outlasted challenger Bart Frazer in Tuesday's general election in Crittenden County despite a red tide of GOP voters who swept out three sitting Democrats on the fiscal court and seated another Republican magistrate in an open race. Although some believe local politics isn't overtly political, Tuesday continued a trend of Crittenden County voters distancing themselves from the Democratic Party not only in registration but also in polling. Straight ticket Republican voters tripled up their counterparts 757-258, helping political newcomers defeat long-serving Democrat policymakers in the county. "It's going to be a whole new court, except for me. I am somewhat surprised," said District 6 Magistrate Dan Wood, a Democrat and the only returning member of the fiscal court. "I think a lot of people just voted straight (Republican) ticket. I guess, the red wave continues." More than 35 years of experience on the fiscal court will be lost with the results of balloting Tuesday. In District 2, the county's longest-serving political figure, Curt Buntin, lost his bid for a sixth term on the fiscal court after 20 years of service. The Democrat lost by 118 votes to newcomer Todd Perryman, 30, for the right to represent the Sheridan and Tolu areas. "I didn't know what to expect," said Perryman, whose late father, Ted, served several years on the school board. "I

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Guess entering Hall as baseball broadcaster

STAFF REPORT  
Gordon Guess was never formally trained as a broadcaster, he just picked it up through his love of sports. On Saturday, he will be enshrined into the National Semi-Pro Baseball Hall of Fame, which is recognizing his media contributions to independent baseball. Guess was the lead broadcaster for Tradewater Pirates baseball games for seven years, beginning in 2000. After his time over the airwaves for the Dawson Springs team, he founded his own semi-pro baseball team. The Pirates played as an independent team in the KIT League from 1999 to 2012.



Gordon Guess is being inducted Saturday into the National Semi-Pro Baseball Hall of Fame, which is recognizing his media contributions to independent baseball.

New Marion Baptist pastor starts Nov. 19

STAFF REPORT  
He's a humble guy, but when 35-year-old Aaron Brown steps into the Marion Baptist Church pulpit later this month, he will be steering one of the largest congregations in Crittenden County. Brown is a native of Caldwell County and for the last 10 years has pastored Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Kuttawa, which he's helped grow from a small flock of Sunday worshippers to more than 100 churchgoers. But for Brown, ministry doesn't stop or start at the church doors. "I think that ministry is



Brown

done more outside the church. It is important for a pastor to be visible in the community," he said. Brown has been quite active during his years in Kuttawa. He's well known throughout Lyon County and has been involved in youth sports, Champions for a Drug-Free Community, Watch-DOGS and many other school and community volunteer organizations. Brown is married to his high school sweetheart, Jennifer, who is a licensed nurse practitioner. They

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# 2018 Crittenden County General Election recapitulation

Unofficial election results.  
Incumbents indicated with an asterisk.


			Marion No. 2 Emmanuel	Rosebud No. 11 Mattoon FD	Sheridan No. 9 Deer Creek	Tolu No. 10 Cmnty Ctr	Marion No. 4 Ed-Tech	Frances No. 8 Grace Bapt	Marion No. 1 Courthouse	Fords Ferry No. 5 Library	Frances No. 7 Mexico Bapt	Marion No. 6 St William	Marion No. 3 Marion Bapt	Shady Grove No. 12 SG Fire Dept	Absentee
			DISTRICT 1		DISTRICT 2		DISTRICT 3		DISTRICT 4		DISTRICT 5		DISTRICT 6		TOTAL
VOTER TURNOUT	51.7%		50.1%	50.8%	55.5%	58.0%	48.2%	45.9%	33.3%	58.3%	45.1%	54.7%	47.6%	58.9%	177
REGISTERED VOTERS	6,667		539	449	737	457	772	259	859	187	594	674	843	297	
TOTAL VOTES	3,448		270	228	409	265	372	119	286	109	268	369	401	175	
STRAIGHT PARTY VOTES		TOTAL	No. 2	No. 11	No. 9	No. 10	No. 4	No. 8	No. 1	No. 5	No. 7	No. 6	No. 3	No. 12	Absentee
REPUBLICAN		757	53	58	73	44	81	35	76	19	49	69	100	52	48
DEMOCRATIC		258	18	25	29	10	17	15	20	13	31	15	34	21	10
US CONGRESS	DISTRICT 1	COUNTY	No. 2	No. 11	No. 9	No. 10	No. 4	No. 8	No. 1	No. 5	No. 7	No. 6	No. 3	No. 12	Absentee
R-James R. COMER*	172,166	2,548	189	162	312	203	282	88	205	77	188	288	295	123	136
D-Paul WALKER	78,849	808	72	57	85	58	79	30	68	31	76	73	95	49	35
STATE SENATE	DISTRICT 4	COUNTY	No. 2	No. 11	No. 9	No. 10	No. 4	No. 8	No. 1	No. 5	No. 7	No. 6	No. 3	No. 12	Absentee
R-Robert M. "Robby" MILLS	19,057	2,144	144	134	268	172	231	81	180	67	160	240	247	100	120
D-J. Dorsey RIDLEY*	18,573	1,219	117	88	130	87	132	36	96	42	99	123	143	74	52
STATE HOUSE	DISTRICT 4	COUNTY	No. 2	No. 11	No. 9	No. 10	No. 4	No. 8	No. 1	No. 5	No. 7	No. 6	No. 3	No. 12	Absentee
R-Lynn BECHLER*	10,003	2,191	163	138	261	172	233	81	178	66	175	234	259	101	130
D-Abigail C. BARNES	5,763	1,170	102	80	141	87	128	37	100	43	88	122	131	68	43
COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY	CIRCUIT 5	COUNTY	No. 2	No. 11	No. 9	No. 10	No. 4	No. 8	No. 1	No. 5	No. 7	No. 6	No. 3	No. 12	Absentee
D-Zac GREENWELL*	9,564	2,362	189	161	280	176	264	73	191	73	194	268	260	117	116
CIRCUIT CLERK	COUNTY		No. 2	No. 11	No. 9	No. 10	No. 4	No. 8	No. 1	No. 5	No. 7	No. 6	No. 3	No. 12	Absentee
R-Melissa GUILL*	2,890		226	183	348	217	319	99	241	85	216	318	337	137	164
PVA	COUNTY		No. 2	No. 11	No. 9	No. 10	No. 4	No. 8	No. 1	No. 5	No. 7	No. 6	No. 3	No. 12	Absentee
D-Ronnie HEADY*	2,367		196	163	298	179	250	74	196	74	184	258	265	116	114
JUDGE-EXECUTIVE	COUNTY		No. 2	No. 11	No. 9	No. 10	No. 4	No. 8	No. 1	No. 5	No. 7	No. 6	No. 3	No. 12	Absentee
R-Perry NEWCOM*	2,780		223	187	333	203	308	94	241	83	199	303	318	140	148
COUNTY ATTORNEY	COUNTY		No. 2	No. 11	No. 9	No. 10	No. 4	No. 8	No. 1	No. 5	No. 7	No. 6	No. 3	No. 12	Absentee
R-Bart FRAZER	1,617		111	109	185	114	188	60	141	45	125	183	187	77	92
D-Rebecca JOHNSON*	1,762		152	114	221	145	174	57	136	62	139	182	206	95	79
COUNTY CLERK	COUNTY		No. 2	No. 11	No. 9	No. 10	No. 4	No. 8	No. 1	No. 5	No. 7	No. 6	No. 3	No. 12	Absentee
R-Carolyn BYFORD*	2,701		207	179	312	209	308	90	237	85	196	286	315	122	155
D-Ashley SMITH (write-in)	205		23	15	36	16	28	5	8	3	13	18	22	14	4
SHERIFF	COUNTY		No. 2	No. 11	No. 9	No. 10	No. 4	No. 8	No. 1	No. 5	No. 7	No. 6	No. 3	No. 12	Absentee
R-Wayne AGENT*	2,920		238	191	346	213	325	98	250	83	220	319	337	144	156
JAILER	COUNTY		No. 2	No. 11	No. 9	No. 10	No. 4	No. 8	No. 1	No. 5	No. 7	No. 6	No. 3	No. 12	Absentee
R-Robert Paris KIRK*	2,669		209	183	320	191	285	93	229	75	204	292	307	135	146
CORONER	COUNTY		No. 2	No. 11	No. 9	No. 10	No. 4	No. 8	No. 1	No. 5	No. 7	No. 6	No. 3	No. 12	Absentee
R-Bradley R. GILBERT*	2,831		230	181	340	210	310	93	235	83	207	312	329	141	160
MAGISTRATE: DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT		No. 2	No. 11	No. 9	No. 10	No. 4	No. 8	No. 1	No. 5	No. 7	No. 6	No. 3	No. 12	Absentee
R-Dave BELT	324		152	158											14
D-Danny FOWLER*	191		115	69											7
CONSTABLE: DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT		No. 2	No. 11											Absentee
R-Barry R. BROWN*	370		188	165											17
MAGISTRATE: DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT				No. 9	No. 10									Absentee
R-Todd PERRYMAN	410				235	154									21
D-Curtis Wade BUNTIN*	292				171	109									12
CONSTABLE: DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT				No. 9	No. 10									Absentee
R-Wesley CULLEN	495				296	172									27
MAGISTRATE: DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT				No. 9	No. 10	No. 4	No. 8							Absentee
R-Willard GUILL	354						253	81							20
D-Harold COLLINS	146						106	34							6
CONSTABLE: DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT						No. 4	No. 8							Absentee
R-Paul BEARD*	378						273	86							19
MAGISTRATE: DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT								No. 1	No. 5					Absentee
R-Ron HARBOUR (write-in)	24								17	7					0
D-Chad THOMAS (write-in)	91								27	62					2
MAGISTRATE: DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT										No. 7	No. 6			Absentee
R-Greg RUSHING	364										117	223			24
D-Donnetta TRAVIS*	294										147	135			12
CONSTABLE: DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT										No. 7	No. 6			Absentee
R-Wayne WEST*	510										193	285			32
MAGISTRATE: DISTRICT 6	DISTRICT												No. 3	No. 12	Absentee
D-J. Dan WOOD*	361												234	116	11
DISTRICT JUDGE	DISTRICT 5	COUNTY	No. 2	No. 11	No. 9	No. 10	No. 4	No. 8	No. 1	No. 5	No. 7	No. 6	No. 3	No. 12	Absentee
NP-Daniel Mark HEADY*	9,459	2,213	186	154	270	176	254	61	178	65	162	264	229	102	112
"Marsy's Law" amendment to Kentucky constitution			DISTRICT 1		DISTRICT 2		DISTRICT 3		DISTRICT 4		DISTRICT 5		DISTRICT 6		TOTAL
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT	STATE	COUNTY	No. 2	No. 11	No. 9	No. 10	No. 4	No. 8	No. 1	No. 5	No. 7	No. 6	No. 3	No. 12	Absentee
YES (99% of precincts reporting)	868,932	1,402	111	86	172	104	147	49	138	41	100	126	131	67	130
NO	514,440	1,516	121	103	186	127	187	44	108	46	124	190	199	68	13

Non-partisan Crittenden County Board of Education		Sheridan No. 9 Deer Creek	Tolu No. 10 Cmnty Ctr	Marion No. 2 Emmanuel	Rosebud No. 11 Mattoon FD	Marion No. 3 Marion Bapt	Marion No. 6 St William	Shady Grove No. 12 SG Fire Dept	Absentee
		ED DISTRICT 2		ED DISTRICT 4		ED DISTRICT 5			TOTAL
BOARD OF EDUCATION: DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT	No. 9	No. 10	Absentee					
Tina HARRIS	178	94	75	9					
James "Jamie" HUNT	136	78	50	8					
Eric LaRUE*	308	193	107	8					
BOARD OF EDUCATION: DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT			No. 2	No. 11	Absentee			
Billy FULLER (write-in)	27			14	13	0			
Tim GRAU II (write-in)	55			33	22	0			
BOARD OF EDUCATION: DISTRICT 5	DISTRICT					No. 3	No. 6	No. 12	Absentee
Ryan McDANIEL*	577					224	235	91	27







R-Mills



D-Ridley\*



R-Comer\*



D-Walker


**Kentucky Senate District 4**

Mills


19,057

Ridley


18,573




Sykes\*




Tabor\*




Sherer\*




Browning\*



Byford\*



Arflack\*



Collins

**Marion City Council (top six)**

Sykes

584

Tabor

577

Sherer

574

Browning

571

Byford

570

Arflack

557

Collins

404

**Kentucky Senate District 4**

Mills

19,057

Ridley

18,573

**Congressional District 1**

Comer

172,166

Walker

78,849

**Marion City Council (top six)**

Sykes

584

Tabor

577

Sherer

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Browning

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Byford

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Collins

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## ELECTION

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just felt like I needed to do it.”

Perryman said he felt he was the beneficiary of straight party voters and those who he said seem disgruntled over feeling shut out of county government. On the campaign trail, he heard from voters who believed too much of the discussion over to the decision to sell Crittenden Hospital was held behind closed doors and others who believed the fiscal court’s regular meetings at 8:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month prevent them from participating.

