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Marion leaf collection still on hold: Ledford

The City of Marion's autumn leaf collection is still on hold. City Administrator Adam Ledford said the vacuum unit used to collect streetside leaves is still being repaired in Louisville, but could be ready as early as sometime next week. With the uncertain timetable, though, no collection schedule has been released.

Veterans Day closes government offices

Veterans Day is Saturday, but all city, county, state and federal offices will be closed Friday, as will the senior citizens center. However, post offices, the Extension service and public library will be open Friday. The library and post offices will be closed Saturday.

No driver testing on Friday for holiday

There will be no driver testing in Crittenden County Friday in observance of Veterans Day, according to Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill.

Kentucky rated 6th fattest state in U.S.

A personal finance website has rated Kentucky one of the fattest states in America.

The "2017 Fattest States in America" report from WalletHub ranks the commonwealth the sixth fattest state overall and fourth in percent of obese children and physically inactive adults. The obesity-related death rate was 29th.

To determine which states contribute the most to America's overweight and obesity problem, WalletHub's analysts compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 19 key metrics. They range from share of overweight and obese population to sugary-beverage consumption among adolescents to obesity-related health care costs. Americans collectively spend nearly \$200 billion per year on obesity-related health costs, according to WalletHub.

The entire 2017 report can be online found at <https://goo.gl/Mx87mK>.

Public meetings

- **Crittenden County Extension District Board** will meet at 5:25 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Marion Ed-Tech Center.

- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will meet at 8:30 a.m. next Thursday at the courthouse for its regular meeting.

- **Crittenden County Board of Education** will meet at 6 p.m. next Thursday in the Rocket Arena conference room for its Council of Council meetings.



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Delicate balancing act Churches weigh security against welcomeness

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
PRESS EDITOR

Sunday's massacre during worship service at a small Baptist church in Texas has prompted churches elders around Crittenden County to take another look at how to best protect congregations.

"It has made myself, along with other pastors and leaders, have to re-evaluate systems we have in place and look at things needed to help ensure the safety of those who worship with us," said

Chris McDonald, pastor of one of the county's largest congregations at Life in Christ Church. "It is sad to think we have to view things this way, but it has quickly become the reality."

Twenty-six members of the congregation at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, were gunned down Sunday by Devin Patrick Kelley. This latest mass shooting ranks as one of the five worst in American history and deadliest on

record at a house of worship. It was also the second in only two months.

In the New Testament, Acts 20:28 charges church elders to "(k)eeep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers." For pastors and other church leaders, that commission goes beyond guarding the spirit of parishioners against sin, but also the

body.

"Church security is not a new issue," said David Combs, Marion United Methodist Church's pastor. "It's always been an issue, but it has changed with violence. Churches are a soft target."

Many churches in the county – from the smallest country church with a congregation of a dozen to the largest with pews filled by as many as 300

for Sunday worship – already employ a number of protective measures. They include everything from cameras to teams of security keeping watch over the grounds, entries and hallways of buildings. Other churches, in fact, have by now scheduled business meetings to discuss security measures.

But it's a balancing act for churches. Protecting the flock should not come at the cost

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Class A 1st Region semifinal
Bethlehem Eagles (4-7) at
Crittenden County Rockets (7-5)
7 p.m. at Rocket Stadium

Record Rockets

A record-setting year for Rockets football continues Friday in the second round of the Class A playoffs after a 69-0 victory last week over Caverna. The Rockets' 42 first-quarter points were their most ever in the opening period and the final margin was the team's biggest in school history. Crittenden County has scored more than 60 points three times this season and is averaging 42 points per game. Before last week's game in Marion, the Rockets were presented the regular-season Class A 1st District first-place trophy (right). For more, see Page 9.



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS, THE PRESS

Campbell heads daily operations of Ky. Guard



FILE PHOTO

Brig. Gen. Scott Campbell, a Frances native and 1978 graduate of Crittenden County High School, has been appointed Deputy Adjutant General of the Kentucky Army National Guard.

STAFF REPORT

A Crittenden County native has been appointed to head the day-to-day operations of the Kentucky Army National Guard.

Brig. Gen. Scott A. Campbell was named Deputy Adjutant General-Army last month, making him responsible for all activities – including organization, training and equipping of soldiers – of the Army National Guard in Kentucky subject to administrative approval of the Adjutant General.

"Before, I was just responsible for all the units out in the field at brigade, battalion and company level," the 1978 Crittenden County High School graduate said.

"Now, I have added all the Kentucky Army National Guard activities at the state level."

Campbell was appointed by Gov. Matt Bevin upon the recommendation of Adjutant Gen. Stephen R. Hogan. He took on the role effective Oct. 16, according to a release issued last week by the National Guard.

"Gen. Campbell is a model guardsman and officer, and I am grateful that he has chosen to continue his service with the Kentucky Guard on a full-time basis," said Hogan, who is over both the army and air Guard units in the Commonwealth. "I have

no doubt that he'll take the Army Guard to a whole new level of war-fighting capability."

The new position is a promotion in terms of responsibility – though not military rank – from assistant adjutant general, which Campbell filled as a citizen-soldier. He now serves as a full-time soldier.

"I'm looking forward to only having one job for the first time in my 36 1/2 year career that will allow me to focus all my energy on making the Kentucky Army National Guard a better

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Schools to dismiss for 1st day of special pension session

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky's pension crisis could lead to an unscheduled day out of school for students.

Crittenden County Schools Superintendent Vince Clark says the board of education will amend the school calendar and dismiss classes for a day when Gov. Matt Bevin calls lawmakers into special session to discuss proposed changes to the state's pension system. The missed instructional day will be added

into the school calendar at a later date.

Clark said the decision to close school allows staff the opportunity to travel to

Frankfort and share concerns in person with other educators across the state.

"We feel the governor's plan will forever harm public education in Kentucky," said Clark. "Some of the proposals violate contractual agreements that may have lasting legal repercussions."

The superintendent

added that Bevin's proposed actions not only will take away staff's rightly-earned benefits, but also will have lasting implications on the future of public education.

"I fear we will have a mass exodus of teachers in 2023," he said, "and recruiting quality educators into the profession may prove next to impossible. Our staff deserve their rightful benefits, and our students deserve the best teachers and staff to instruct them."

Numerous school districts across the state are planning to dismiss classes in order to allow staff to travel to Frank-

fort to demonstrate during the session. Bevin has been critical of the plan, saying in a Facebook Live message Friday that it would create "mayhem" for Kentucky. (Bevin's message can be viewed on Facebook at <https://goo.gl/Cm1kWq>.)

The local school system has not yet set a date for the closure, because the special session has not yet been announced. Clark said moving the missed day to a later date will preserve learning and keep students connected to their teachers. In the meantime, he urges residents to contact their legislators to

voice their own concerns about the proposed changes.

"The community needs to let our legislators know that a more thoughtful plan should be developed that includes more funding, shared responsibility to guarantee benefits during the retirement years and protection of promised benefits," said Clark.

When the cancellation date is known, the school system will make a One Call automated phone announcement to parents, in addition to sharing with local media, social media outlets and school websites.

Has absurdity become fabric of our lives?

The dictionary defines absurd as “completely unreasonable or illogical; ridiculous.”

We are living in an era of the absurd. If you doubt this, just check out the internet or mainstream news media. (Sarah Palin has very correctly referred to it as the “lame stream” news media.) Much of what is passed off there as “news” is actually political

propaganda and sensationalized entertainment. We are being sold ideas through the mainstream news media, internet, television entertainment, movies and even sports events, but many of these ideas are absurd.

Dr. Charles Mackay published his book, now known as “Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowds,” in 1841. He said, “Every age has its peculiar folly; some scheme, project or fantasy into which it plunges, spurred on by the love of gain, the neces-



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Pastor's Pen

sity of 'excitement or the mere force of imitation.”

I agree with Mackay's statement that “every age has its peculiar folly,” but ours has it in abundance. And, yes, the motives are “the love of gain, the necessity of excitement or the mere force of imitation.” We live in an age of emotionalism and trendiness as well as absurdity. Genuine, honest thought has been

replaced with feel-good nonsense embraced by mobs who sometimes express themselves through violence.

I recently came across Ann Coulter's book, “Demoniac.” The subtitle is “How the Liberal Mob is Endangering America.” You might say that the framework of her book is the work of a French physician, scientist and social psychologist, Gustave Le Bon, who, as Coulter put it, “perfectly captured the liberal psychological profile in his 1896 book, The Crowd: A Study of

the Popular Mind.”

She tells us that “his groundbreaking book, ‘The Crowd,’ paints a disturbing picture of the behavior of mobs. Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini used his book to learn how to incite a mob.

According to Coulter, “All the characteristics of mob behavior set forth by Le Bon in 1896 are evident in liberalism – simplistic, extreme, black and white thinking, fear of novelty, inability to follow logical arguments, acceptance of contradictory ideas, being transfixed by images, a religious worship of their leaders and a blind hatred of their opponents.” She gives numerous examples of these characteristics of absurdity in her book. It is well worth reading.