“That’s very inconvenient for the public,” said Perryman, who won both of his precincts.

Democrat Donnetta Travis, who has served eight years on the fiscal court, fell to GOP challenger Greg Rushing, a retired law enforcement officer. Rushing, 56, and Travis split the district’s two precincts, but straight ticket voting largely accounted for his margin of victory overall.

“A lot of people voted red this time,” said Rushing, who will represent a portion of Marion and southern Crittenden County, including Dycusburg and Frances. “I think people are ready for a change. A lot of people voting this time just voted red, nothing against (Travis) or a particular candidate.”

Another beneficiary of the trend, Dave Belt, defeated one-term incumbent Danny Fowler in District 1. In District 3, Republican Willard Guill, the father of re-elected Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill, defeated Democrat Harold Collins to take the open seat.

Wood will not be the lone Democrat on the fiscal court, however. Chad Thomas defeated Republican Ron Harbour in District 4. Both men were write-in candidates to fill the seat being vacated by Democrat Mark Holloman, who withdrew his candidacy for re-election despite his name still appearing on the ballot.

The 4-2 GOP majority on the court will serve alongside Republican Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, who was unchallenged for a third term. Newcom was surprised not only at the wholesale changes made by voters but also at the margin of victory in those races.

“I don’t think any of the challengers had a particular agenda, but when you have that many straight party votes cast, it’s hard to overcome,” he said. “I think we had a good court and worked well together to overcome some hurdles. But we’ll start work on moving forward.”

Straight ticket voting helped Frazer come within 145 votes of defeating three-term incumbent County Attorney Johnson. It was the third time the two lawyers have faced one another for the post, but Johnson was able to hold off Frazer in eight of the 12

precincts.

“Based upon a lot of comments from supporters and others, they realize how committed I am to Crittenden County, to helping families and children and all of the citizens of Crittenden County. I think that has always resonated with the public and it did in this election as well,” said Johnson, 57, who was the only incumbent Democrat to be re-elected in the county.

Johnson said she will take a few days to reset from a tough campaign which saw her challenger come much closer than he had in the two previous races against her in 2006 and 2010. Johnson was unopposed in 2014.

“Congratulations to Becky Johnson on a hard fought campaign,” Frazer conceded. “I wish her the very best.”

Frazer had received 39 percent of the vote in their first race when both were newcomers to the process in 2006. He received 43 percent of the vote four years later when they faced off again, and he got 48 percent this time.

Frazer and Harbour were the only members of the GOP who lost bids in local elections. The rest rode a so-called “local red wave” to victory.

The Republican trend was also felt on a wider stage, with longtime state Sen. Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson, falling to Republican challenger Robby Mills, also of Henderson, and Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, easily retaining his seat in the Kentucky House of Representatives for a fourth term.

“It wasn’t quite the blue wave people were looking for,” Bechler said, referring to some predictions that voters upset with Republican Gov. Matt Bevin and laws coming out of the GOP-controlled statehouse in 2018 would usher in a Democratic majority. “From a personal standpoint, as long as the national Democratic Party keeps swinging as far left as it does, it helps (Republicans).”

Statewide, the GOP lost a seat in the House but maintain a supermajority with a 62-38 edge. With Ridley’s loss, Senate Democrats not only fall a seat further behind the GOP majority (27-11) in the upper chamber but also lose their caucus chair. Ridley, widely respected by voters and politicians from both parties, had served since a 2004 special election.

### Other local races

Marion City Council will remain intact, with all six incumbents – Phyllis Sykes, Darrin Tabor,

Dwight Sherer, D’Anna Browning, Mike Byford and Donnie Arflack – being re-elected and Mayor Jared Byford being unchallenged. Byford is the first person other than Mickey Alexander to be elected mayor since 1988.

For school board, incumbent Eric LaRue, a former teacher, will serve another four years after holding off two challengers in the non-partisan race in Educational District 2. In a contest between two write-ins in Educational District 4, local business owner Tim Grau defeated Bill Fuller to fill an unexpired term that ends in 2020. Ryan McDaniel was unopposed in Educational District 5 to keep the seat he was appointed to two years ago.

### Winners with local ties

Several candidates with ties to Crittenden County who were running for offices in other counties won on Election Day.

Natalie White, a native of Crittenden County, beat Jarrod Jackson 2 to 1 in the race for district judge in the 2nd Division of the 56th Judicial District that includes Livingston, Caldwell, Lyon and Trigg counties.

Brent White, a former resident of Crittenden County and former Kentucky State Trooper serving the county, will be the next sheriff in Lyon County.

Democrat Roy Massey IV, a Marion lawyer who serves as school board attorney in Crittenden County, was elected Caldwell County Attorney.

### Neighboring counties

Republicans also met with uncommon success in Livingston County, where the party’s Garrett Gruber will be the new judge-executive. He will be joined on the fiscal court by Republican magisterial victors Klay Southern of Smithland and Dennis K. Jones of Ledbetter, who defeated incumbent Terry Stringer, who had served on the court since the early 1990s. Democrats Brad Hunter of Salem and Franklin Walker of Grand Rivers were both unopposed in their races for magistrate.

Allen Wilson, a Republican, defeated Raymond Dykie McGee by 31 votes in to become count attorney in Livingston.

Salem City Commission will return three of four members, including Gary Damron, Craig Dossett and Janet Hughes. Brandon Deboe replaces Crystal Franklin, who did not seek re-election.

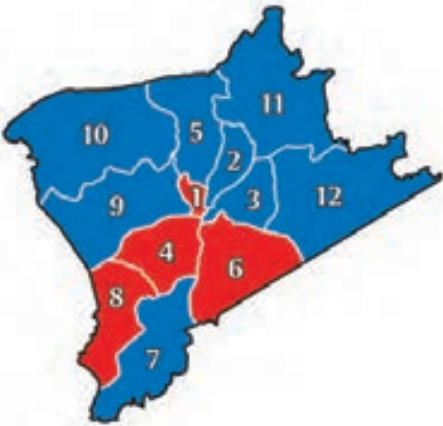
Caldwell County also gets a new Republican judge-executive, Larry Curling.

# Balloting breakdown

## How They Voted

### Crittenden County Attorney

Frazer Johnson



### Kentucky House District 4

Bechler Barnes



### Kentucky Senate District 4

Mills Ridley



### Congressional District 1

Comer Walker



### “Marsy’s Law” Amendment

Yes No



## Unopposed results



Marion Mayor  
NP-Byford\*: 633



Judge-Executive  
R-Newcom\*: 2,780



Coroner  
R-Gilbert\*: 2,831



Sheriff  
R-Agent\*: 2,920



Jailer  
R-Kirk\*: 2,669



Circuit Clerk  
R-Guill\*: 2,890



Magistrate D6  
D-Wood\*: 361



PVA  
D-Heady\*: 2,367



District Judge  
NP-Heady\*: 9,459



Commonwealth's  
Attorney  
D-Greenwell\*: 9,564

## Balance of power

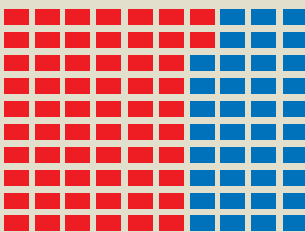
### Kentucky Senate

GOP: 28 Democrat: 10



### Kentucky House

GOP: 62 Democrat: 38



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# A Special Treat for Our Readers!



**Lacey & Lauren Boone**  
Bradley & Ginger Boone



**Cameron Nesbitt**  
Jason & Casey Nesbitt



**Jaxon Congenie, Beckett Bebout & Grayson Congenie**  
George & Jennifer Congenie / Coleman & Nicole Bebout



**Dalton & Anzleigh Lynch**  
McKenzie & Dakota Lynch



**Arrow, Hannah & Karlee Jent**  
Matt & Amy Jent



**Anthony Hunt & Paislee Faughn**  
Jamie & Kayla Hunt  
Daniel & Kelcie Faughn



**RheaVynn, Rien, Ryleigh Tabor**  
Greg & Jayna Tabor



**Elle McDaniel & Elliot Evans**  
Ryan & Jennifer McDaniel  
Chris & Allison Evans



**Toni Grace Cosby**  
Kyle & Courtney Cosby



**CJ & Darren Curnel**  
Kent & Mandy Curnel



**Davis & Brady Polk**  
Taylon & Cassie Polk



**Carter Alan Young**  
Courtnei & Jacob Young



**Elizabeth Dunbar**  
Alisha Childress



**Blayze Moss & Tallyn Tabor**  
Dennis Moss & Rachel Brant



**Jordy, Beau & Noah Byford**  
Jared & Amy Byford



**Raylee Millikan**  
Chantel Millikan



**Chase Winders**  
Bryce & Mandy Winders



**Heaton Davis**  
Colby & Bethany Davis



**Jasmine Hart**  
Jabari Edwards & Bailey Hart



**Addalyn Nesbitt, Allie Love & JoAnna Ladd**  
Amanda Martin & Chris Nesbitt, Brianna Belt & Clay Love,  
Tammie & Steve Ladd



**Presley Asbridge**  
Jared & Katie Asbridge



**Miya West**  
Mike & Leigh Ann West



**Alayah Williams**  
Daniel & Summer Williams



**Jagger Renfro**  
Josh & Stephanie Renfro



**William & Naomi Solomon & Brandy**  
Jessica Solomon & Benita Burnley



**Gage Mayers**  
TJ & Nancy Mayers



**Miranda Martin & Audrey Smiley**  
Tony & Miranda Martin



**Melina, Mike & Sydney Keller**  
Mike & Lee Ann Keller



**Ava Morrison & Paisley Walker**  
Brent & Lindsay Morrison / Doug & Kelly Walker



**Maddie & Caylie Hearell**  
Dusty & Rebekah Hearell



**Adalynn Stone**  
Dakota Stone & Kailea Whitworth



**Taylor McKinney & Gage Fitzgerald**  
Grandparents: Clark & Michelle Hackney



# Area hunting lodge helping wounded soldiers

**By ALEXA BLACK**  
STAFF WRITER

With an enthusiasm for helping veterans and plentiful acres for hunting, Joe and DeeDee Lindsey of Salem began a project to build a lodge influenced by Joe's desire to take wounded veterans on hunting trips.

As an avid hunter, pilot, outdoorsman, Master Conservationist and affiliate of veteran's programs, it was a natural desire of Joe Lindsey's to take the project as far as possible to help those who had served this country. He had a passion for Healing Outside of a Hospital – or HOOAH, an expression

often shouted by soldiers to express determination and Army spirit – for wounded warriors from Fort Campbell.

Lindsey began construction on the hunting lodge in north Livingston County years ago, and now, it houses nine soldiers at a time. With the help of another nearby lodge, as many as 16 soldiers at a time are taken on hunts. The building is complete with two bunk bedrooms and two bathrooms, one of which is handicap accessible. Currently, National Wild Turkey Federation volunteers stay nearby to monitor, assist with questions and act as the

soldiers' guides.

However, Lindsey is only able to witness the program's success in spirit, for he passed away in the fall of 2014, well before the lodge's completion. Left to take on the project and continue his legacy was his wife, DeeDee.

Some time after her husband's passing, her enthusiasm for the project grew much deeper. She pulled from what resources she could to make sure the job was complete. With assistance from Joe's dear

friends, it took them all nearly three years to complete. The lodge has been operating since.

"I did it for the people who could benefit from such a great thing, and to honor my late husband," Lindsey said. "It's what he would have wanted me to do, and I certainly wanted to do it."

Altogether, construction was in the works for five years, but it has since seen much success. As the daughter of a Purple Heart veteran and widow of a man who set out to help men like

her father, DeeDee Lindsey is proud of the project. The lodge is heavily adorned with veteran memorabilia, and she made a point to decorate the interior with many of her husband's favorite things.

The lodge has housed soldiers of all ages and from various wars, from the war in Afghanistan dating back to the Korean War. Its doors are open to any veteran, whether physically wounded or those suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD. DeeDee Lindsey says veterans are very grateful and express it either verbally or through gifts.

But she adds that she and the volunteers by her side are equally grateful to help them.

"One soldier gave the overseer a medal from Afghanistan, which symbolized valor. A woman veteran personally gave me an airborne pin; and last spring, a paratrooper soldier gave me his flag that had been all over the world with him," she explained. "It means the world to me when they do things like that, to think we've helped them that much that they would want to part with those things."

"My husband would be thrilled if he were here to see it."

# Local family remembers fallen soldier


**To the editor:**

As Veterans Day approaches, it is time for reflection and gratitude.

This year, we would like to honor our own fallen soldier. Some may know, even though we kept our grief mainly to ourselves and the immediate family, on Aug. 25, 2017, at approximately 4:30 in the morning, three uniformed military officers knocked on our daughter's door. As most know, this is something that one hopes to never experience.

She was informed that her husband, Staff Sgt. Emil Rivera, was missing. Out of six Black Hawk crew members, he was the only one lost, thank God. For the next five days, representatives from the four branches of military searched off the coast of Yemen for our son-in-law ... to no avail.

IN REMEMBRANCE



**Staff Sgt. Emil Rivera Lopez**

- Born: March 8, 1986
- MIA: Aug. 25, 2017
- Home: Tucson, Ariz.
- C Co., 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) "Night Stalkers"

look upon the vast amount of soldiers who gave their lives is staggering. To know that our beloved Emil is among those is heartbreaking, while at the same time, we are so filled with pride that his sacrifice has not gone unnoticed.

There is so much disruption in this country; maybe more than there has ever been. Everyone seems to be on opposing sides and have no reservations about making their views vocal. We have that right to make ourselves heard, whether others want to hear it or not.

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## Florida shooting victim has local ties

STAFF REPORT

The 21-year-old Florida State University student who was one of two people killed by a gunman at a yoga studio in Tallahassee, Fla., Friday afternoon has ties to Crittenden County.

Maura Binkley and Nancy Van Vessem, 61,

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**M. Binkley**

Binkley's father, Jeff Binkley, graduated from Crittenden

County High School in the early 1970s. He and his family lived near Salem. He now resides in Georgia, according to former classmates.

The gunman killed himself, and a motive has yet to be determined although it appears to have been a random shooting.

**Correction**

A story submitted to The Crittenden Press that appeared in last week's paper incorrectly identified the church where Chris Clarke pastors in Draffenville. The story should have read Kentucky Lake Cowboy Church.

## BASEBALL

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and for the better part of that period, Guess was in the booth, calling games that were aired on Marion-based WMJL Radio. A number of local personalities joined him in the broadcast booth over the years, but Guess most fondly recalls the times he worked with the late Bob Swisher.

Swisher grew up in Marion and became a well-known broadcaster, losing a bid to be the voice of the Kentucky Wildcats to Cawood Ledford before becoming

WPSD-TV's sports director.

"We had a good chemistry," Guess said. "We did a doubleheader one day and talked about old stories one after another. Somewhere in more than five hours on the air were two ballgames."

Guess said his acceptance speech at the hall of fame ceremony will include a bit of self-deprecation.

"I was calling a game at Dawson Springs, and there was a guy at first base. The batter hit a gapper and came all the way around for a triple. I said, 'He slid into third with a standup triple,'"

Guess crowed with his signature laugh that rumbles somewhere between baritone and bass.

The induction ceremony will be held starting at 5:30 p.m., Saturday at Old National Events Plaza in Evansville, Ind., as part of the fifth annual Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony. Guess is among those being enshrined as the fourth group of inductees recognized by the hall of fame.

Guess, 82, played semi-pro baseball while serving in the military in South Dakota shortly after graduating from high school. He is a grad-

uate of Vanderbilt University and was for many years president of The Peoples Bank in Marion. He retired from banking in 2007 and founded the Marion Bobcats semi-pro baseball club the following year. The team folded in 2013, but not before Guess helped orchestrate a move from semi-pro to collegiate summer league baseball. He was the first president of the new Ohio Valley League, which is still active.

To honor Guess' baseball contributions, the high school baseball field at Marion-Crittenden County Park was named for him many years ago.

## PASTOR

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have three boys ages 8, 6 and 5.

Marion Baptist has been without a pastor since last spring when Dr. Mike Jones left for another church in Owensboro after serving 11 years in the Marion pulpit. Marion Baptist is the city's largest church with 617 members.

Brown's focus will be for Marion Baptist to continue its strong outreach into the community.

"I believe a church is more like a hospital than

country club," he said. "It is more of a place for the hurting and broken than a social institution."

Outwardly focused, he says, is what a church should be, working to reach the broader community.

"Christ loves us all, and we all need his grace and mercy," he said. "We should strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus, as he called us to be."

Brown was called to the ministry as a 17-year-old high-schooler. He did some fill-in work for various churches before going off to college, where he earned an undergrad-

uate degree in sociology and communication from the University of Louisville. While there, he served as an interim minister for High View Baptist Church – an 8,000-member organization with eight church campuses. He was involved in campus ministry for the church, starting a university on-campus organization called 516 Ministries that organized Bible studies in dorm rooms. It became just as recognizable on campus as the Baptist Student Union and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Brown earned a Master of Divinity with an emphasis in pastoral studies, church growth and missions from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Mt. Zion in Kuttawa was his first church. Over his tenure there, the church has grown fourfold.

"Obviously, it's a little sad to leave Mt. Zion, but we feel this where God is leading us," he said.

Brown will begin his work in Marion on Monday, Nov. 19 and his first Sunday in the pulpit will be Nov. 25.

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**SECTION 8 HOUSING**





# Soldier letter draws importance to Nov. 11

With Veterans Day being Sunday, I thought it might be interesting to share the history behind this special day set aside to honor our veterans. I realize many know how it got started and why, but I also realized that many, such as myself, might not know all of the story.

History of Veterans Day – A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

World War I, known at the time as "The Great War," officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, Nov. 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of the war to end all wars.

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public gath-

erings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

"Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

"Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

"Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11th to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate, that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11th and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other people."

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U.S. Code, Sec. 87A) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday – a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought oppression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

In June of 1968, the Uniforms Holiday Bill, was signed and was intended to insure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion and was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens and so on Sept. 20th, 1975 President Gerald Ford signed Public Law 94-97 which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11th beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day contin-

ues to be observed on Nov. 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to Nov. 11, not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

(This information from United States Department of Veterans Affairs Web Site.)

The letters written home by our World War II soldiers and shared with The Crittenden Press tell us so much of the history of the war and the young men that fought in it. Here is an interesting letter from Larnie Griffith from the Dycusburg community. He tells of some of the action that he saw while serving.

Dec. 8, 1944 – North Italy, Oct. 1, 1944.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Griffith. Hello folks: Well, I have never told you what has happened to me since I left the States. I think maybe it will go through now because they have lifted the censorship a little and they say we can write and tell our folks what we have gone through. We landed at Londonery, England about May in 1942. From there we convoyed to North Ireland, where we spent about eight months, and what an eight months. When they say it rains every day, I believe them, for out of eight months we stayed there I don't believe it missed raining more than 12 days. Some time out of every 24 hours it rained a little.

Well the time came to invade Africa. That was

the day everyone was wondering where we were going. It ended up by half of us staying in Ireland and the other half going on the invasion. Part of the boys went in at the docks and the rest went in at the beach. The boys that went in at the docks were captured and were prisoners of war for about 12 hours, then the bunch that landed at the beach came in and recaptured them. Later the rest of us landed at Oran. That was about 200 miles from where the rest of them landed. They landed at Algiers, after that we all got back together. Boy, were we glad to see the rest of them! Of course we then went to Pachon and from there to Fondock, where we had an awful battle. Of course, we won with the help of the British Sixth Armored.

Then we pushed on to hill 609. Maybe you read about it in the paper. Well, we had a terrific battle that was the downfall of Africa. Well, we were lucky. We didn't have any part in the Sicily campaign at all. We stayed in Africa and took more training.

Then the invasion of Italy. We didn't invade, but we came in right after it. Spent about three days on the beach unloading the 3rd Battalion, took Vittore just below Cassino. From there the regiment went on to take Mt. Trochio, and in early February crossed the Rapidan River to begin the battle of Cassino. We took part in some of the heaviest fighting at Cassino, both in the town and Rapidan Valley and on the heights behind the town.

After a short rest we then went to the Anzio Beachhead and there played an important part in the breakout in May. Then we headed up Route 7 toward Rome, with the 1st Armored Di-



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Rome fell and we went on about 60 miles past Rome. Then we were pulled off and went over along the coast on Route 1. We then pushed on up Route 1 to Rosignano where the Germans dug in and put up a hell of a fight. The whole regiment lost about 100 men before the Nazis were forced back.

Then came the tough scrap at Lanuvia, in other words, Leghor, where the 3rd Battalion alone piled up more than 300 Germans. We went on past Leghorn to the Arno River, where we got relieved. We came back for a rest and then over to the center of Italy around Florence where we started fighting again. We fought our way up to the Gothi Line and now we have it broken. Well that takes us up to date and that is about as much as I can tell you.

Well, I guess everyone around Mexico and Dycusburg are the same. I had better close for now. It is almost one o'clock and I am getting where I can't think any more. Bye now, Your Bud, Larnie. (Pfc. Larnie Griffith). Larnie Griffith died July 25, 2000 in Orlanda Florida.

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



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## Area Deaths

### Ordway

Mary Evelyn Ordway, 95, of Marion died Friday, Nov. 2, 2018 at Livingston Hospital. She was a member of Marion Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her brother, Carl Ordway of Marion and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Virgil and Iva Ordway; three brothers; and a sister.

Services were Monday, Nov. 5, 2018 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Maplevue Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Homer Maholland Sr. and Cassie (Miller) Maholland, and Sadie (Allen) Scott Harrell and Bernice Scott; and her parents, Homer Maholland Jr. and Dorothy “Maxine” (Scott) Maholland, all of Clarksville, Tenn.

Services will be conducted by Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, with visitation 5-8 p.m., Nov. 7 and funeral services at 11 a.m., Nov. 8. Burial and a brief graveside service will be performed at Hurricane Church Cemetery in Tolu. A reception will follow at Marion Baptist Church.

### Fletcher

Patricia “Pat” (Maholland) Fletcher, 71, died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018 at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville following a brief illness.

Fletcher was a long-standing member of Marion Baptist Church and retired from Livingston Hospital.

Surviving are her husband, Ronald “Ron” Fletcher of Marion; her daughter, Shannon (Devine) Tomlinson; a son-in-law, Robert Tomlinson Jr.; grandchildren, William Tandy Tomlinson and Alexandra Scott Tomlinson, all of Independence, Ky.; step-sons Chris Fletcher of Murray and Jeff Fletcher of Marion; a step-grandson Jackie Fletcher and his wife Paige; and children Madelyn and Joseph Fletcher of Ft. Hood, Texas and Jersey Rushing of Providence.

### Grant

Doris Grant, 77, of Princeton died Friday, Nov. 2, 2018 at Princeton Health & Rehab Center. She was a homemaker and a member of Donaldson Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Linda Grant of Princeton; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Grant and her mother, Imogene Tinsley.

Graveside services were Tuesday, Nov. 6 at Lance Nichols Cemetery with Rev. Lester Watson officiating, assisted by Rev. Wayne Glass. Morgan’s Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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### Orr

Donna C. Orr, 71, of Marion died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018 at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville.

Surviving are her husband, Gerald Orr of Marion; a daughter, Melia Cappello of Marion; and a grandchild, Lilly Cappello of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul Reilly and Ena Ford Arflack; and her stepfather, Fred Arflack.

Services were Thursday, Nov. 1 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion.

### Ramage

Ricky Lee Ramage, 56, of Paducah died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

He loved to ride motorcycles, hunt and fish.

### – Area Church Notes –

#### Creekside Baptists hosting Revival

Creekside Baptist Church will hold revival Nov. 14-16, starting at 7 p.m., each night. Everyone is invited. Bro. Charles Merritt will be the evangelist.

#### General Baptist Revival this week

West Kentucky Association of General Baptists will host its annual revival Nov. 9-11. Revival begins at 7 p.m., Nov. 9 and Nov. 10 and at 6 p.m., Nov. 11. Evangelists are Rev. Keith Wilcox Nov. 9, Rev. David Perryman Nov. 10 and Rev. Charlie Merritt Nov. 11. Services are held at the associational tabernacle, located at 134 Ky. 1668 in Marion.



Rocket Tire and Pit Stop Oil and Lube, two relatively new businesses in the former Shopko building, were recognized last week as the November Business of the Month. The Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce presents the regular award. Pictured at the shop on Sturgis Road are (from left) Chamber Director Michael Parshall, Chamber Director Elliot West, shop manager Paul Belt, Chamber Director Natalie Parish, shop owners Kent and Phylis Martin, Chamber President Randa Berry, Chamber Director Dee Heimgartner and Chamber Executive Director Susan Alexander. The businesses employ five people and they offer a variety of services, including but not limited to new tires, oil changes, light mechanic work and alignments. Rocket Tire and Pit Stop opened in June and the owner says there will be expansion of other business ventures at the site, perhaps as early as Jan. 1.

## Christmas Parade, Shop Small Town among Chamber’s coming events

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce held its monthly meeting last week at the Marion Tourism Center.

The upcoming Marion Christmas Parade was among the items discussed. The parade will begin at 5 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 1 and will move along the traditional route on Main Street in downtown.

A variety of entries are expected with floats and much more. Entry forms are available at Partners Insurance at 221 East Bellville Street in Marion, or by calling (270) 965-2239. Partners Insurance is the parade sponsor and organizer. Radio morning show host Taylor Davis of WMJL will be the master of ceremonies at the gazebo.

The Chamber will also host its second annual Shop Small Town on Saturday, Nov. 24. The program will begin at 10 a.m., with goodie bags filled with gifts and coupons and more available at the Marion Tourism and Welcome Center. These bags will have materials aimed at promoting Marion businesses. To have your business included, contact Chamber Executive Director Susan Alexander at (270) 965-5015.