So, has absurdity truly become the fabric of our lives? You be the judge. I posed the question this way because of a slogan of the cotton industry – “Cotton: The fabric of our lives” – and recent statement of offense by someone encountering cotton decor products in a store and being upset about that. I'm sure it didn't stop the individual from wearing

clothes that day.

It's interesting to me that some individuals can find racism at every turn, and in the most innocent and mundane things. It's even more interesting to me that such absurdity is given the time of day.

The Apostle Paul's words in the first chapter of the Book of Romans, in the Bible, have certainly come to pass: “Professing to be wise, they've become fools....”

Why does America suffer such fools?

Another example of such foolish absurdity is the current controversy concerning NFL players refusing to stand for our national anthem in protest, supposedly, of racial mistreatment of minorities by police. Seems to me they are painting with a very broad brush. Most police officers are honorable men and women doing a very difficult job. From what I've observed, they have received much more undeserved and unfair mistreatment than any minorities have.

Maybe it's time for certain sanctimonious NFL football players to lose the chip on

their shoulder. I'm not impressed in any good way by grown men being paid millions of dollars to play a sport who are whining about how oppressed they are as a minority. How ridiculous!

One of the characteristics of mob mentality given in Le Bon's book is a religious worship of their leaders. Colin Kaepernick, who started this nonsense, has been canonized by some NFL players as the great shining example of fighting racism.

What I see there is a shining example of ingratitude and ignorance. He was adopted into a loving family and a comfortable middle class home. He was given the opportunity to rise to the top of his profession and make millions of dollars as he was idolized by millions of people.

This was all possible because he lives in a country where veterans paid for his freedom – some with their lives – and he has the audacity to disrespect them. Shame on him and all those who admire and support him and his fellow players who continue his cause. Do

they think that they would have the opportunities they have in other countries? If so, go. I for one won't watch their games. I won't buy their merchandise and kudos to those who don't as well. It's time to send a message: We don't support the absurd.

Lastly, since there's no shortage of the absurd, most recently, California has legally made a third gender, while The Boy Scouts of America are trying to do away with gender altogether by inviting girls to join. (This even though there's already a girl scout organization in existence.) By the way, do we call them Boy Scouts now?

Have we become so inundated with the absurd that we hardly even notice any more? Cotton is the least of our concerns, because absurdity has become the fabric of our lives.

(Editor's note: Mark Girten, pastor at Crooked Creek Baptist Church, shares his views periodically in this newspaper. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

Everyone, not just public sector, impacted by pension crisis

This week's update will address two topics, the first of which is the state's public pension systems.

It is generally accepted the eight plans in Kentucky's three major public pension systems are seriously underfunded and in need of repair. In late August, PFM Consulting Group released its recommendations for fixing the systems, and in late October, the governor made public his proposal for changing the systems.

His proposal did not include the most onerous recommendations from PFM. Since then, there has been understandable concern about the impact of any changes. I have invested, as I should, many hours reading and rereading the governor's proposal, and while I think it has many good points, I do not agree with it in total.

Much to my dismay, however, there seems to be as much or more misinformation being promulgated as there is factual information. The misinformation – and



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dare I say scare tactics – being banded about are deeply disturbing to me.

The governor's proposal is more than 500 pages long, and I started getting letters telling me to vote against it before it was even released. I certainly appreciate hearing from the fine people I am honored to represent in the General Assembly, but having people send me

form letters four, five, six or even seven times with the same message does not do anything to further the conversation. Everyone in the Commonwealth, not just teachers and state employees, is impacted by the crisis facing us.

I have heard it said by those opposed to changes, that the defined contribution proposal will keep young people from teaching or working for the state. I disagree. A 401(k) type plan is portable. If someone is invested in such a plan and decides to change jobs or move to another location, the money stays with that per-

son and continues to grow. If that same person, however, decides to change jobs or move to another location under the current system, the money in the pension system is lost if the person has not worked long enough to be vested. If vested, the money in the plan can't be taken until the person reaches 55 or 60 years of age depending on the specific plan, and the pension does not grow.

When Social Security was instituted, teachers were not allowed to participate in it. Years ago, the law was changed to allow their inclusion, but the teachers' representatives at that time decided not to participate, and that is why today's public school teachers neither pay into Social Security nor receive Social Security benefits. At the time the governor's pension proposal was being developed, the intent was to place public school teachers in the Social Security system, but once again, their representatives said that they didn't want to be moved into it.

It has been said that sick days have been taken away, but that is not true. The proposal does eliminate the requirement that school

boards provide 10 sick days a year, but it does not say that sick days can no longer to be offered, so it is up to the school board to decide how many sick days to offer, with the board paying for them as it currently does.

State law now allows teachers to receive a lump sum payment of 30 percent of the value of their accrued sick days based on their salary at retirement and then use that payment as part of the calculation for their pension benefit, but does not require it. In fact, not all school boards pay the 30 percent. The governor's proposal does cap the number of sick days that those already teaching can accrue toward their retirement.

I have acknowledged many times that prior General Assemblies did not allocate the proper amount of money to the systems, but at most, the portion attributable to their underfunding is 15-20 percent with systemic problems being at least 80 percent of the problem.

Funding of our pension systems are so bad that if they were in the private sector rather than the public sector, the federal government would have taken them over.

As I said earlier in the ar-

ticle, I do not agree with everything that is in the governor's proposal. I think changes to it will be made because I do not believe that the proposal as written would pass in the House of Representatives. Nevertheless, significant changes must be made or more and more money will continue to be diverted from other government programs in order to pay for pensions.

House leadership scandal

At the beginning of my update I said that I would address two topics, and the second topic is the sexual harassment charges that were levied by a member of the majority leadership staff against the Speaker of the House and three other House members. While all the details of the accusation are unknown due to the confidentiality agreement that was signed at the time the out of court settlement was reached, the Speaker acknowledged that inappropriate texting took place. Since the settlement was first reported, the Speaker resigned his position and the Speaker Pro-Tempore as proscribed by the rules of the House has assumed operational control of the Kentucky

House of Representatives. A third party investigation has been requested and the FBI is also looking into the situation.

To say I was stunned and disappointed would be an understatement. Sexual harassment in any situation is reprehensible, and for it to be by a public official toward someone working for him makes it even worse. My heart goes out to the person who suffered the indignity. As more information becomes available, I will provide updates.

As always, thank you for reading my updates and thank you for contacting me with your concerns and thoughtful suggestions. It is a privilege to represent you in the Kentucky House of Representatives and your input helps me make decisions that best represent the views of the 4th District.

I may be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at (800) 372-7181, directly at (502) 564-8100 or by email at Lynn.Bechler@lrc.ky.gov.

(Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, is a state representative for District 4, which includes Crittenden, Caldwell, Livingston and a portion of northern Christian County.)

Draft pension reform bill isn't the answer

I've never seen anything like this.

The governor announces earlier this year that he is taking the politically courageous step of tackling Kentucky's public pension challenges but then lets wild rumors ferment for months by not releasing a plan. When he does release his plan, it's 505-pages long and on the 11th hour on a Friday. And along the way, he creates fright and panic among current and retired public employees by having some Philadelphia consultants recommend draconian cuts to the pension plans.

As the son, brother and husband of retired teachers I cannot support the governor's plan as written in draft legislation that was cobbled together in secret. Even the former Speaker of the House now said he couldn't support the current form of the draft legislation. There are too many unforeseen consequences for the 150,000 Kentuckians who receive more than \$3.5 billion annually in benefits from state and local pension plans. Expenditures stemming from those pensions support about 33,700 jobs that pay about \$1.5 billion in wages and salaries. That's a total economic output of nearly \$5 billion.

The draft legislation would place teachers and



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public employees hired after next July in 401(k)-type retirement plans, rather than traditional pensions, shifting the burden to them to save enough for their retirements, but offering employer matches of 6-9 percent of salary.

As I've written before, shifting public employees to a 401(k)-type retirement plan would not reduce the liabilities but will make the funding challenge worse. A switch would close the existing pension plans to new members, which would lower investment returns on the existing plans' assets over time. That would increase the costs to pay down the unfunded liabilities – exactly the opposite of the goal I thought we were trying to achieve.

The draft legislation would reset the amortization period to 30 years. The longer the period, the more interest the state pays. I hear that 401(k)-type retirement plans should shorten our debt amortization. This provision does the opposite. This just kicks the can down the road – exactly what I thought the governor was trying to avoid.

One provision in the draft bill that raises a lot of concern would require teachers and public employees to contribute 3 percent more for retiree health

care. Instead of the additional money being used to shore up the retiree health insurance funds, it would be used to offset the equivalent decrease in contributions from the government.

Let's call it what it really is – a 3 percent pay cut. It would just shift the burden of funding retiree health care to the workers. I've heard the provision would cut wages by about \$158 million annually for state workers (including teachers) and another \$85 million for local workers, many of whom have not received raises for much of the last decade. For a teacher who spends 27 years in the classroom at present-day salaries, the 3 percent contribution would mean the loss of about \$40,000 in lifetime income.