Additionally, Chamber directors are busy planning a Community Leadership Breakfast set for Friday, Jan. 25 at the Marion-Ed Tech Center. The event will begin at 7 a.m. Marion native Jonathan Burden will be the featured speaker. Burden is founder of Social Coaster, a social media platform. He now resides in Nashville. Burden and a business colleague will discuss a variety of social media subjects, including etiquette and how to navigate through and use social media to your benefit.

And lastly, the Chamber is already making plans for its second annual Downtown Murder Mystery. Last year’s event was a huge success and this one is shaping up just as well, said Chamber President Randa Berry. The date for this event is tentatively set for April 13.

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### November library events released

Following are a list of events scheduled at the Crittenden County Public Library:

- Each Tuesday, Lego Club 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., kindergarten through 4th grade students join Kathleen in the library meeting room for Lego free-building.
- Each Thursday in November, Tech Help with Carol 10:00 a.m.-noon. Need help figuring out how to use your computer or downloading eBooks and digital audiobooks? Get help from Carol Harrison in the meeting room. (There will be no Tech Help on Nov. 22.)
- Each Friday in November, Story Hour with Kathleen 10 a.m., for pre-school-age children. Listen to stories and do fun activities.

Nov. 1-30, Nanowrimo at CCPL. Pick up your Get Started Kit at the circulation desk and the schedule of events. Any questions? Call (270) 965-3354.

Nov. 1-Dec. 31, Drop Your Drawers at CCPL! Help Captain Underpants and CCPL collect 100 pairs of underwear this holiday season. Donate new underwear for boys and girls sizes 4-16 in the months of November and December. All underwear collected will be donated to the Crittenden County School Resource Center.

Nov. 14, Special meeting of the Library Trustees 5 p.m.

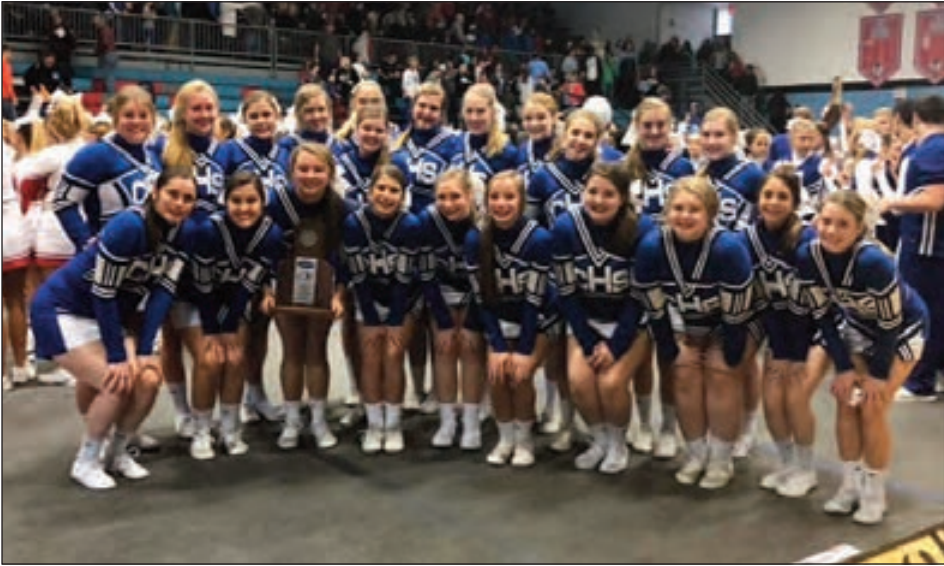
Nov. 15, Friends of the Library Meeting 6 p.m. Join the Friends as they plan fundraising activities. The Friends are always looking for help and would love you to join them! Annual dues are just \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families and \$1 for students.

### Calendar

- The annual **Slum Supper** hosted by Burna American Legion is Friday will also feature an official flag retirement service. The public is welcome to bring worn and tattered American flags for proper disposal. The service will begin around 3 p.m., followed by the Slum Supper at 6 p.m. There is no charge for this event.
- Nov. 11 is the 60th anniversary of the **Thanksgiving dinner at Post 217** in Burna. Serving begins at 11:30 a.m., and continues until 1:30 p.m.

### Extension

- **Challengers** will meet at noon, Nov. 14 at Noon at the Extension Annex.
- Sue Parrent will present a **Nutrition Education Class** at 10:30 a.m., Nov. 15 and Nov. 29 at 10:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.
- **Diabetes Support Group** will meet at 10 a.m., Nov. 16 at the Extension Office. The speaker will be Kelly Dawes, a certified Diabetes Educator with the Pennyriple District Health Department. All are welcome to attend.
- **After Hours** will meet at 5 p.m., Nov. 20 at the Extension Office.



### 2nd place Cheer Squad

Crittenden County cheerleaders earned second place Saturday in the medium size school division of the Region 2 cheer competition at Union County High School. Crittenden advances to state competition Dec. 8 in Lexington.

## World finalist

Kirby, Bueno among barrels' best

#### STAFF REPORT

Bueno in Spanish means good, but Sheeza Bueno Hobby was much better than that in her second trip to a world event this season.

At 14, Addy Kirby was among the youngest competitors, but she and her seven-year-old Quarter Horse Bueno performed among the best during the National Barrel Horse Association (NBHA) World Finals Oct. 30-Nov. 3 in Perry, Ga.

Kirby and Bueno missed qualifying in the final rounds in the youth world NBHA in July, so when the opportunity arose for her to compete in the open division (for youth and adults of all ages), her dad offered to take her for one reason. "Our only expectation about going down there was to have fun," Robert Kirby said. "That horse didn't make finals in Youth World and we knew it could."

Their performance exceeded his expectation, as Kirby advanced to the finals with both of her horses, Bueno and Bella.

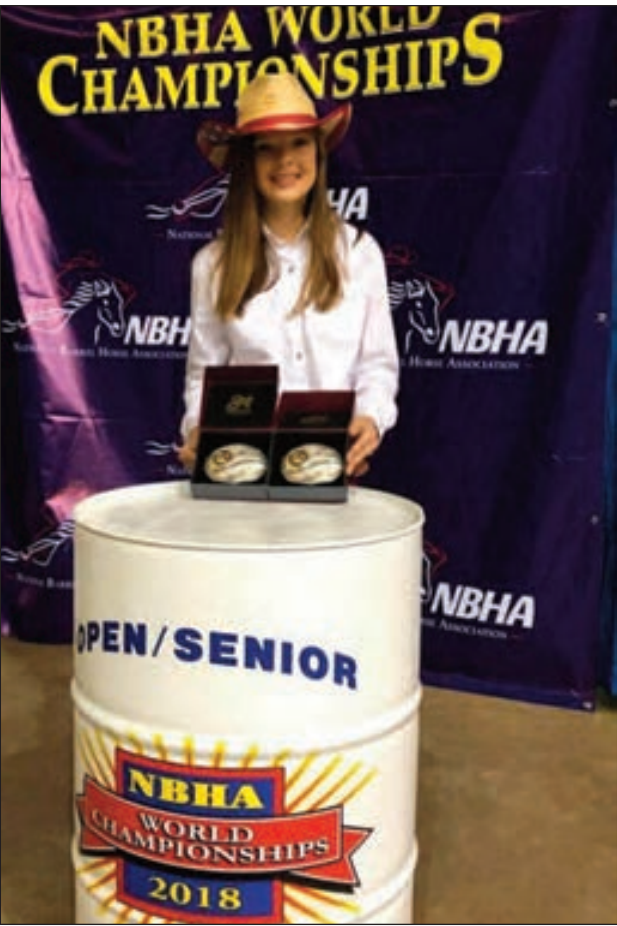
Kirby and Bueno ran personal bests in the qualifying round and again in the finals, where she finished 39th in a finals field of 242 horses.

"There are horses there that run 14.8, 14.7 and 14.5 seconds, and Bueno got 15.309 in the finals," Robert said.

### Senior Center

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

- Thursday (today): Menu is chicken alfredo, buttered spinach, garlic breadstick, Mandarin oranges and margarine.



Crittenden County High School freshman Addy Kirby displays belt buckles won for advancing to the finals in the National Barrel Horse Association World Finals in Georgia.

"There were 737 horses at the event, and she had her fastest time ever in the go-round then blew it out of the water in finals."

Other local barrel racers Macie and Haylie Hunt, Karsyn and Presley Potter and Caitlyn Lynch qualified for the world NBHA event but did not participate.

"We went to this show to give her more confidence and try to improve in that kind of environment, in a big show setting, because we knew she and the horse could run a faster time. It goes to show if you condition yourself and your horse, it pays off. She improved her time

– Friday: Menu is meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll and banana pudding. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

– Monday: The center will be closed in observance of Veterans Day.

– Tuesday: Menu is baked potato soup, chicken drumstick, seasoned peas, cornbread and pear crisp.

– Nov. 14: Menu is beef lasagna, buttered broccoli, garlic breadstick and Jell-O fruit salad. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability. PACS provides milk, coffee, tea or water each day. Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center.

The center is a service of Pennyriple Allied Community Services.

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

## Mjr. Carlson guest speaker at school event

Crittenden County students and members of the community will hear from a 2000 graduate during his address at the annual Veterans Day service Monday.

In what has become a tradition for Crittenden County Schools, the annual Veterans Day program will take place at 9 a.m., at Rocket Arena.

Guest speaker will be Mjr. Brandon Carlson. Carlson graduated from CCHS in 2000 and was then appointed by Congressman Ed Whitfield to the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he graduated in 2004. Upon graduation, Carlson had multiple deployments, serving in Iraq, Jordan and Afghanistan. Additionally, he worked for the State Department as a military liaison to the Hashemite Kingdom in Jordan.

During his military career, he received numerous awards and decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal, the Global War on

Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Iraqi Service Medal with Three Campaign Stars, and his parachutist badge.

Carlson retired in 2015, and he currently works for the Kentucky Cabinet of Health and Family Services.

Veterans and their families will be recognized during the program and with a reception at its conclusion.



Carlson



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FOOTBALL

Playoffs at a Glance

Class A Playoffs

Region One

Crittenden County 63, Caverna 0  
Bethlehem 21, Fulton County 2  
Russellville 35, Fort Knox 13  
Campbellsville, bye

Region Two

Frankfort, bye  
Ludlow 45, Holy Cross 34  
Ky. Country Day 36, Bellevue 0  
Beechwood, bye

Region Three

Paris, bye  
Raceland 53, Bishop Brossart 13  
Nicholas County 62, Fairview 0  
Paintsville 39, Bracken County 6

Region Four

Williamsburg, bye  
Hazard 51, Harlan 34  
Lynn Camp 43, Phelps 20  
Pikeville 49, Pineville 16

This week's games

Class A Playoffs

Bethlehem (4-7) at Crittenden (10-1)  
Russellville (5-6) at Campbellsville (9-1)  
Ludlow (8-3) at Frankfort (7-3)  
Ky Country Day (6-5) at Beechwood (8-2)  
Raceland (9-2) at Paris (5-5)  
Nicholas Co. (8-3) at Paintsville (9-2)  
Hazard (7-3) at Williamsburg (8-2)  
Lynn Camp (10-1) at Pikeville (8-2)

Other games of interest

McLean County (8-3) at Mayfield (11-0)  
Murray (7-4) at O'boro Catholic (8-3)  
LaRue Co. (6-5) at Caldwell Co. (8-3)  
Tilghman (9-2) at Elizabethtown (7-4)  
Hopkinsville (5-6) at Madisonville (9-2)  
Logan Co (10-1) at Frank-Simpson (10-1)  
Henderson County (7-4) at Trinity (5-6)  
Ballard (7-4) at McCracken Co. (8-3)

Gobin's MS stats

Crittenden County Middle School football player Case Gobin's individual statistics were inadvertently left out of the team's season-ending totals published in last week's newspaper. The eighth-grade lineman was one of the top tacklers on the team. For the season, he had two solo tackles, 39 assists, five tackles for loss and three sacks.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

Squirrel	Aug. 18 - Nov. 9
Deer Archery	Sept. 1 - Jan. 21
Turkey Archery	Sept. 1 - Jan. 21
Crow	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7
Raccoon Hunt	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Deer Crossbow	Nov. 10 - Dec. 31
Deer Rifle	Nov. 10 - 25
Squirrel	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Raccoon Trap	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Bobcat Trap	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Fox Hunt/Trap	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Dove	Nov. 22 - Dec. 2
Duck	Nov. 22-25
Canada Goose	Nov. 22 - Feb. 15
Snow Goose	Nov. 22 - Feb. 15
White Front Goose	Nov. 22 - Feb. 15
Bobcat Hunt	Nov. 24 - Feb. 28
Duck	Dec. 3 - Jan. 27
Deer Muzzleloader	Dec. 8-16
Dove	Dec. 22 - Jan. 13
Deer Youth Free	Dec. 29-30
Raccoon Youth	Dec. 29 - Jan. 4
Fox Youth	Dec. 29 - Jan. 4
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Goose Conservation	Feb. 16 - March 31
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round

Rifle season starts

Rifle deer season begins Saturday and runs for 16 straight days through Nov. 25, giving hunters great opportunities to bag white-tails through the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Wildlife seminar

Crittenden County Extension Service will host a Wildlife Habitat Management for Agriculture Land seminar at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 15 at the gun club on Ky. 91 North. The course will be led by Michael Anthony Foster, who is an extension agent in Georgia and has hunting property in Crittenden County. This is a free program. For more information, call (270) 965-5236.