Among other concerns about the draft bill, retiree allowance payments will end if agencies under any of the pension umbrellas miss payments or become delinquent as contribution rates increase. That prompted a former Kentucky Retirement Systems trustee to call the draft bill a “bankruptcy bombshell” and question whether the phrasing could immediately take away pensions for social workers at a Louisville-area nonprofit that filed for bankruptcy in 2013.

And then there are questions about a part of the draft bill that would eliminate a requirement that school districts provide at least 10 paid sick days for teachers and other full-time

school workers each year. That's not to mention whether yet other provisions would make it difficult for school districts to tap retirees as substitute teachers.

As of writing, the draft of the bill hasn't been prefiled and the governor hasn't followed through with a promise to call a special session despite the fact that time is drawing short. The holidays are fast approaching and the next regularly scheduled session begins on Jan. 2. That's when we have to pass the next 24-month budget for the state.

As the governor, legislators and stakeholders continue to wrestle with the pension challenges, I encourage everyone to check out the draft of the bill. You can find it online at Pensions.ky.gov under the heading “Pension Reform (Draft).”

Look at the draft and other information on the website, and feel free to share with me your comments, concerns or questions. Good public policy is made only after a robust debate where all sides get a chance to voice their opinions. You may leave me a message by calling the toll-free Legislative Message Line at (800) 372-7181. You can also e-mail me directly at Dorsey.Ridley@lrc.ky.gov.

(Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson, is a state senator from District 4 that includes Crittenden, Caldwell, Henderson, Livingston, Union and Webster counties. He is Minority Caucus Chair.)

Mass killings not gun problem but societal

Nowhere on the planet are guns woven into the fabric of society more than in America. And nowhere in the U.S. are they a defining part of culture more than in the South.

It goes back to our rebellious nature as a nation and as a region of that nation. We are somewhat untrusting of a powerful, central authority ... and with good reason.

Of course, we also like to hunt for sport and food, as will be evident this weekend with the arrival of deer season for modern guns.

But America's unique relationship with guns has created an uncomfortable comfort with the weapons. There is a glut of firearms for an increasingly sick and violent society that likes to settle a disagreement with a bullet, and a powerful lobby to protect our constitutional right to bear arms.

Sunday's massacre at a small church in Texas and the Oct. 1 Las Vegas shooting illustrate that no place is safe from the senseless acts of violence perpetrated by disturbed, gun-wielding monsters – not in a peaceful house of worship or amid a sea of people simply out for a fun time.

Something has to give.



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My2¢ Worth

“Gun control,” in one camp, is the hollow mantra for solving a nation's tendency toward violence. On the other side of the debate, the term is reviled as an attempt to end America as we know it. The media tends to fan both flames to the point of inferno.

Perhaps the answer is to change “gun control” to “gun management.” Maybe then we can have an adult conversation in order to reach a tenable compromise.

Making a few guns – like the assault weapons used in so many of the mass shootings – harder to come by is not going to remove any stars or stripes from Old Glory. But making certain – or even all – guns illegal is not going to solve much. Last time I checked, we have a pretty serious substance abuse problem in the U.S. despite illicit drugs being, well, illegal.

But then, it's not so much a “gun” problem we face. It's societal. Life is a pressure cooker. Civility is an endangered species. Conversation has given way to argument. It's easier to hate than understand. Mental health is decades behind other medicine. And life is no longer viewed as precious.

Adding any weapon to the a mix is cause for concern.

More child advocates needed

By ALEXA BLACK
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After being established just last year in Crittenden County, word is beginning to spread about the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program. This has led to community involvement in family court, which is especially good news for the children who will benefit from the services.



Maddox

However, more help is needed.

CASA Program of Hopkins, Webster and Crittenden Counties Executive Director Daphne Maddox describes the organization as something that brings a common-sense approach to the court system. It is a network of community-based programs that recruits, trains and supports volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the courtroom.

CASA volunteers can give each case the attention it needs by examining the situation hands-on. Not only do they give a voice to the youth for further perspective, they also communicate with others involved in the child's life, such as teachers, therapists and daycare workers. They can then report back to the court on what may be best for the child.

In the last year, 2,831 children were supported by the Kentucky CASA. In 2016, Crittenden County family court had 49 petitions filed for child abuse. In the first six months of 2017, there were 55 petitions filed, which is a considerable increase.

"Child abuse is definitely

not a respecter of persons and (it) happens across the spectrum in many families," Maddox said, calling on her 19 years of experience with CASA. "In Crittenden County, there have been cases of all types involving physical abuse and severe neglect.

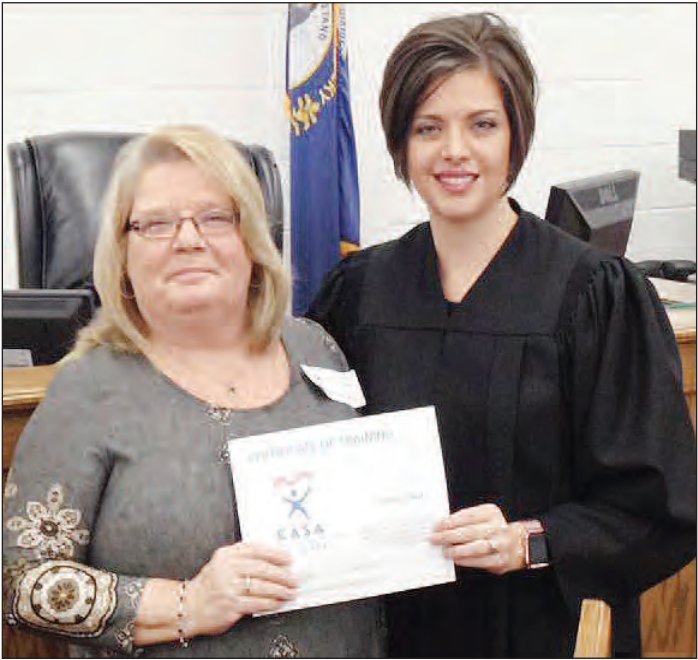
"Most of the time, drugs are one of the root causes. Families suffer from addiction, and it manifests itself in many ways, through neglect of the children when food isn't purchased or when they aren't supervised. Addiction may also bring questionable people around that can victimize the kids."

Though CASA is welcoming volunteers, it is not quick to let just anyone join. Special precautions are taken, considering many children's lives are at stake. Aspiring advocates must file applications, have letters of reference and complete thorough background checks and 30 hours of training. A focus of selecting volunteers is pinpointing any biases to assure they are not a factor in advocating for childcare.

Crittenden County plays a significant role in the multi-county CASA. Chris Cook of Marion acts as the board chairman. The first Crittenden County volunteer advocate, Phyllis O'Neal, was sworn in February of this year. There are currently 14 active volunteers in the local chapter, and O'Neal is one of just two in Crittenden County.

Being a retired principal at Calvert City and former Crittenden County teacher, O'Neal is a big for CASA.

"I'm very excited we have



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Court-appointed special advocate Phyllis O'Neal (left) is one of two volunteer advocates for Crittenden County children in Judge Brandi Rogers' (right) 5th Judicial Circuit Family Court.

the program here," she said. "The more volunteers we get, the more people may take interest in what we do and want to get involved. There are too many kids in the court needing this kind of help," O'Neal said. "During my years of being in the school system, I saw so many kids out there people should be speaking up for. That's why I want this program to be effective and work, for the ones out there that need a voice."

This local chapter of CASA is a small, non-profit organization looking for donations to continue their vital work. Outside of direct involvement, there will be a few events like "No Shave November" to raise funds for its advocacy programs. Marion Police Depart-

ment will be taking part in the event, and Maddox encourages others to join.

There are multiple other ways to help out between public relations, volunteer recruitment and fundraising opportunities.

"Each person can get involved somehow, whether they become a CASA volunteer and advocate for a child, donate money or spend all of their time working on a committee. No matter how bad the situation is, that one person can make a difference in a kid's life," Maddox said.

For information on how to become a volunteer advocate or to help CASA in other ways, contact Maddox at CASAofHWC@gmail.com or call (270) 875-5646.

Christmas parade grand marshal sought

STAFF REPORT

Christmas is still more than seven weeks away, but Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is calling on the community to help stir the Christmas spirit with a series of annual events.

The ugly sweater contest, a Snack with Santa and Small Business Saturday promotion are set again this year, but the organizers are still looking for entries and a grand marshal for the popular lighted Christmas parade early next month. The "Hometown Christmas" parade is scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 down Main Street in Marion.

Entry applications can be obtained from Partners Insurance, which is once again sponsoring the parade. The event is already shaping up to be a big one, said one of the planners.

"The response has been good," said Denise Byarley, a partner in the insurance company located on East Bellville Street. "It gets bigger every year, so we're excited about it."

Just about everything from individuals walking the route to heavily decorated floats are invited to join in the parade. Classic cars are usually a big hit, and Byarley is hoping for enough float entries from local church congregations to issue a set of top prizes separate from the traditional awards.