# Keller 53rd on muddy course

STAFF REPORT

Still not 100 percent recovered from a viral infection that hobbled Lady Rocket cross country standout Kate Keller's bid at a regional championship last week, she finished in the upper 25 percent of 243 runners in the KHSAA state finals on Saturday at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington.

## STATE CROSS COUNTRY

In addition to being under the weather, the Crittenden County sophomore had to deal with remnants of Mother Nature, too. Heavy rains had flooded part of the race course and the start and finish had to be rerouted. What was left of the 3.1-

mile run was less than solid footing, Keller said.

She finished 53rd with a time of 22:08.38, well shy of her personal best this year of 20:54 and eight seconds slower than she ran a year ago in the state meet during a 44th-place performance.

She was ranked No. 1 in Class A girls heading into the regional meet, but fell ill and struggled just to finish. Keller was the No. 5 ranked sophomore in the state and No. 24 among all Class A females heading into the postseason.

Livingston Central's Carson Kitchens finished 49th at 18:15.32.



Keller



PHOTOS BY MEREDITH EVANS

Rocket receiver Payton Riley (11) celebrates, at left, one of his two touchdown receptions from quarterback Hunter Boone (pictured above). Boone was on point with his passing game as Crittenden dispatched Caverna quite easily.

Crittenden County 63, Caverna 0

# Rockets one win from 8th regional berth

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's football team will play Bardstown Bethlehem on Friday night in the Class A First Region semifinal round. A victory would propel the Rockets into the regional championship – the Elite Eight in the state – for the eighth time in school history.

Twice the Rockets have won a regional championship – in 1985 en route to the Class A state title and again in 2008 when they eventually lost at Beechwood in the state semifinals. In 2008, Crittenden pulled off the unthinkable, beating Mayfield twice that year, including once in the regional title game.

It took only one hour and 37 minutes for the Rockets to dispatch Caverna 63-0 last Friday in the opening round of the Class A playoffs. Coincidentally, Caverna was the team Crittenden shutout in the regional championship in 1985.

This time, Crittenden County rolled up the necessary 35-point cushion early in the first half to force a running clock – a mercy rule designed to end lopsided games as quickly as possible. Even with the clutch in the rest of the way, the steamrolling Rockets piled on more points until the final period when the reserves simply took a knee on the final two possessions. And, after the last two touchdowns, Crittenden County didn't even make attempts on the point-after opportunities.

As expected, it was a commanding victory for the No. 6 ranked Rockets against a squad that hadn't won a game on the field all year – actually since 2015. Caverna's season ends with a 1-10 mark on paper, its only victory coming via forfeit. After KHSAA's realignment takes effect next season, the Colonels will join Crittenden, Fulton County and Russellville in the Class A First District.

While the Rocket defense was stifling, senior quarterback Hunter Boone was near perfect, leading his team to the trouble-free win. Boone completed 7-of-8 passes, including two touchdowns to classmate Payton Riley. Boone also

## Kickoff 6:30pm Friday night

In order to accommodate travel for the opposing team, Crittenden's regional semifinal football game will start 30 minutes earlier than normal this week. Kickoff is at 6:30 p.m., Friday at Rocket Stadium. Join us for The Press's live streaming Facebook Sideline Pregame Show at 6:10 p.m.



rushed for a 43-yard touchdown. His backup, junior Hunter Jones followed up with a touchdown strike to senior Branen Lamey, and senior Devon Nesbitt – commonly known as Mr. Six because he holds the school records for touchdowns – rushed for two scores.

Senior linebacker Gavin Dickerson led the defense with two tackles for loss and sophomore Lathen Easley had a sack as Crittenden forced Caverna into six turnovers. Easley recovered two fumbles while senior Travis Kinnis collected a fumble recovery and so did junior Alex Marshall. Lamey and sophomore Braxton Winders each had interceptions.

While Crittenden piled up 303 yards on offense, most of it in the first half, Caverna struggled to mount a serious threat at any point in the game. The Colonels finished with minus-11 yards rushing and had just one first down.

The victory will pit the Rockets next week against Bardstown Bethlehem, a unit Crittenden has played in each of the last three postseasons. CCHS is 1-2 in those encounters, beating the Eagles 41-20 in the same playoff round a year ago.

Bethlehem (4-7) beat Fulton County 21-2 in last week's first round of the postseason. In the only other First Region playoff game last week, Russellville beat Fort Knox 35-14 and will travel to fifth-ranked Campbellsville for a regional semifinal this week. Campbellsville was idle last week, getting a bye because Fulton City opted out of the playoffs.

STAFF REPORT

Competitive swimming has been a popular summertime activity for literally hundreds of Crittenden County youngsters over the past 30 years or so, but now it will be a certified sport at the high school – albeit on an abbreviated level.

Crittenden County Board of Education has approved a plan to create a Kentucky High School Athletic Association qualified swimming program that for the time being will serve one student who aspires to swim at the next level. School Superintendent Vince Clark said education in Crittenden County is about providing opportunity for students to excel and achieve, and if this helps Shelby Cooper follow her dream then it's a good plan.

Cooper is a junior at Crittenden County High School.

"I have been part of the swim team for many years and was even a coach last year. I've been swimming since I was three, and since then I kind of outgrew our community team and went on to swim in Madisonville," Cooper said. "I've gotten better with Coach (Kent) Wade, and swimming with them has opened a lot of doors for me."

Cooper will practice and attend meets alongside the Madisonville squad, but will compete as a Crittenden County student-athlete. It may appear to be a unique collaboration, by Supt. Clark says



Keller

such arrangements are quite common across the state.

For Cooper's swim results to be official at high school meets, she must be associated with a team. This makes that possible and now college recruiters can take a look.

"Coach Wade has put me in contact with a lot of college coaches, like Asbury and Campbellsville. When I went to visit them a few weeks ago, their coach told me that she was unsure if she should recruit me because I had no posted times," Cooper explained.

That was part of the impetus for beginning this process, the school district said.

"Being (an official) Crittenden County swimmer would give me the opportunity to present colleges with times and they'll be able to compare

me with other swimmers," Cooper added.

Patti Merrill, who coaches the local Marion Stingrays swim team, says there are a number of talented swimmers in this community and thinks it's a great opportunity. She does believe, however, that swimmers here are at a considerable disadvantage because they have to travel, usually an hour or more, to swim indoors. The youth swim team competes at The Heritage Country Club pool in the summer, but Merrill said swimmers who hope to compete at the collegiate, or even high school level, must adhere to a rigorous training regiment, including two-a-day practices.

"The amount of time in the water is just incredible for competitive swimmers," she said.



# Undisputed Champion

## Back-to-back perfect seasons for 3-4 graders

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County’s football future can’t get here fast enough for fans of the third- and fourth-grade Rockets. For now, however, they’re finding plenty to celebrate as the Junior Pro team on Sunday completed back-to-back undefeated seasons, winning a second straight post-season jamboree title at Cadiz. It was the first time since Crittenden has participated in the Western Kentucky Junior Pro League that it has won back-to-back titles in that division.

The young Rockets were hardly tested in the playoffs last weekend, winning 31-6 over Trigg County in Sunday’s championship game and beating Caldwell County White 40-7 in Saturday’s semifinal.

In the championship game, quarterback Avery Thompson scored four touchdowns and rushed for almost 300 yards. Running back Isaac James scored one. The defense was incredible, too, allowing hardly any yards until the game’s outcome was clearly not in question.

Thompson scored three times in the semifinal victory and James twice. Thompson also passed for one TD with Brennen Clifford getting the catch.

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Championship Game**

**Rushing:** James 12-295, Thompson 12-295, Eli Lovell 1-3, Jett Reddick 1-22, Easton White 3-33. **Passing:** Avery 1-3-0, 5 yds. **Receiving:** Jaxton Duncan 1-5. **Defense Tackles:** James 10, 2 TFLs, forced fumble: Gunner Topp 7, TFL, 2 forced fumbles, fumble recovery; Garner Stallins 5, 2 TFLs, forced fumble; Brennen Clifford 4, 2 TFLs; Thompson 4, sack, 2 TFLs.

**Semifinal Round Game**

**Rushing:** James 5-104, Thompson 6-130,



Undefeated league and post-season champion third and fourth graders are (front from left) Eli Lovell, Isaac James, Logan Nolan, Colt Bailey, Ethan Sosh, Tate Stump, Brennen Clifford, Azariah Rich, Wyatt Clarida, (middle) Levi Quartermous, Miles Asbridge, Ethan Gonzalez, Luke McDowell, Conner Poindexter, Cameron Nesbitt, Easton White, Caden Blazina, Hunter Curnel, Caden Penn, Cabott Sutton, (back) Caleb Combs, Jake Rich, Brody Samuel, Gunner Topp, Tucker Boudro, Avery Thompson, Jaxton Duncan, Jett Reddick, Garner Stallins, Davis Perryman, Emmitt Ellington, (back) coaches Tanner Tabor, Brian Penn, Wes Lovell, Jason Nesbitt, Jeremy Poindexter and Joey Rich.



Fifth and sixth graders who finished runnerup in the league and postseason are (front from left) Izak Seago, Breyton Clifford, Hunter Phillips, Bryan Chaney, Michael Counts, Braydon Brandsasse, Carson Yates, Chaun Tramel, Hunter Duncan, Zane McBride, Landon Curry, Kaiden Travis, Asa McCord, Tyree McLean, (middle row) Jantzen Fowler, Seth Lynn, Keegan Young, Cameron Belcher, Mason Tramel, Dakota Sosh, Bryson Walker, Trae Taylor, Quinn Summers, Braydon Poindexter, Trinity Parrish, Jayden Clarida, Chase Conyer, Clayton Adler, Colton McLean, Logan King, Caden Howard, (back) coaches Maeson Myers, Brock Langston, Aaron Summers, Dustin Conner and Jeremy Poindexter.

Lovell 4-22, White 4-24, Reddick 1-10. **Passing:** Thompson 4-6-0, 64 yds. **Receiving:** Jaxton Duncan 1-7, Colt Bailey 1-45, Clifford 2-12. **Defense Tackles:** Stallins 5, 3 TFLs, 2 forced fumbles; Davis Perryman 5, 2 TFLs; James 5, forced fumble; Thompson 3.

**Older team is runnerup**

Crittenden County lost 12-6 to Union County in the fifth- and sixth-grade championship game. The Rockets fell behind early, but used a sustained drive to use up most of the second period, culminating in a nine-yard TD by Tyree McLean.

Right before the half, however, Union

County posted another touchdown on a long run, completing the game’s scoring. The Rockets battled on defense the rest of the way, but came up short, finishing runnerup to the Braves in both the regular season and postseason. Union had beaten Crittenden 39-0 in the regular-season matchup.

The Rockets got to the title tilt by beating Webster County 28-0. Cameron Belcher scored twice for Crittenden and McLean and Quinn Summers scored one TD apiece. Kaiden Travis added three conversion runs and McLean had one. One of Belcher’s TDs was on a punt return.

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Championship Game**

**Rushing:** Tyree McLean 19-91, Caden Howard 8-25, Cameron Belcher 3-15, Quinn Summers 3-14. **Passing:** Summers 0-3-1; McLean 1-6-0, 6yds. **Receiving:** Belcher 1-6. **Leading Tacklers:** Belcher 6, McLean 5, Summers 5.

**Semifinal Round Game**

**Rushing:** McLean 7-96, Summers 2-70, Belcher 8-48, Travis 3-11, Trae Taylor 5-17, Colten McLean 3-7. **Leading Tacklers:** Mclean 4, Caden Howard 3 (interception), Belcher 3, Logan King fumble recovery.



According to league records, this was Crittenden County’s first back-to-back third- and fourth-grade championship.



## VOLLEYBALL SUPERLATIVES

(front from left) Paige Gilbert, Rocket Award and Serving Award; Kenlee Perryman, MVP, Offensive Award, Ace Award; Raven Valadez, Senior Award; Brandy Book, Senior Award; (back) Riley Smith, Freshman Defensive Award; Ellie Smith, Varsity Most Improved and JV MVP; Emma Waters, Freshman Offensive Award; Lily Gardner, JV Offensive Award; Addy Kirby, JV MVP; Kyron Hicks Setter Award; and Hannah Bell, JV Defensive Award and Varsity Defensive Award.



Crittenden County’s 10-under youth soccer team took first place in the Crittenden County Fall Finale Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 27 at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Players are (front from left) Kasyn Drury, Callie Rich, Addie Morris, Aliaha Morgan, Marlee Sosh, (back) Dawson Johnson, Logan Martin, Sam Eichelberger, Maeson Martin, Allison Martin, Landon Lanham, Maddie Watson, Cameron Nesbitt. Not pictured were coaches Jason Nesbitt and Richard Martin. The soccer tournament was hosted by the Crittenden County Youth Soccer Association.