"The more church floats we can get, we might be able to break it down for an awards category for churches," she said.

Since taking over parade sponsorship in 2015, Partners Insurance has opted for a nighttime parade. It seems to make the event a bit more magical and adds a lot to the spectacle, Byarley said.

"Everybody puts Christmas lights on their floats and in the daytime you can't see them," she explained.

Interpretation of the theme, Hometown Christmas, is up to the float designers.

"Everybody is invited to do

Past Marion Christmas parade grand marshals

2016: Brenda Underdown
2015: Gordon B. Guess
2014: Larry Duvall
2013: Helen Moore, Wayne Crider
2012: Representatives of all branches of military – Donnie Orr, Brenton Witherspoon, Clyde Brumley, Ronnie Riley, Wayne Howerton, Tink Hicklin
2011: Judy Winn
2010: Crittenden County Marching Band
2009: Rose Crider, Margaret Johnson
2008: Jim and Merle Myers
2007: Kenneth Winn
2006: Anna Collins, Luella Tibbs

2005: Imogene Stout
2004: Roy and Lois Hicks
2003: Ruth Cox
2002: Jim and Pat Carter
2001: Bill and Joan Fox
2000: Carson Davidson
1999: Ed Runyan
1998: R.C. and Louise Hamilton
1997: Milton Childress, Imogene Winstead
1996: Marvin Turner, Bob McCracken
1995: John Tabor, Gilbert Tabor
1994: Mable Tobin
1993: Doug Sullenger
1992: Thomas and Ethel Tucker
1991: Ted Frazer Sr.

1990: Charles Talley, William Todd
1989: Doyle Vaughn, Sylvan Clark, Ted Boston
1988: No parade. Christmas festival coordinated by David Hargrove
1987: Santa
1986: Bill Greenwell
1985: Crittenden County High School Rocket football team
1984: No parade due to snow
1983: No parade. Breakfast with Santa
1982: "Mini parade" due to rain
1981: No parade. Santa flew in on a helicopter

what a Hometown Christmas means to them," Byarley said.

Entry applications can be obtained at the Partners Insurance office or they can be faxed, emailed or mailed if requested by calling the office (270) 965-2239.

A key element to the parade has yet to be decided. The Chamber is calling for nominations of a grand marshal to lead the parade. Last year it was county historian Brenda Underdown, but the honor is not limited to just one person. In the past, the entire 1985 state champion Rockets football team was recognized.

This award is presented to an individual or group who has consistently made a difference in the community but has received little or no public recognition for their contributions. Often, this will be a person who gets projects completed or makes sure everything is done with little or no self-promotion. Many times, this person or group works on their own time and generally is not compensated.

Nominations may be dropped off to Chamber Executive Director Susan Alexander at the Marion Welcome Center, mailed to P.O. Box

164, Marion, KY 42064 or emailed to Susan@CrittendenChamber.org. Names can also be suggested by calling Alexander at (270) 965-5015.

Several businesses will be open late during the parade next month and serving cookies and hot chocolate.

Prior to the parade, Crittenden County Lions Club is hosting "A Snack with Santa" for children from 2 to 4 p.m. at Marion Baptist Church.

Ugly sweater contest

Do you have an ugly winter or holiday sweater? If so, dig out of the closet, pull it on and snap a selfie.

The Chamber is hosting its second annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest. Starting Friday, the organization is inviting people to enter the contest by uploading their ugly sweater to the contest's event page accessible from the Chamber's Facebook page, found by typing in "Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce, Marion, KY" in the search field. The ugliest sweater will be the one with the most likes by the end of voting on Friday, Nov. 24.

The winner of the contest gets a \$25 gift certificate and

an opportunity to ride in the Christmas parade.

Small Business Saturday

Everyone knows about Black Friday shopping the day after Thanksgiving. But shopping closer to home is becoming more popular on Small Business Saturday wedged between Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

The Chamber is once again sponsoring Small Business Saturday in Marion, encouraging holiday shoppers to frequent local brick and mortar stores to fill their Christmas gift list. The event kicks off at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25 at the Marion Welcome Center. The Chamber will have a booth in front of the Welcome Center and will have hot chocolate and goodie bags with special sale promotions. Some will even have prizes in them.

Businesses participating in Small Business Saturday with specials or a big sale are encouraged to contact the Chamber office inside the welcome center, call (270) 965-5015 or message the Chamber on its Facebook page for promotion.

The Small Business Saturday movement started in the United States in 2010. Though it has become a generic term to promote hometown shopping across the county, "Small Business Saturday" is a registered trademark of American Express.

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Hoover resigns as House Speaker

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Kentucky House Speaker Jeff Hoover resigned his leadership post Sunday after acknowledging he and other Republican lawmakers had privately settled sexual harassment claims by a woman who worked for him in the Capitol.

With his family in the room where he spoke to reporters, Hoover, R-Jamestown, said neither he nor the other lawmakers engaged in sexually harassing behavior. Last Wednesday, The Courier Journal reported that inappropriate text messages were allegedly sent by Hoover and a staffer.

"I engaged in banter that

was consensual, but make no mistake, it was wrong on my part to do that," he said. "And for that, I am truly sorry. I want to reiterate that at no time, at no time did I engage in unwelcome or unwanted conduct of any kind."

Gov. Matt Bevin had called Saturday for Hoover's resignation. While giving up the leadership post, Hoover said he would remain a state representative representing his district in southern Kentucky.

In last year's election, Republicans took control of the Kentucky House for the first time in nearly a century, propelling Hoover to the position

of speaker.

Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, said he was "stunned" and "disappointed" by the scandal.

"Sexual harassment in any situation is reprehensible, and for it to be by a public official toward someone working for him makes it even worse," Bechler said. "My heart goes out to the person who suffered the indignity."

House GOP leadership has scrambled to address the situation, putting the structure together for the independent investigation that will be conducted by an outside law firm.

(Editor's note: Kentucky Today contributed to this story.)

Refinancing jail debt will save county \$110,000

STAFF REPORT

Refinancing the debt on Crittenden County Detention Center through a plan formally introduced last week will save taxpayers \$110,291 over the next 20 years.

Last Thursday, Crittenden Fiscal Court gave first reading of an ordinance that combines two high-interest bonds on the jail into one through Kentucky Association of Counties Finance Corp. It will lower bond payments of more than

\$220,000 annually to about \$50,000 after two years.

The 133-bed jail was built in 2008 for about \$7.7 million. At the time, the county took out two bonds – one for about \$7 million for initial construction costs and a second to cover almost \$1 million in construction overrun, equipment and an alarm system.

At the end of this year, interest rates on the current debt with the Bank of New York could jump as much as 0.75 percent to almost 6 per-

cent. But through the KACo bond pool, the interest rate over the remaining 20-year life of the bonds will drop to 2.95 percent. The current interest rate is 5.32 percent.

The move, if approved at next Thursday's regular fiscal court meeting, would not extend the life of the bonds.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the savings is not the only good news with paying down jail debt.

"There's better news on top of the savings on interest rates," he said. "The best

news of all is that we went from \$811,000 in bonding potential when I took office (in 2010) to \$1,923,000 now."

In other action:

- Magistrates approved the transfer of 40 hours of sick time from three detention center employees to fellow Deputy Shannon Lain, who missed a two-week period for rehabilitation after knee surgery.

By donating part of their paid time off, Justin Shaw,

Nathan Way and Zach Lanham were able to help Lain receive a full 80-hour paycheck.

- The fiscal court approved the purchase of a Honda Pioneer 1000 side-by-side UTV and trailer for Crittenden County Emergency Management. The request was made by Emergency Management Director Chuck Hoover. Half of the \$19,600 total cost will be covered by a \$9,800 Emer-



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of openness.

"For the church, the greatest challenge is welcoming people and keeping them safe. You can't lock the doors on Sunday," Combs said, explaining it's not just a concern over sacrificing the inviting nature of churches, but also one of another safety matter. "The fire marshal, for one, would have something to say about that."

While houses of worship like the Methodist church try to remain as open as possible despite instituting a variety of security methods, ministers say threats of theft and vandalism for years have led them to keep buildings locked up when empty of staff. Increased threats of violence, though, have led them to keep unmonitored doors secured even during worship service.

"Certain doors we lock off after service starts, and security people are walking around," said the pastor of Marion Baptist Church, Dr. Mike Jones.

Jones said his church, which has the largest membership in the county, locks the doors to its sanctuary and nursery area during scheduled worship activities, but leaves the doors to its adjoining Family Life Center open for those who may be running late. That entry is monitored by church

leaders, but remains a welcoming doorway into God's house.

"If a person comes in, they will be greeted just like anyone else coming into the church," Jones said. "Those running late are not intimidated."

At Marion Baptist, like Marion United Methodist just a block away in the heart of town, safeguards are kept as discreet as possible. Cameras inside and outside are inconspicuous, though signs are posted that the property is monitored. And elements of a security team made of church members in Sunday attire watch doorways and wander the building during services.

"The people who are our security need to blend in," said Jones, adding that wearing identifying vests or badges could be intimidating and would make them the first people targeted by a gunman.

Until a few years ago, the church had no system to address the threat of an armed assailant. But a church shooting in Missouri prompted leadership to take a look at what they could do to make the congregation safer.

"That sparked us," Jones said. "At the time, we didn't really have anything in place."

Churchgoers employed at local schools brought to the attention of elders an active shooter training program offered to school districts through Kentucky State Police. So Mar-

ion Baptist called on the services of a state trooper, himself an active member and deacon at his own church, who took elders through training on a Sunday afternoon.

"He showed us a lot of things we hadn't thought of," the minister said. "It didn't cost us anything."

Part of that guidance led to an evacuation plan for the nursery and other children's areas of the church.

Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent, who has taken part in the active shooter drills at the schools, is also an active member of the church and offers ongoing guidance to the security team there.

Combs said vigilance is the first line of security that all churches can afford. He said pastors and other elders just being aware of what's going on in the lives of regular parishioners costs nothing, but can provide a heads up to things that could give rise to violent situations. The son of a former police chief, Combs said he knows problems at home between spouses and extended families can be the seeds for the most dangerous situations.

"Domestic issues are the biggest threat," he said.

In fact, authorities believe Kelley's rampage Sunday was motivated by an ongoing dispute with his in-laws who attended services at First Baptist Church.

Jones agrees with Combs that vigilance is key due to the inherent nature of churches.

"We get a lot of unfamiliar faces that come through," he said of houses of worship.

And security at area churches is not just passive.

Rodney Cude, director of missions for Ohio River Baptist Association in Salem, said he is aware of some ministers in the coalition of Southern Baptist churches in Crittenden and Livingston counties who carry a firearm in the pulpit. The perspective of the pastor, Cude explains, typically makes them the first person to see a potential threat make its way into the sanctuary.

Mark Girten, a former Marine and current minister at Crooked Creek Baptist Church in rural Crittenden County, does not carry onsite, but he encourages members of his small congregation to obtain their concealed carry permit and consider arming themselves on church grounds.

"I certainly don't see a problem with one or more people carrying," he said. "I don't think the Lord would have a problem with it. The Bible says one who neglects his family is worse than an unbeliever."

Combs and Jones know members of their congregations also have their concealed carry licenses, but do not know if any of those churchgoers come armed to services.

Installation of boat dock at Riverview Park meets delays

STAFF REPORT

It doesn't appear a boat dock will be installed this year on the Ohio River at Riverview Park in northern Crittenden County.

Delays in engineering design for the proposed floating dock and approval from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has apparently put the brakes on installation for 2017.

"I sure intended for it to be done this fall," said Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

Earlier this year, the county was awarded a matching grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. The dock will cost about \$44,000 to construct at Riverview Park, also known as Dam 50. Because of variations in the water levels on the Ohio River, the dock will be portable so that it can be pulled onto shore during times of high water.

Despite project delays from design engineers, Newcom said the biggest problem has been getting clearance from the Corps. The initial

permit has not been approved because not all of the answers on the detailed application could be provided ahead of design work completion.

The public recreational area at Riverview Park entertains campers, fishermen, boaters, groups making use of the picnic area and those there to simply enjoy the vista of one of the nation's longest and most historic rivers. Because the grant is a 50/50 matching reimbursement program, the county would be responsible for half of the boat dock's cost.

The park, located at the end of Ky. 387 off Ky. 91 North, was established by the fiscal court in 2008 as a means to revitalize the property at the site of the former U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lock and Dam No. 50, which was removed in early 1980. The park is home to six camp sites that offer electricity, restrooms and picnic tables under roof and has become a tourist attraction to hundreds of visitors each year.

CAMPBELL

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organization," said Campbell. "It's hard to give adequate attention to two activities that are frequently in competition for your time and energy. You often get the feeling you are not serving either activity, or your family, adequately."

Professionally, he said there will be a period of adjustment, but he is confident his career as a part-time soldier, except during deployments, will bring a fresh and needed perspective to what the brass in Frankfort does as a full-time force to support and enable the units and soldiers out in the field.

"The part-time soldiers that are still struggling with meeting the demands of a stable family and maintaining civilian employment, while still being a contributing member of the Kentucky Guard, will have an empathetic advocate in my new assignment," Campbell explained. "The current world environment commands our best effort to be ready if our state or nation calls."

Campbell, 57, lives in Eliz-

abethtown, but his full-time job with the military will put him about 90 miles away in the state capital. He said his wife of 32 years, Linda – who is also a Crittenden County native – and two sons have

been under-

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"Personally, my assignment is in Frankfort, which will mean more time away from home, but my family is supportive, and they've become accustomed to the increased demands on my time and the dynamic, fast-paced environment we have operated in since 9/11," Campbell said. "I plan to continue to serve as long as I'm still contributing and my family is still consenting."

"At some point, I'll need to make room for the younger leaders to take my place and to carve out more time for my family."

On the civilian side,

Scott A. Campbell

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Campbell retired from Kentucky state government in 2001 and as a defense contractor from Northrop Grumman in 2015. Prior to accepting this new position in the Kentucky National Guard, he worked for Parsons Government Services. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Murray State University.

Campbell was raised in the Frances community and has served at every level of the Kentucky Army National Guard, including commanding forces in war zones. He joined the Guard in 1981, and three years later received his commission after attending officer candidate school. Prior to commissioning, he served as an enlisted member of Co. A, 1st Battalion, 123rd Armor based at the armory in Marion.

Campbell has commanded at the company, battalion and brigade level and served in senior staff officer posi-

Veterans ceremony Friday

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Schools will host its annual Veterans Day ceremony this week, inviting all who were or are currently in the military to join in a celebration of their service. The event begins at 9 a.m. Friday in Rocket Arena, and there will be a reception for veterans in the conference room following the ceremony.

Organizer Crystal Wesmolan, community educator for the school district, said all students in the school system will be in attendance. The elementary school is hosting the program, with the middle and high school band and choir and elementary students performing. Denis Hodge, a

teacher and coach and former Army Ranger, will be the speaker. A military appreciation video will also be played with fourth- and fifth-graders singing.

Veterans are invited to sit in special floor seating and have their children or grandchildren who may be in the school system sit alongside them.

Wesmolan said the reception will offer cupcakes, coffee and lemonade.

"It's really a relaxed, sit-down atmosphere," she said of the reception. "It's just a time to say, Thanks."

For more information, call Wesmolan at (270) 965-3525 or email crystal.wesmolan@crittenden.kyschools.us.

Battalion, 123rd Armor during Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia-Herzegovina. In 2006-07 he served as officer-in-charge of the 4th Infantry Division and 1st Cavalry Division Rear Operations Center at Camp Liberty, Iraq. And in 2011, he commanded the 149th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade during Operation New Dawn, aiding in the transition and withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq in 2011 as a Brigade Commander of the 149th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.

In June of 2013, he was promoted to brigadier general.

Campbell is a 2012 inductee into Crittenden County Distinguished Alumni.

Campbell's oldest son, Joseph, is currently serving in the U.S. Air Force, and Jace is a student at the University of Kentucky.

(Editor's note: Kentucky National Guard Public Affairs contributed to this story.)

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Two Crittenden veterans remembered

With Veteran's Day approaching, let's remember our veterans who are still alive and always thank them for their service to our county. It's also a good time to remember veterans of the past and their service that they freely gave to make our county free.

One of these fine young men was Barney Clark McNeely, or as everyone called him "B.C." McNeely was born May 4, 1918 and was the son of Sidney Blaine and Sylvia Travis McNeely. He attended Copperas Spring School and graduated from Marion High School in 1936.

When B. C. joined the local National Guard unit as a high school senior in 1936, he didn't realize he would land in the heat of battle of World War II. He was a member of Company I (National Guard) when it was called to active duty in 1941. He served six years on active duty during World War II.

On the 50th anniversary of victory in Europe (VE Day), May 8, 1995, he recalled and shared some of his company's assignments in Europe with The Crittenden Press.

McNeely was commander of E. Company in the 271st Regiment, 69th Infantry Division.

Initially, the 271st was in England, then moved through France to the German border. The Germans had been driven out of France.

The Germans had already begun to retreat. Originally, we were to meet up with Russian troops and work their way to Berlin. Before that rendezvous occurred, McNeely had been promoted from first lieutenant to captain.

McNeely recalled how his regiment first saw action in Europe. We were called into action to relieve a division that had fought in the Battle of the Buldge, he said. From that time on, we were in almost constant contact with the Germans until the end of the war.

As an officer, McNeely said he was apprehensive about making decisions during the war, but in the heat of battle you forget fear and try to make the best decisions you can. It was between battles when you had time to think, that fear was more likely to set in.

In Germany, McNeely saw

most of his war action. Two major campaigns and several other fierce infantry battles marked his fighting career.