Crittenden County’s 12u youth soccer took first place in the Crittenden County Fall Finale Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 27 at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Players are (front from left) Audrey McKinney, Brooklyn Burton, Becca James, Kylie Bloodworth, Mollie Blazina, Whitley Henshaw, Bristyn Rushing, Kodi Stoner, Maddie Jones, (back) Coach Zach Bloodworth, Ethan Thomas, Logan McDowell, Levi Suddoth, Ethan Long, Brady Dayberry and Coach Harmony Rushing.



Crittenden County Middle School cheerleaders are (front from left) G’Anna Sizemore, Emilee Sizemore, Haylee Jackson, Kara Fulkerson, Ari Smith, (back) coach Jessica Cain, Sophia Madden, Keira Chaney, Payton Maness, Abbey Swinford, Haylee Perrin and Jessica Cain.

## Celebrity hunter headlines Baptists’ annual Deer Expo

Marion Baptist Church will be hosting its 11th annual Buck Expo Friday night on the eve of the opening day of the rifle deer season.

It’s become the traditional kickoff to fall hunting, drawing hundreds of people for a two-hour program that features all sorts of family entertainment, a faith-based message and free meal.

This year, celebrity hunter Spook Spann will be the featured speaker. Spann has his own hunting show, Spook Na-

tion, that appears on the Hunt Channel. He says western Kentucky is one of his preferred destinations. In fact, he owns a farm in Livingston County.

“I have been coming to western Kentucky for 33 years,”



Spook Spann and the legendary T-Rex buck.

said the native of middle Tennessee. “Last year, I got a 207-inch buck in Christian County and the year before that I got a 176 on the farm in Livingston.”

Spann, 57, has already tagged his Kentucky buck with a bow this year, but says friends and family will be hunting in the area this weekend.

Everyone who attends the Buck Expo will have a chance to win prizes and you can test your scoring skills on some monster buck mounts. The event starts at 7 p.m.

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**Livingston 34, Crittenden 17**

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**Crittenden 37, Livingston 15**

8th Grade Girls: CCMS scoring: Macie Hunt 10, Natalie Boone 2, Addie Hatfield 2, Taylor Guess 19, Riley Smith 4.

**BOYS RESULTS**

**Lyon 45, Crittenden 37**

7th Boys: Travis Champion 14, Jaxon Hatfield 9, Micah Newcom 4, Levi Piper 4, Casey Cates 1.

**Lyon 53, Crittenden 34**

8th Boys: Preston Morgeson 19, Seth Guess 3, Kaleb Nesbitt 5, Zach Counts 2, Case Gobin 2, Travis Champion 2, Jaxon Hatfield 1.



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Any person interested in participating in the review of this Integrated Resource Plan should submit a motion to intervene in Case No. 2018-00348 to: Gwen R. Pinson, Executive Director, Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615.

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**CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 1,015 ACRES - \$2,570,000** - Phenomenal turn-key hunting tract with a beautiful lodge! The 4-bedroom, 5-bathroom lodge was built in 2008 with a total of 2,816 sq. ft. of living space.

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Above, the K12 Blue Knights chess team consists of (from left) Chase Stevens, Dominic Rorer, Skyler James, Dennon Wilson, Gage Russell, Noah Campbell and Cole Swinford. Below, the K3 team consists of (from left) Wyatt Cartwright, Luke Binkley and Adayln Mardis. Not pictured, the K8 consists of Evan McDowell, Isaac Sarles, Trey Swaggirt, Tyler Swaggirt, Abbey Swinford, Marley Phelps, Hayden Hildebrand and Jaxson Cartwright; and K5 is made up of Cameron Hernandez and Wyatt Russell. Coach Don Winters is pictured in both photos.

# Blue Knights start chess season in good fashion

STAFF REPORT

On Oct. 29, the Blue Knights opened their season at the Murray Scholastic Chess Tournament. After last year's success, they looked to reestablish their dominance once again in Quad A.

The K12 team of Skyler James, Chase Stevens, Cole Swinford, Dominic Rorer, newcomer Noah Campbell, Gage Russell and Dennon Wilson started off Round 1 with everyone winning their point and never looking back on the competition. They finished the day with 13 out of 16 possible team points, winning first place. Individually, they would take six of the top 10 places. James placed second, Russell placed third, Swinford placed sixth, Stevens placed seventh, Wilson placed eighth and Rorer placed ninth.

The K8 team of Trey Swaggirt, Tyler Swaggirt, Evan McDowell, Isaac Sarles, Marley Phelps, Abbey Swinford, Hayden Hildebrand and Jaxson Cartwright went into Round 1 and did their job, earning 4 out of 4 team points. Round 2 would prove to be much harder, as they gained only 1 point. Once again, they will be battling a talented Lone Oak Middle School, who won first place this time, but only by 2.5 points. Individually McDowell placed fourth and Trey Swaggirt placed seventh.

The K5 team had only



two players for this tournament, Cameron Hernandez and Wyatt Russell. They still managed to hold their own and bring home the fourth-place trophy. Individually, Wyatt Russell placed fifth, with 3 out of 4 points.

The K3 team of Wyatt Cartwright, Luke Binkley and Adalyn Mardis, all new to the chess team, also brought home the fourth-place trophy in their division with 3 team points. Individually,

Cartwright placed ninth, Luke Binkley placed 19th and Adalyn Mardis placed 22nd.

"I am extremely proud of everyone and how they played in their first tournament this year," said chess Coach Don Winters. "We should have all of our players back for the next tournament and should be right back up at the top in all sections. We have a long season this year, with 12 total tournaments from now until March."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Holiday parade seeks nominees

Once again, Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is looking for candidates to be considered grand marshal of the Christmas Parade 2018, slated 5 p.m. Dec. 1.

Grand marshal is presented to an individual or group who has consistently made a difference in the community but has not received public recognition for their contributions. Often, this will be the person who gets the project completed or makes sure everything is done with little or no self-promoting. Many times this person or group works on their own time and, generally, is not compensated. They go beyond the normal demands and may also involve service to country, to a non-profit or positions achieved on state, national or international level.

If you know someone or some group that fits this description, send your nomination by Nov. 21 to the Chamber at P.O. Box 164, Marion, KY 42064 or email Executive Director Susan Alexander at [Susan@crittendenchamber.org](mailto:Susan@crittendenchamber.org).

### Ex-CCHS teacher facing charges

A former Crittenden County High School teacher and current teacher in Bullitt County pleaded not guilty last Thursday after she was arrested for threatening Bullitt Central High School.

Police say Dusty Witherspoon, 35, of Shepherdsville, Ky., went to the school and spoke with an administrator last Wednesday. Because she was suspended, Witherspoon was told to leave, but later returned.

After eventually leaving,

investigators say Witherspoon sent text messages to another employee where she made threats against the school.

Bullitt Central was placed on soft lockdown as a precaution.

In court last week, a judge ordered Witherspoon to have no contact with Bullitt Central and set her bond at \$20,000 full cash. She was scheduled to appear in court on Tuesday, but no details were available at press time.

### Grain elevator planned for 2019

Farmers in Crittenden County will soon have a closer place to get crops to market.

A new river terminal and grain elevator in Union County was announced last week.

Next year, officials hope that a new grain elevator and river terminal will help the area farming community and economy by cutting down the distance growers have to drive to get their grains onto barges sent down the Ohio River.

"I think it's somewhat needed," Taylor Kanipe, who runs Union County Grain Co., the company planning for the new terminal, told Tristate Homepage.com. "There's no graineries from us all the way down to Kentucky Lake," he says. "So, you

have Crittenden, Webster, southern Union County farmers that have to travel farther to get their grain to market."

The project is expected to cost \$7 million to \$12 million dollars and be built near Dekoven. It will be used by area farmers belonging to a recently formed co-op. It will also be able to store more than a million bushels of grains.

Kanipe says the new grain elevator and river terminal could be ready as soon as August of next year.

### Registration fees may be incorrect

Some vehicle owners, according to Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford, are being charged incorrect registration fees on their December renewal notices. She said the bills are prepared and mailed by the Kentucky Department of Revenue in Frankfort.

Byford said the registration fee for vehicles should be \$21 and \$18.50 for motorcycles, but she is noticing about an \$8 difference in what is being shown on notices.

Owners with questions can call her office at (270) 965-3403 with the license plate number to have the fee verified. If visiting her office in person, she suggests those renewing not write a check until the correct fee is verified.

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# FALL HOME IMPROVEMENT

## She Shed

The female-centric counterpart to the man cave, she sheds are giving women their own place to work and play

### Space offers hobby haven

By MIMI BYRNS  
STAFF WRITER

It is incredible to see what passion for the arts can do when it comes to home improvements. Shirley Curnel of Marion is a great example of a multi-talented, artistic person who was looking to create her own little space where she can quilt, paint, make gifts for friends and just wind down from the every-day stressful job duties she has as a lead accountant for a company in Benton. Traveling 110 miles roundtrip every day is taking a lot of her time, but she makes sure she spends the rest of it doing what she loves.

Since two years ago, when she and her husband Larry bought a 16x20 building, a lot has changed with the way the structure looks. After several months of changing and arranging, a "she shed" has emerged. And it is getting to be Shirley's favorite at the property. She calls it her hobby house.

The entire space is systematically arranged to meet the needs of her crafty personality. She always has more ideas in mind than time to work on all of the projects, but she uses any spare time she has to be in the she shed. "It is a stress relief for me. I like to think of the colors and the designs and the projects I want to do. And this space allows me to do that. That is why I don't even have a clock inside the shed. I don't have



Shirley Curnel turned to a she shed for a stress-free hobby haven away from every-day life. The space is used primarily for her sewing, quilting and painting.

to think about time," said Curnel. Larry helped her to get the shed in full shape by doing the plumbing, the electricity and the flooring. The shed is anything but simple and conventional. For a lover of crafting, it is mini-heaven. The structure was simple at first, but has a magnificent finish. When they got it, it had no insulation, only doors and windows. Now, it has a mini-fireplace, heating, cooling and great lighting that is essential when it comes to painting and quilting. Curnel's two primary passions besides sewing. "Larry made sure he insulated the shed. It has house insulation in it, so it keeps me warm," she said. "He also put a small water heater in it,

so that I have hot water. Everything in here except two pictures was created by me. "I use pegboard for storing ribbons and gift wrap supplies and some floral supplies as well. For Christmas, I asked for an industrial style TV stand that I can roll from workspace to workspace. The cabinets on the end store glass, holiday items as well as craft supplies. I have one large primary sewing machine I use for quilting, as well as an embroidery machine, a serger, a scan and cut for vinyl and paper. "One of the first projects I did was the window curtains. I wanted curtains that get blown by the wind at spring-time." Once you step inside, it is



impossible not to be taken with the vivid, colorful surroundings which are Curnel's creations. On one of the walls, she has the next Christmas project lined up – a quilt with Christmas motifs. She works on it slowly but surely, carefully choosing all the designs and materials, using the techniques she has learned at the many workshops and classes she takes in her spare time.

"At first, I wanted the walls to be blue, a calming color, but I kept going to the lavender color at the store, so I decided that was the right one for me," remembers Curnel. Equipped with sewing and quilting machines, good lighting, storage for materials, a TV, mini-fireplace, table where the quilts come to life,

See CURNEL/Page 7B

### Guess' garden shed heavenly inspired



For Carole Guess, her she shed's purpose is for floral design for her church. The idea was borne from a magazine article that featured one with a roofline similar to her home.

By ALLISON EVANS  
STAFF WRITER There are hundreds of uses for "she sheds," the outdoor living or work space created for women with a term coined in recent years. In contrast to the man cave, which conjures images of a dark basement space filled with hunting or sports memorabilia, the she shed can take on a multitude of uses, whether for escape or for craft. Colorful and functional, the she shed often is the female's answer to organization or leisure. For Carole Guess, the she shed has one purpose – floral design. Guess has voluntarily made floral arrangements for St. William Catholic Church for six years. For all 312 of those weeks, freshly-

cut flowers – and the clippings and mess associated with floral arranging – have overtaken her kitchen on Saturday night or Sunday morning. But no longer, thanks to her new she shed. "We are required to have fresh flowers on the altar," Guess said. "In the summertime, I cut flowers out of my yard and other church members' yards, bring them in and with them, bring in lots of bugs and dirt," she said. "In the winter, I use dried flowers or buy potted fresh greenery, but it's a mess doing in the kitchen sink, so I think my potting shed is going to come in handy." The idea for the potting shed took root after her daughter gave her a magazine article she thought her

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An energy audit can identify areas around a home where improvements can be made to reduce energy consumption and waste. Upgrading to new appliances, replacing light bulbs, sealing drafts, improving insulation, and addressing moisture and water leaks can be good for the environment and help homeowners save money.

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# Home trends to consider

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Home design and real estate trends come and go, but once in a while certain concepts exhibit considerable staying power. Staying abreast of what's hot and what's not can be a bit overwhelming. This list breaks down some of the trends that have made a splash and figure to be around for some time.

**Open concept spaces:** Watch the DIY Network or HGTV and you'll quickly understand that open floor plans remain highly coveted. Many modern, newly built homes have a large multi-purpose area that blurs the borders of the kitchen, dining area and family room. These homes make it easy to entertain and keep an eye on

youngsters.

**Patterned fabrics and upholstery:** Solids will always have their place in home decor, but patterned furnishings are making a name for themselves as well. Today's homeowners are not afraid to experiment with geometric and floral patterns alongside neutral colors to showcase their personalities, advises the real estate industry resource The Lighter Side of Real Estate.

**Farmhouse chic:** Many people want the ambiance of a rustic, antique farmhouse even if they live miles away from the country. Reclaimed wood on the walls, exposed beams, eclectic accessories, and a big wood table in the dining room are

hallmarks of farmhouse style. This is a fun design trend that can be personalized for cozy appeal.

**Hidden appliances:** Making appliances disappear into the background is a growing trend. This is achieved with products that blend in with or are hidden behind cabinetry.

**Multigenerational homes:** Buyers between the ages of 53 and 62 are increasingly looking at homes that can accommodate children older than 18, with a room or apartment available to care for an aging parent, states the National Association of Realtors.

Home trends continue to evolve, and some trends have exhibited more staying power than others.

# Basement remodeling tips

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A basement remodeling project can add valuable and usable space to a home. For many years, homeowners overlooked the potential of a basement remodel, perhaps thinking it would not be a smart return on investment. But that's no longer the case.

The latest "Cost vs. Value" report from Remodeling magazine says the average basement remodel can cost around \$61,000 with a 70.3 percent recoup rate. In addition, HGTV says architects and contractors indicate the cost of redoing a basement is roughly one-third to one-half less than the price of putting an addition on a home.

Before remodeling a basement, homeowners should think about how they want to use the space. Homeowners also must focus on some potential obstacles in a basement that will need to be addressed so that the area can be as functional as possible.

Basements can be chilly and damp. That means moisture issues and heating and cooling needs must be addressed prior to any construction. Homeowners may have to consider the installation of a dehumidifier and

run venting through the basement to allow for proper climate control. If a basement takes on water, either through the walls or a concrete slab, a professional waterproofing company can come in and fix these issues so they will not damage drywall and flooring afterwards.

The presence of insects and pests also must be addressed. Exterminators can help homeowners figure out which insects are in their basements and how to make the space less hospitable to these unwelcome guests so that the room will become comfortable for human occupants.

Space is often at a premium in basements, which may contain HVAC units, water heaters, filtration devices, ductwork, pipes, and the other appliances. Qualified contractors can suggest solutions for cordoning off appliances and camouflaging pipes and wires so they won't detract from the finished product. However, building access panels into the design will make it easier to service or repair features as necessary. Homeowners also may want to wrap pipes before drywall is installed to quiet noisy

drainage pipes.

Uneven basement flooring will need to be smoothed out and flattened before carpeting or tile can be laid down. A self-leveling underlayment can be applied to fill in gullies, while larger crack and holes will need to be patched.

Once the structure of the basement is addressed, then the design work can begin. Many professionals advise against drop ceilings, which can take away from ceiling height and look cheap. Basements can be dark, so the addition of plenty of lighting can help brighten the room. Small basement windows can be replaced with larger ones to add more light as well.

Homeowners can mimic built-ins and architectural details from elsewhere in the home so the basement is aesthetically cohesive and doesn't seem like an addition. Bookcases and shelving can add valuable storage space as well. Decorate the basement with bright, neutral colors so they make the space feel more inviting.

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# Save time, money with material alternatives

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Home renovations are big business. The home renovation resource Home Advisor states that the national average cost of remodeling multiple rooms in a home was \$41,784 in 2018.

While homeowners cannot change the size of rooms to save money, they can manipulate the materials used to keep expenses down. Many products on the market today are designed to replicate the look of more costly materials without the higher price tags. User-friendly DIY products also can help corral costs by cutting down on labor expenses.



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### Resilient flooring

Resilient flooring is manufactured to mimic the look of hardwood, tile, stone, and other materials. According to Armstrong Flooring, specialized manufacturing processes and coatings create a product that resists stains, dents, moisture, and scratches. Most resilient products are made up of several layers to create stability and absorb sound. These products tend to be less expensive than the materials they replicate.

### Laminate countertops

Much like resilient flooring, laminate countertops are inexpensive, low-maintenance and durable alternatives to stone and solid-surface countertops. They come in many different styles that can look like granite or marble. Homeowners also can consider solid surface materials, tile, concrete, and wood block when looking for cost-efficient countertop materials.

### Shower kits

Bathroom renovations can increase the overall value of a home. But some homeowners do not have the time or money to do a complete bathroom remodel. Replacing an old vanity with a newer one and replacing an outdated tub/shower combination can improve the functionality of a space without breaking the bank. Shower kits and stalls enable homeowners to renovate bathrooms with less hassle than creating a tile- or stone-based shower enclosure. Kit pieces

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drop in place and may only require minor plumbing work. Certain kits can be installed directly over dated showers for a quick remodel turnaround.

### Cabinet refacing

Homeowners who want to keep the layout of a kitchen intact but simply update its look can turn to cabinet refacing. The Kitchen Magic renovation company says refacing or resurfacing

uses quality wood or laminate veneer to change the color and appearance of the exterior of cabinets without having to remove the existing cabinet frames. New doors, drawers and hardware will complete the transformation at a fraction of the cost of a new cabinet build.

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Freezing temperatures may be good for ice skating or building snowmen, but sub-freezing temperatures can be dangerous for the average person and his or her home. Cold weather often leaves people scurrying to do whatever is necessary to safeguard themselves from the big chill. But it's important homeowners also protect their homes in cold weather.

## Plumbing

Plumbing and pipes may be vulnerable to cold weather. Frozen pipes may burst and cause substantial damage to a home, potentially causing flooding and structural damage.

Homeowners should disconnect and drain garden hoses before winter arrives. Water to outdoor hose bibs should be turned off, though the valves on these outdoor faucets should be left open to drain. Also, outdoor faucets can be covered with insulating foam covers.

The Red Cross says pipes that freeze most frequently include pipes in unheated areas, such as basements, attics, garages, and crawl spaces. Close vents to the outside in areas like attics and basements to limit the amount of cold air that gets indoors. Think about insulating unheated areas, as well as using pipe sleeves, heat tape or wraps on exposed pipes.

By opening kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors, homeowners can allow warm air from a home to reach pipes under the sink. During extreme freezes, keep cold water dripping from a sink to prevent pipes from freezing.



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## Service HVAC systems

It's important to ensure that heating systems are working properly prior to the cold-weather season. It may only take hours for the interior of a home to reach dangerously low temperatures without adequate heat. Homeowners should schedule annual checkups of furnaces and hot water heaters. Inspect the heat exchanger for cracks, install a clean air filter and make sure all thermostats are working properly.

## Have fuel ready

Homeowners who heat their homes with oil, wood or coal should make sure they have plenty of fuel on hand ahead of winter. Shortages can occur, and it may take some time for new fuel to arrive amid a cold snap.

As a precaution, homeowners can

rely on portable space heaters to fill in the heating gaps during freezing temperatures. Exercise caution with these devices, turning them off when leaving the room and remembering to avoid overloading outlets.

## Protect outside

Drain birdbaths, clean out downspouts and remove water from other items where water can freeze and cause damage. Inspect roofing prior to the snowy season, but stay off roofs during freezing weather.

Remove snow shovels and other winter gear from storage and make sure the items are easily accessible during snowstorms.

Winter's bite can be severe. Homeowners can protect themselves and their properties when the freeze sets in.

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# 7 uses for fallen leaves

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By the time autumn hits full swing, many trees will have shed their leaves for the season, and the last vestiges of red, yellow and orange magic will have faded to brown. Raking, blowing and collecting leaves becomes the primary chores of lawn and yard maintenance, and presents most homeowners with large piles of gathered leaves to tend to.

It is impossible to count just how many leaves fall to the ground each year, or just how many pounds of leaves get collected curbside, but the numbers are substantial. Cleaning up leaves is considerable work, but not all of those leaves need to be carted

away. In fact, there are several different uses of leaves that can be beneficial.

**1** Spread leaves as a protective mulch to cover tender perennials or root crops/bulbs in the ground. The leaves will form a natural insulating cover that keeps the soil and the plants within a bit warmer over winter.

**2** Create a pile of leaves that will break down and form a crumbly, compost-like material called leaf mold. Even though leaf mold may sound like a blight, it's actually a good amendment to garden soil, improving its structure and ability to hold water. Leaf mold also attracts beneficial organisms that are vital in healthy soil.

**3** Brown leaves can be added to green materials in compost piles to improve the health of the compost being formed. According to the healthy living resource Care2, the ideal ratio is 75 percent brown to 25 percent green materials in compost. Turn compost piles regularly to aerate them.

**4** Store dried, mulched leaves in a dry spot so they can be used in the spring as a weed barrier for spring plantings. They will keep weeds at bay and help retain soil moisture to ensure small sprouts have the resources to grow.

**5** Use shredded leaves as a lawn supplement. Pass a lawn mower over leaves left on the lawn to

break them down into pieces too small to rake. This will help keep the lawn healthy throughout the winter without blocking out needed sunlight.

**6** Bag dried leaves and pack them tightly together in cold areas of the home, such as basements or garages. They can act as added insulation. Bags of leaves also can be placed around planting containers to protect them from frost.

**7** Gather a few of the best-looking leaves and preserve them. Use an iron on a low setting and press leaves between two pieces of waxed paper until the waxed paper seals together. Or use clear contact paper to achieve the same effect.

# Safely remove fallen leaves

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Raking leaves is a chore many people immediately associate with autumn. Even though raking seems like a simple activity, it's still possible to be injured while removing leaves from the yard.

The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center advises that pain from outdoor leaf chores can range from strained back muscles to twisted knees. Blisters on the hands and sunburn are other potential side effects. Many people do not realize that raking is a thorough cardiovascular workout. Individuals at risk for cardiovascular disease or those who have recovered from surgery may not be well enough to rake leaves.

Here's how to make autumn leaf removal more of a breeze when the job is done safely.

**Pay attention when using a leaf blower.** Be cautious not to point an operational blower in the direction of people or pets, as debris can be

blown about and cause injury.

**Stretch out before raking leaves.** Warm up muscles beforehand so they are less likely to cramp. UPMC experts suggest taking a short walk prior to raking to stimulate circulation.

**Use proper raking form.** Much like snow shoveling, one should emphasize proper posture when raking, with legs slightly bent and weight distributed evenly. Hold the rake handle close to the body and keep one hand near the top of the rake for better leverage.

**Use the proper gear.** A leaf rake fans out like a triangle and comes in various widths. Choose a lightweight material that can be easily maneuvered. A metal rake is for stones and dirt and shouldn't be used for leaves. To get between bushes, a smaller version of a leaf rake, called a shrub rake, should be used.

**Wear protective gear.** When raking or leaf blowing, protect your eyes against debris. You also may want to use a mask to prevent inhalation of

leaf mold and other particulates. Gloves can protect hands from blisters.

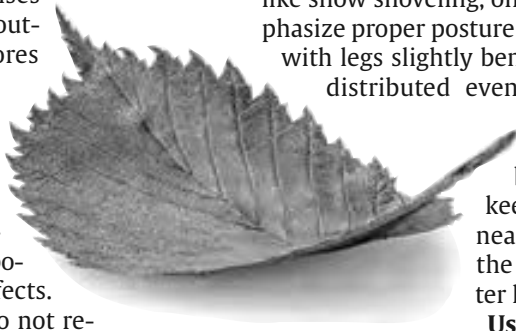
**Follow manufacturers directions.** Read the instructions for powered leaf blowers, and never modify the device in an unauthorized way.

**Use a tarp and lift wisely.** Rake leaves onto a tarp that can be dragged to a garbage pail or to the curb for municipal pick up. For those who must lift bags of leaves, do so by bending at the knees, not from the waist.

**Wear sunscreen.** Protect skin from the sun. Even though temperatures are cooler in the fall, this does not mean the sun's rays are any less harmful. Also, take breaks to rehydrate frequently.

**Use a secure ladder.** When removing leaves from gutters, be sure the ladder is sturdy and secure. Consider having a friend serve as a spotter, holding on to the ladder to offer greater security. Do not overextend to stretch for leaves.

If at any time during leaf clean-up you feel sharp or dull, incessant pains, stop working. Listen to your body's signals and start the task anew the next day or when you feel better.



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# Ask yourself 4 simple questions before embracing DIY projects

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Home improvement projects are as popular as ever. In its 2017 True Cost Survey, the home improvement site HomeAdvisor found that, between February 2016 and February 2017, homeowners spent an average of just over \$5,000 on home projects. That marked a nearly \$1,900 increase from the year prior, indicating that homeowners are increasingly opening their wallets to transform their homes.

In addition to spending money to improve their homes, many homeowners are spending their time on projects as well. While DIY projects can provide a sense of fulfillment and personal attachment to one's home, prospective do-it-yourselfers should ask themselves some questions before picking up their hammers and getting to work.