The motto of the 271st was "Trespass Against Them." As they marched through Germany, trespass they did in fighting back the Germans, taking over cities, suffering casualties, but successfully accomplishing their mission.

At the city of Leipzig, about 100 miles south of Berlin, McNeely and his men found the most resistance. Cited as one of his toughest battles, in two weeks of battle, the troops captured the city, during that time the Germans had barricaded themselves in a monument built to commemorate the place where Napoleon Bonaparte had been driven from the country.

They fought for two days before they could get them out of that solid rock monument. The battle was made more difficult because the Germans were using 88 millimeter anti-aircraft guns as ground weapons.

The 273rd infantry regiment, a mate to McNeely's own 271st was the first American troop to meet the Russians on the Elbe River south of Berlin, in April 1945. This union of west and east brought the end of the war to a reality, instead of just a dream.

McNeely was a modest man who didn't consider himself a war hero. But I think his list of honorary medals tell a different story and that indeed he was a hero. He was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Combat Infantryman's Badge and a commendation from the division commander. He retired from the military in August of 1957 with the rank of Major.

Personal note: I was honored to be a friend of B. C. and his wife Elizabeth, and visited with them several times on the family farm on Just-A-Mere Road many years ago.

From a Crittenden Press article, dated Feb. 22, 1946,

Tech. 3rd Harvey G. "Tim" Hunt had recently arrived back home in Marion after participating in German and Japanese campaigns, and shared some of his experiences in the war with the Press readers.

Hunt said that the battle of the Ruhr pocket was the toughest of his many months of military campaigns and that despite the fact that he was stationed in Japan, he did not see much of the soil.

When asked why he failed to see much Jap soil he said that for the majority of the time in Japan he was stationed on the northern most island, Hokkaido, and that the snow there was from four to five feet deep during his stay.

Hunt left Ft. Knox Christmas Day, 1944, and landed in Liverpool, England,

within a few weeks. He was then assigned to France and Germany, driving a tractor-trailer in ordnance. He was in the Ruhr pocket battle and that of Central Europe, but said that "The Ruhr was toughest of all."

During the Ruhr battle he had two tires shot out from under his truck and was forced to drive 18 miles before daring to stop. On inspection of the tires he found several German slugs on the inside of the dual rear wheels.

Going day and night, driving mile after miles without lights and over all types of terrain, the men fell out exhausted whenever they could stop for a few minutes. This campaign was under the late Gen. George S. Patton, and orders from Patton were "drive the trucks until they burn up, to hell with greasing, it must be speed."

After Germany capitulated, Hunt spent a month with the army of occupation and then was detailed to Italy, Spain, and France before embarking for Japan. On the voyage the troopship stopped over night in the Panama Canal Zone and then proceeded with all haste to Manilla, P. I.

Three days after arrival Japan fell, and Hunt was sent to Clark Field on Luzon. He then was in charge of a



detail which went to northern Luzon for tractor and truck equipment which was placed aboard ship at Manila, and landed on Hokkaido Island, the northern most Japanese possession. The mission here was to collect vehicles, trucks, tractors and jeeps.

While on the northern isle it snowed practically every day and much of the night. Snow was from five to six feet deep and Hunt did not see much of the ground.

He described Tokyo, what little he saw of it, as smashed and torn up, but not nearly as bad as either Berlin or Rome. Manila was not badly damaged as compared to European cities he had been in.

He wears the American Defense Ribbon, European Theatre Bar, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Occupation of Germany and Occupation of Japan, Phillippine Liberation, Victory and Good Conduct Emblems.

He is the son of Harvey and Carrie Hunt of the Pleasant Hill section and had two brothers in service.

In May 1999, Tim Hunt received several long-overdue service medals that he hadn't received while in the service. He told his great-niece Kim Hunt, (now Kim Vince), who wrote the article, that he was a mess sergeant where he ran the kitchen and prepared the meals everyday.

"Some days we had regular food and on others all we had were sea rations," he said. "But most of the time was still spent out in the field fighting for the allies, Hunt said the worst part of the war was having to hide from the enemy.

"I hated hiding from the bullets and sleeping in the foxholes. When morning



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Barney Clark "B.C." McNeely (left) and Harvey G. "Tim" Hunt are two decorated Crittenden County veterans.

came after the rains, many times the water would be frozen to our uniforms and to the banks."

But all the horrific and gruesome memories of the war were put out of mind as Hunt remembered a day he spent in Europe. German machine gun fire had his company completely pinned down for two days and when he saw the American flag of another unit coming their way, he knew the enemy would soon be pushed back and he would be safe again.

"Just to see "Old Glory" come up over the hill... we knew it was over then, he re-

called with great emotion. It was the most beautiful sight I'd ever seen," he said.

We that love our country, America, we honor and salute you brave and unselfish soldiers of those horrible and terrible battles, and we share your feelings when we see "Old Glory" flying. How sad that many of today's world cannot know this feeling of pride and honor when they see her flying and respect the sacrifices than all soldiers gave and continue to give to keep our flag flying high.

Parks open Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving

No matter where you are in Kentucky, Thanksgiving doesn't have to mean Mom or Grandma spend all day in the kitchen. Seventeen Kentucky State Resort Parks, including four within an hour of Marion, will serve the Thanksgiving Day buffet on Thursday, Nov. 23.

Kentucky State Parks will serve 2,000 pounds of turkey, 1,500 pounds of sweet potatoes and 750 pounds of country ham.

The parks have hosted the Thanksgiving Day buffet for more than 40 years and typically serve around 10,000 guests. Nearby, Lake Barkley, Kenlake, Kentucky Dam Village and Pennyrlie

Forest state resort parks will be serving the holiday meal.

For starters, the buffet includes soups, cheeses and salads. The entree menu features turkey and dressing, baked ham, carved roast beef and fried chicken. Vegetables include old-fashioned candied yams, country-style green beans and mashed potatoes with giblet gravy. For dessert, there are the traditional pumpkin and pecan pies and other Southern favorites.

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Tree of Knowledge reveals itself to Adam's need

BY FELTY YODER

When God created man in His image and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and man became a living soul, the first for man to meet and communicate with was God. Likewise when God formed the woman out of the man's ribs, her first contact was with God, before He brought her to Adam. Thus we can conclude the first commitment for man or woman is to God, and then to their spouse. Adam failed to do so by listening to the voice of Eve instead of obeying the commandment of God. Adam's first error was by giving ear to the woman, and next by eating fruit from the forbidden tree.

"Because thou hast hearkened into the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee, saying, 'Thou shalt not eat of it.'" Genesis 3:17.

When God questioned Adam of what he had done,



Adam's response was, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, gave me of the tree, and I did eat." Genesis 3:12.

Some will maintain that Adam just told the truth, as it really was. He did say the truth. But suppose he could have said something like, "Yes, God, I did eat of that forbidden fruit, I realize I erred badly, I blew it, and I'm sorry." That too would have been the truth. He would be taking responsibility for his misdeed, instead of saying, "She made me do it."

But then we must also understand that Adam did

not have the life-giving spirit of Christ in his heart. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was placed in the Garden of Eden to eventually bring men to Christ. It would reveal to Adam his need.

This was long before the Mosaic Law came into effect. The Mosaic Law was still a ministration of condemnation, a ministration of death. See 2 Corinthians Chapter 3. With the ministration of condemnation one can depend on oneself and condemn his neighbor. "He, or she, made me do it."

It is a weak law that can only minister the outward things, but can not condemn sin in the flesh. "But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully." 1 Timothy: 1-8. To use the law lawfully is to apply it to oneself as Jesus did. In that way He fulfilled the law.

Now all who commit themselves to follow Jesus

into death of the old man; He will give grace to live by the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus. Thus we are found righteous. "Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man..." 1 Timothy: 1-9.

When the law is being fulfilled in the saints, the law becomes superfluous for them. But it is still for the lawless, disobedient and all the other ungodliness mentioned in verses 8 and 9. The law is needed for them to keep the flesh in check.

To the saints Paul writes, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1. He goes on to say, "Compared to the old covenant we now gain much more, much more, much more."

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

Local Faith-Based Events & Church Outreach

Kingsmen will perform at First General

The Kingsmen Quartet will perform a free concert at 6 p.m., Sunday at First General Baptist Church in Madisonville. A free will offering will be accepted. For more information, call (270) 635-1533.

Marion Baptist hosts Deer Extravaganza

Marion Baptist Church will be providing a free meal and other activities during its 10th annual Buck Expo from 7 to 9 p.m., Friday.

New Union hosting shower for couple

New Union General Baptist Church will host a wedding shower for Brandon Maynard and Carrie Felker starting at 2 p.m., Sunday. The couple is registered at Walmart. Everyone is invited to attend.

Fredonia clothes closet open 4th Saturday

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

Food pantry open third Thursday at Fredonia

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

Mexico Baptist has clothes each Monday

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

First Baptist has clothes closet on Thursdays

The clothes closet of First Baptist Church of Fredonia is open from 1 to 3 p.m. every Thursday at the church's Family Life Center.