**Do I have any physical limitations?**

No matter how much home improvement televi-

sion shows may simplify projects, prospective DIYers should know that such undertakings are typically very difficult and oftentimes physically demanding. Homeowners with existing health conditions or other physical limitations may not be capable of performing certain tasks or may need to take frequent breaks, which can delay projects.

**Do I have the time?**

Many home improvement projects require a significant amount of time to complete. Homeowners whose time is already stretched thin with commitments to work and/or family may not be able to complete projects within a reasonable amount of time. That's fine if working on a part of the home that won't affect daily life, but can prove stressful or problematic if the project is in a room, such as a kitchen or bathroom, that residents of the home use each day. Novice DIYers should be es-

pecially honest with themselves about the time they have available to work on the project, as such homeowners are bound to experience a few time-consuming missteps along the way.

**Can I afford it?**

While DIY might seem more affordable than hiring a contractor, that's not necessarily true. Novice DIYers may need to buy or rent tools, costs that can add up. Contractors already have the tools necessary to begin and complete projects, so the cost savings of DIY might not be as significant as homeowners think. Before going the DIY route, homeowners should solicit estimates from contractors, comparing the estimates to how much a project will cost if homeowners do it themselves.

**Can I go it alone?**

Many home improvement projects require more than one set of hands, and it's risky and even foolish

for first-time DIYers to assume they can begin a project and see it through to completion entirely on their own. Homeowners whose spouses, partners, friends, or relatives are willing to chip in may think that's enough. However, the DIY skills of those who volunteer may be a mystery until the project begins. Novice DIYers should enlist the help of a friend or family member with home improvement experience. If no such person is available, it may be wise to hire a contractor instead.

Home improvement projects may seem simple on television. But prospective do-it-yourselfers must make honest assessments of their skills, time and budgets before taking on a DIY project.

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Shirley Curnel turned to a she shed for a stress-free hobby haven away from everyday life. The space is used primarily for her sewing, quilting and painting.

## CURNEL

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the space is compact, fully practical and adapted for the next project. In the beginning, the walls and the ceiling were only a shell, and it took the summer and the beginning of the next two years for everything to be brought to a nice finish. Inside, there is

also a closet for storing all of Curnel's materials and quilting supplies, paper, ribbons, material and everything she uses.

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Curnel inherited her talent for quilting from her mother who hand-quilts.

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KENTUCKY TODAY

There's some good news this winter for Kentuckians who heat their homes with natural gas, according to the state Public Service Commission.

The PSC said last Thursday that at the start of the winter heating season, natural gas prices have fallen on average about 13 percent from this time last year and are now about 64 percent below their level of 10 years ago.

When base rates, which include monthly customer charges and delivery fees, are factored in, Kentucky residential customers can, on average, expect their total gas bills to be about 6 percent lower this November than last, based on heating season consumption of 10,000 cubic feet of natural gas per month.

The average total bill for 10,000 cubic feet, including gas costs and base rates, but not miscellaneous charges and credits, is projected to be about \$93.71.

That is down \$5.92 from last year and a decrease of about \$57 since November of 2008, when the average price per 1,000 cubic feet was \$11.70.

"Ample production of

natural gas is continuing to forestall any sharp increases in prices," said PSC Chairman Michael Schmitt. "Even with higher demand due to greater use of natural gas to generate electricity and rising gas exports, the supply has more than kept pace."

Weather is the major factor in the size of their heating bills, according to Schmitt.

"Kentucky is forecast to have normal winter temperatures this year," he said. "That would be a welcome change from last winter, when several months of colder-than-normal weather pushed energy bills higher."

But whatever the weather or the cost of natural gas, consumers would still benefit by taking steps to reduce consumption, he added.

The lower cost of gas means that base rates are now a larger portion of the total bill. Only one of Kentucky's five large natural gas distribution companies received a base rate increase in the last 12 months.

Savings that the five natural gas distribution utilities are seeing as the result of a reduction in federal corporate income taxes that took effect this year, are also help-

ing consumers, Schmitt said. The PSC recently completed its review of the rate impacts of the tax reduction and ordered utilities to return the savings to their customers.

The five major natural gas distribution companies in Kentucky are Atmos Energy, Columbia Gas of Kentucky Inc., Delta Natural Gas Co. Inc., Duke Energy Kentucky Inc., and Louisville Gas and Electric Co. Together the five companies serve more than 750,000 customers in Kentucky and deliver about 176 billion cubic feet of gas annually.

About 44 percent of Kentuckians heat their homes with natural gas. Those who heat with propane (10 percent) should see stable prices, while users fuel oil (3 percent) will see an increase of about 20 percent over last year, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

For the 39 percent of Kentuckians who use electric heat, changes in heating costs are likely to be driven by fluctuations in fuel costs, environmental compliance costs and other items that change on a monthly basis, as well as base rate adjustments for several utilities over the last year.

# Kentucky home sales down in September

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky home sales in September slid compared to 2017, topping out at 4,453 units. This is down 3.4 percent from last year's September tally of 4,608. For the year, home sales are trailing 2017 by just over 1 percent, with 40,291 transactions through September (40,816 sales were recorded in the same period for 2017).

Nationally, home sales rose slightly in September and saw substantial increases in both the West and Midwest, according to the National Association of Realtors. A forward-looking indicator based on contract signings, increased 0.5 percent to 104.6 in September from 104.1 in August. However, year-over-year, contract signings dropped 1.0 percent making this the ninth straight month of annual decreases.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist says that even though we are still seeing year-over-year declines, the latest monthly increase is a good, stabilizing trend. "This shows that buyers are out there on the sidelines, wait-

ing to jump in once more inventory becomes available and the price is right," he said.

"The Kentucky housing market continues to buck the national trend," said Steve Cline, president of Steve Cline, president of Kentucky Realtors. "Closings are down slightly while national numbers are up. However, Kentucky saw increases in July and August while others did not. While it remains difficult to predict the short-term future, the stabilizing national trend is encouragement that 2018 will be a near-record year in Kentucky."

Home prices in Kentucky were up for the second straight month in September. A nearly five and a half percent jump to a median price of \$136,920 was a marked change from \$126,850 in 2017. Nationally, median home prices landed at \$258,100, once again roughly doubling the Kentucky median price.

Kentucky's housing inventory dipped only slightly in September year-over-year. The 4.42 months of supply in September was up

less than half a percent versus September 2017 and was a significant increase of August 2018's level of 3.56 months. For the year, inventory remains unchanged versus the same period in 2017, showing 4.2 months through September.

September saw only a 5.7 percent increase in the amount of time properties stayed on the market. At 110 days, this is level matches the average for days on the market in Kentucky.

Median prices were up in Louisville but remained almost unchanged in Lexington and Northern Kentucky.

With rising mortgage rates and high prices, conversations about the possible benefits of renting over buying have begun to pop up; however, Yun believes that homeownership is still the path to long-term financial health. "Excluding periods of subprime lending, homeownership has consistently led to wealth gains," said Yun. "If people are willing to purchase a home within their budget, they will likely continue to accumulate equity."

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# Purple pops

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Pantone named “Ultra Violet” its color of the year in 2018, helping create a resurgence in popularity of all things purple. As a result, homeowners who pride themselves on staying on top of the latest trends have increasingly turned to purple when designing home interiors.

Purple influences can range from the dramatic to the subtle.

**Transition bedroom color.** Purple has long been a favorite shade for adolescents who are growing up and moving away from pinks and peaches into more mature room colors. Purple looks well when accented by white, magenta and yellow. Even though it is embraced by young girls, purple also can be used by adults who want to create soothing retreats in their bedrooms.

**Create an accent wall.** A purple room may intimidate people who prefer mild, more neutral design schemes. But a purple ac-

cent wall can add a pop of color, suggest the home experts at Realtor.com. When it comes time to list a home, it’s easier for the next homeowner to embrace a purple accent wall than an entire room decorated in this jeweled tone.

**Use accent items.** It’s easy to add a splash of plum or other variations of purple without making a permanent commitment. Dress up neutral decor with throw pillows, rugs, table linens, or draperies in all shades of purple. As trends change, it’s easy to exchange accent items.

**Modernize kitchen.** Homeowners can offset efficient, modern design in kitchens characterized by white cabinetry and stainless appliances with some well-placed grape focal points. A purple backsplash, purple-clad island or lavender bar stools can lend vibrancy to a space.

Purple is hot right now and turning up in unexpected places in many homes.



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For Carolle Guess, her she shed’s purpose is for floral design for her church.

## GUESS

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mom would like about how to grow grass.

“This edition of This Old House magazine also had article about garden sheds, and the one featured had the same roofline as my house, so I decided I needed it,” said Guess, a former teacher

and former owner of Salem Food Store.

She ordered the blueprint and hired local carpenters Graham Shuecraft and Jason Curtis.

“I’m really pleased at how it turned out,” said Guess, who now is systematically filling the shelves in the She Shed, which also features electricity and running water. “It’s going to be nice.”

# HVAC systems biggest energy hogs

METRO SERVICES

According to Energy Star, the U.S. Department of Energy and Consumer Reports, homeowners who want to curb energy consumption can consider upgrading, repairing or replacing the biggest energy consumers in their homes. The following

appliances typically tend to consume the most energy:.

**Heating & cooling unit:** Nearly half of all energy used in a home is consumed by HVAC systems. Regularly inspecting and servicing the system can conserve energy and save money.

**Water heater:** Energy

Star suggests replacing water heaters that are more than 10 years old. Also, washing clothes in cold water can reduce energy consumption.

**Kitchen/laundry appliances:** Trade in old appliances for new models, which are more energy-effi-

cient. For example, an Energy Star-rated refrigerator uses 50 percent less energy to run than a refrigerator manufactured 15 years ago. Innovations in laundry appliances also help make units more efficient without compromising on performance.



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# String holiday lights safely

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Lighting displays are one of the many things that help make the holiday season a special time of year. Often awe-inspiring, holiday lighting displays present a perfect opportunity for communities and individuals to showcase their festive sides.

Safety should always be a priority when stringing holiday lights both inside and outside a home. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) notes that, between 2009 and 2014, fire departments in the United States responded to an average of 210 home fires that started with Christmas trees per year. Lighting displays strung on home exteriors also can pose safety risks if homeowners do not exercise caution. Fortunately, various strategies can help homeowners safely decorate their homes' interiors and exteriors this holiday season.

**Choose a fresh tree.** The NFPA recommends celebrants who prefer natural Christmas trees choose ones with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched. Dry trees are more likely to catch fire than freshly cut trees. Adding water to the tree stand each day will keep trees fresher longer. When placing the tree, avoid placing it too close to heat sources, making sure it is at least three feet away from fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents, or lights.

**Check all lights before stringing them.** All lights, including those going on



Various strategies can help homeowners safely decorate their homes' interiors and exteriors this holiday season with light displays.

trees inside a home and those being strung outside, should be inspected prior to being strung. Look for any worn or broken cords and replace any defected lights.

**Employ the buddy system.** When stringing lights, always work with at least one other person. This makes it safe for homeowners who must climb ladders to string lights on especially tall trees and/or on their home exteriors.

**Avoid working in inclement weather.** The weather during the holiday season can sometimes be unpleasant or unpredictable. Check the forecast before stringing exterior lights to ensure Mother Nature won't pose a threat. Avoid hanging lights if the forecast predicts

wet, icy or windy conditions that can make ladders unstable.

**Turn lights off when going to bed and/or leaving the house.** Interior and exterior holiday lights should not be left on when no one is home or everyone inside is sleeping. If left on overnight or when no one is home,

lights may contribute to fires that damage homes and may even prove fatal.

Holiday lighting displays help make this time of year special. Following some simple safety procedures when decorating with lights can ensure everyone enjoys a safe and happy holiday season.

# Gray here to stay in home designs

METRO SERVICES

Decorating a home in neutral tones has long been recommended as a way to sell a home quickly. But the color gray also provides a blank canvas for homeowners who have no intention of putting their homes on the market anytime soon.

Beige and white have long been go-to colors for neutral living spaces. But many interior decorators now look to gray as the neutral color of choice.

Design experts advise that gray has a broad range. Gray can include everything from silver to charcoal to a dusty cloud. According to the trendsetters at Glidden Paints, gray coordinates well with other colors. Plus, the neutral appeal of gray boasts a timeless quality.

Gray is not a clear-cut color that's simply a 50-50 blend of white and black. Gray has subtle nuances that can lean toward blues, greens, taupes, and more depending on the lighting and surrounding furnishings. That means that homeown-

ers who are ready to replace their furniture or accessories need not necessarily repaint if they've previously decorated in shades of gray.

Individuals need only replace small items to produce a big effect in rooms where gray is dominant. Because gray is so neutral, it works with soft, calming colors in various pastels, but equally as well with bright reds, yellow and oranges, according to Scott Bodenner, a Brooklyn-based textile designer.

Gray also is a predominant color in natural stones used throughout homes in entryways, bathrooms and kitchens. It can make design sense to maintain continuity throughout by dabbling in gray elsewhere.

Designers have shown how gray does not have to be cold, industrial or gloomy. It can be sophisticated in just about any room of the house. More designers are now leaning toward warmer variations of gray, such as taupes and blends dubbed "greige," that are beautiful but not as stark as pure gray.

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