Cave Springs offers Blessing Box 24/7

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

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Pastor: Jeff Brasher



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131 E. Depot St., Marion, Ky. 42064-1612

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After November 19, the cost is \$30

Deadline for Registration is November 30

Everyone MUST attend one basketball evaluation or cheerleading orientation at Marion Baptist Family Life Center as follows:

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— MATTHEW 18:20

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Pastor Tim Burdon

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Sunday Bible study: 9 am
Sunday discipleship training: 6 pm
Wednesday worship service: 7 pm



Unity General Baptist Church

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Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.

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Dr. Mike Jones, pastor

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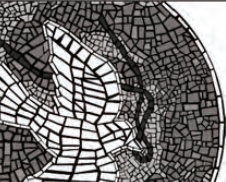
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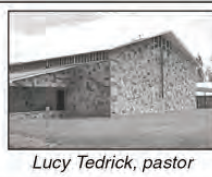


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Crayne Cemetery Road
Crayne, Ky.

Bro. Tommy Hodge, pastor

Sunday school 10 AM | Sunday worship 11 AM



Frances Community Church

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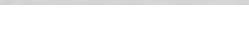
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Sunday and Wednesday evening services, 6:30 p.m.



Area Deaths

Franklin

MaKaela Joyce Franklin, 26, of Salem died Monday, Oct. 30, 2017 in Crittenden County.

Surviving are her mother and step-father, Regina and Darrell Ramage of Salem; father and step-mother, Patrick and Teresa Franklin of Newburg, Ind.; a son, Cameron Ray Stone of Salem; father of Cameron, Jamie Ray Stone of Salem; sister, Michaela Boardman of Marion; two step-sisters, Megan DeBat of Simpsonville, S.C., and Wren Riley-Grimes of Evansville, Ind.; step-brother, Shaun Riley of Marion; nephew, Dreagen Hill; maternal grandmother, Joyce Watson; and aunts, uncles and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Richard Watson; and paternal grandparents, Thomas R. and Carolyn S. Franklin; and step-brother, Kyle Ramage.

Services were Friday, Nov. 3, 2017 at the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Curtis Franklin officiating. Burial was at Salem Cemetery.



Franklin

Duane Anthony Fletcher, 58, of Marion died Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017 at his home.

He was a member of Glendale Baptist Church.

Surviving are his father, James Fletcher of Kansas City, Mo.; mother and step-father, Hilda and Pete Ouellette of Marion; and sisters, Brenda Stamper and Cindy Wheeler, both of Marion; Vicki Goodson of Kansas City, Mo., and Tracy Fletcher of Concord, Calif.

Graveside services were Saturday, Oct. 28 at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

Myers Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.



Williams

Doris Edna Williams, 75, of Salem died Monday, Nov. 6, 2017 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

She was a member of Lola Baptist Church and was a 30-year employee of Potter & Brumfield and Siemens in Marion.

Surviving are two sisters, Arlene Roberts of Salem; Jean Schaefer of Smithland; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse Williams; daughter, Linda Jean Williams; and parents, William Alvie and Minita Myrick Singleton.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

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DeBoe

Robert Vernon DeBoe, 80, of Marion died Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017 at his home.

He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Linda DeBoe of Marion; children, Robert Dean DeBoe, Donald Wayne DeBoe and Valerie Roberson all of Marion; brothers, Donald DeBoe, Junior DeBoe and Larry DeBoe all of Marion; sisters, Phyllis Risner and Carrie McClure both of Marion; four grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul Preston and Anna Ruth DeBoe; a grandchild, Jessica Stallion; daughter-in-law, Diane DeBoe; four brothers; and a sister.

Services were Tuesday, Nov. 7 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery.

Holland

Anita Faye (nee Crowell) Holland died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017.

She was born in Crayne and moved to Detroit, Mich., shortly after World War II.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Audye H. Holland; her parents, B.A. and Anna Crowell; and brothers, John Ventnor Crowell of Detroit Mich., and Clinton Crowell of Crayne.

She was the mother of Leiland (Deborah) Holland, Michael (Mary) Holland and Patrick (Pamela) Holland; the grandmother of 11 and great-grandmother of 17.

Services will be held Friday, Nov. 10 at the Central Baptist Church in Eureka, Mo. Private burial will be at Crayne Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Central Baptist Church of Eureka, Building Fund. Schrader Funeral Home in Eureka is in charge of arrangements.



Stone

Brittany Nicole Stone, 27, of Marion died Monday, Nov. 6, 2017 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Facility in Paducah.

Survivors include her parents, Betty and Leroy Stone of Marion; a brother, Edward Leroy Walton of Marion; a sister, Betty Sue Alexander of Marion; her grandmother, Gracie Nell Stone of Marion; and several nephews.

Graveside services are at 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 10 at Hurricane Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from noon Friday until service time at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion.

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Hardin

Harold "Red" Hardin, 84, of Salem died Monday, Nov. 6, 2017 at his home.

He was a member of Creekside General Baptist Church and a veteran of the Korean War, having served in the U.S. Army 3rd Armored Division as a tank operator. He was retired as a 40 year employee of the Salem Telephone Company.



Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Shirley Hardin of Salem; a son, Harold Wayne Hardin (Carla) of Salem; sisters, Francis Croft of Lake Station, Ind., and Bernice Guess of Marion; grandchildren, Amy Hardin Quentermous (Jerrod) of Salem and Erica Nichole Hardin of Ledbetter; and great-grandchild, Anslee Quentermous of Salem.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Charles Hardin; and parents, William and Willie Mae Croft Hardin.

Services are at 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 10 at the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Chris McDonald and Rev. Roger Holloman officiating. Burial will follow at Salem Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family on Thursday, Nov. 9, from 5-8 p.m., at the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem.

FCA blood
drive Nov. 15

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is hosting a Blood Drive at the school.

Donors may participate in the blood drive between 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

For more information, contact Carol West at (270) 704-0166.

Great time for
black bass

The length of day relative to the time of year never changes. As the nights lengthen slightly with each passing day in fall, the overnight temperatures drop and pull heat from the top layers of lakes.

This development is already underway, but will peak over the next month and make excellent fishing conditions for black bass.

"The cooler, oxygenated water in the shallows draws baitfish and the bass follow to feed heavily," said Jeff Ross, assistant director of fisheries for the KDFWR. "Shorter days signal bass that winter is coming."

The shallow movement of black bass, mainly largemouth bass, but a few spotted bass and even smallmouth on lakes that have them, presents the best bass fishing opportunities of the year for bank-bound anglers. Water temperatures in Kentucky's major reservoirs are in the mid-70s. When the temperatures drop into the 60s, bank anglers should fish the lower one-third of the lake.



Chamber Business of the Month

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce recognized Auto Art as its Business of the Month for November. A presentation was made last week at the Marion Welcome Center. Pictured are (from left) Anna Nix, a representative of Par 4 Plastics, Michael Parshall, a representative of Par 4 Plastics; Shana Wood, Chamber director; Angel Henry, Chamber director; Randa Poindexter, Chamber president; Cecil Henry, owner of Auto Art; Elizabeth Floyd, Chamber director; and Adam Ledford, City Administrator and Chamber director. Auto Art is located on Ky. 120 just outside the city limits. Henry started the auto repair shop himself and is an active member of the chamber, sponsoring a number of activities throughout the year, most notably the Picture in the Park series.

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Tourism adds new officers

Marion Tourism Commission has a new slate of officers. Last month, Mike Hamilton was chosen by fellow commissioners as chairman, taking over from Darrick Myers. Phillis Hardin will serve as vice chair for the next year and Lori Holman secretary/treasurer.

There are currently two vacancies on the commission after Karen Woodall and Glenn Conger resigned their posts representing hotel and restaurant interests, respectively. Commissioners are appointed by Marion City Council.

Burna Legion hosts early Thanksgiving

American Legion Auxiliary of Burna will host its annual Thanksgiving dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sunday. This is a traditional meal that has been hosted by Unit 217 for many years.

The cost remains at \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. The meal consists of turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, cranberry sauce, rolls and your choice of an assortment of delicious desserts.

Proceeds of the event goes to support projects including veterans, military and community activities. As a non-profit organization this is the Auxiliary's main fundraiser of the year.

Calendar

- The **Woman's Club of Marion** will meet at 5 p.m., Thursday (today), at its club building.
- **Math & Literacy Night** will be held at the Crittenden County Elementary School at 6 p.m., Thursday (today).
- The **Crittenden County High School SBDM** will meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday.
- Cash Express invites will host its **13th annual coat and toy drive** for the children, accepting toys, coats and non-perishable food items through Dec. 12.
- Cash Express is pairing with Marion Police Department to **Fill The Humvee** from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Dec. 8. Donations of new toys, coats and canned good will be given to Community Christmas.
- **Crittenden County Genealogy Society** will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday, in the meeting room at the Library. The program will be "7 Steps to Disaster-Prep Your Genealogy."
- The final adult **trivia night** of the season will be held at 7 p.m., Nov. 17 at the Crittenden County Public Library. Teams up to five people can be pre-arranged or developed at the library prior to competition. Snacks and prizes will be provided.

Extension

- Thursday – 4-H Geology Club will meet from 3:30-4:30 p.m., at the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum.
- Thursday – Cloverbuds 4-H club will meet from 3-4:30 p.m. at Crittenden County Elementary School.
- Thursday – The Extension District Board Meeting will begin at 5:15 p.m., at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion.
- Thursday – The CEC will meet at 6 p.m., at the Ed-Tech Center.
- Friday – Sew Simple Seminar will meet from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Caldwell County Extension.
- Saturday – 4-H Pinterest Club meets 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Extension Annex.
- Monday – 4-H Council will meet at 5:30 p.m., at the Extension Office.
- Monday – Morning Glories Homemakers will meet at 10 a.m., at the Extension Office.
- Nov. 15- Crochet Corner will meet at noon at the Extension Office.

Cheer champs!



Crittenden County Junior Pro third- and fourth-grade cheerleaders (above) won first place in the season-ending jamboree competition Saturday at Dixon. Cheerleaders (front from left) are Emma Grace King, Miley Snead, Kendall Shouse, Rhianna Maness, Elle McDaniel, Hannah Jent, Kodi Stoner, Amelia Johnson, (second row) Macy Belle Hardesty, Cameron Rushing, Becca James, Jordan Potter, Anna Boone, Chloe Hunt, Lilah Sherer, Gavin Grimes, Morgan Piper, (back) Alina Henry, Bella Williams, Olivia Hinchee, Bristyn Rushing, Emmie Lynch and Naomi Solomon.

Crittenden County High School's cheerleaders (right) earned first place in the Region 2 competition for medium size squads Saturday at Webster County High School. They will compete Dec. 9 at the KHSAA state competition in Lexington. Front from left are Belle Minton, Jessie Potter, Hannah Faughn, Taylor Stoner, Kenlee McDaniel, Madison Johnson; (back) Shelby Brown, Trinity Hayes, Sydney Coomes, Jaylin Blackburn, Jenna Potter, coaches Becca Thomas and Wendy Williams, Kirsten DeBoe, Cortne Curnel, Hannah Cooksey and Josie Tapp.



Crittenden County fifth- and sixth-grade cheerleaders won their competition Saturday. They are (front from left) Riley Kirby, Rachel Mundy, Aliyah Maraman, Lexi Hughes, Carly Travis, Kylie Croft, Kayleigh Weathers, Talyn Tabor, Jaylie Champion; (second row) Taylor McKinney, Karli Beavers, Piper Certain, Jenna Maxfield, Mary Rachel Stephens, Makayla Ford, Kiera Chaney, Abbey Swinford, Haylee Perrin, coach Stephaie Maness, Peyton Maness, Aubree Conyer, (back) coach Kayla Travis, Hannah Mott, Brooke Wintead and Sophie Watson.



Literary pumpkins

Crittenden County Elementary School students put their creativity to test with the second annual contest to decorate pumpkins like book characters. Winners are as follows (from left) preschool Case Cummins; kindergarten Brier Brown; first grade Mariah McAlister; second grade Arianna Hodge; third Morgan Piper; fourth grade Bristyn Rushing and fifth grade Hattie Hatfield.



Kenergy celebrates Socktober

Electric cooperative Kenergy Corp. last week donated 275 pairs of socks to the Crittenden County School District. The Marion office collected socks for its Socktober fundraising drive and presented them last week to Crystal Wesmoland (left), Crittenden County Schools' Family Resource and Youth Services Center (FRYSC) coordinator. Making the donation is Kenergy's Casey Baker.

Senior Menu

- Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those 60 and older or \$5 for those under 60. Reservations are requested by 9 a.m. Upcoming activities and menu include:
- Thursday (today): Menu is chicken and brown rice casserole, buttered spinach, baked apples and raisins and wheat roll. A nutrition lesson will be presented at 10:30 a.m.
 - Friday: The center will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day.
 - Monday: Menu is tomato chicken parmesan with spaghetti noodles, cucumber salad, peach cobbler and whole wheat roll. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio will begin at 9:45 a.m.
 - Tuesday: Menu is meat balls with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, black eyed peas, whole grain biscuit and pears.
 - Nov. 15: Menu is beef lasagna, buttered broccoli, Jell-O fruit salad, garlic breadstick and margarine. 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.

Ideal owner on state commission

The owner of Marion's Ideal convenience store has been appointed by Gov. Matt Bevin to the Commission on Small Business Advocacy.

Barry Eveland of Hanson is president of Rocket Oil Co, which owns several Ideal stores across western Kentucky. He will represent the 1st Congressional District and serve for a term expiring Aug. 22, 2021.

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Joey Rich’s season ended in October, but most other deer hunters will be headed to the woods early Saturday.

Deer season opens Saturday

STAFF REPORT

For most hunters, deer season begins Saturday morning and runs 16 straight days until Sunday, Nov. 26.

For Joey Rich of Marion, the season is already over.

Rich bagged what’s commonly referred to in hunter lingo as a “Booner” on Wednesday, Oct. 25 with his bow.

It produced a green score of 176% and the deer weighed about 240 pounds.

“I’m not sure of his age, but I think he is 5½ or 6½ years old,” said Rich, whose taken other good bucks in his hunting career, but none larger than this one.

The local coal miner is a former U.S. Marine who served in combat in Iraq.

Rich has methodically reconnoitered his hunting area with high-quality trail cameras. He has many images of the deer, almost exclusively at night. Some were from last winter. He knows it’s the same deer because of a cut or tear on an ear that is evident in all of the photos.

“The main beams are kind of the same shape and G2s look the same as last year,” Rich said.

The buck carried a 10-point main-



Rich has trail camera photos of the buck this year and last winter. See the date stamp on the pictures.

So What’s a Booner?

Bucks taken with a gun can qualify for Boone and Crockett Club’s recordbook and for bowhunters the book is kept by Pope and Young. For “Booners” the minimum scoring points for whitetail deer is 160 inches. For Pope and Young the minimum for a whitetail is 125 inches. There are also minimums for non-typical antlers. There is a well-defined system for measuring the antlers in both categories, which uses length and mass as the key factors.

frame rack with two additional kicker points on the left base. The spread was nearly 22 inches at the tips of each main beam.

Rich was hunting a narrow funnel field between a pond and hardwoods

forest. With the dry weather, deer have been using ponds for watering late in the day.

“He came out of the woods into the field. There were other bucks already in front of me, but they were too young,” Rich said. “He started thrashing a tree limb and made a scrape then walked toward the other bucks. They moved away from him, but he stood there quartered to me looking at the other bucks for a few minutes.”

Rich remained patient and waited for a high-percentage shot.

“He finally turned and gave me a good shot at about 15 yards. That part of the field is narrow, only about 26 yards wide,” he explained.

Local experts explore signs for a high-quality whitetail game

STAFF REPORT

A couple of the area’s wildlife experts say the deer hunting opportunities should be just about right by the weekend.

Rifle season opens Saturday and runs for 16 days through Nov. 26.

Philip Sharp, a Marion-based biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, says things are already going very well with a big number of mature bucks having already been taken during archery and muzzleloader seasons.

Sharp anticipates a very successful rifle hunt coming up.

“Good, maybe a great season,” he said. “Acorns are non-existent

forcing deer to search for food, moving a lot more,” he said.

Sharp knows of several record-book bucks that have already been checked in the area. He said hunters are a bit more secretive these days about their success because of competition for good hunting spots.

“More and more the 2½ and younger deer are getting free passes, allowing our buck age structure to mature,” the biologist said.

He said hunters can help improve the herd quality by allowing more immature bucks to live through the season and to harvest more does.

“We need to keep the does in check and that means everyone should harvest at least one or two,” he said.

The EHD outbreak in eastern Kentucky has been fairly substantial, but Sharp doesn’t believe it is too widespread here.

“I’m getting a few random reports of dead deer now that folks are in the woods more,” he said.

Sharp said that without acorns to lure deer to specific spots, hunters may have to work a bit harder to locate the food sources that will attract them.

“It will reward those who have spent time preparing green plots of wheat clover or brassicas. The plots

will certainly increase overall deer numbers,” he said. “Corn piles are not the answer and will contribute to wildlife disease and death.”

Rick Prado is a longtime local hunter who has a keen sense of observation when it comes to the outdoors. He said the full moon last weekend will be just far enough in the past that daytime deer movement should peak just ahead of the weekend.

“If the weather prediction holds, it looks like a great opening weekend,” he said pointing to the first few days of rifle season. “However, opening day it doesn’t matter because they’re going to be on the move anyway.”



Young Colt Bailey bagged this eight-pointer during the youth hunt. It field dressed 165 pounds.

Bethlehem retaliation

Crittenden smokes Caverna; seeking revenge vs. Eagles

STAFF REPORT

A year ago this week, Crittenden County suffered one of its greatest meltdowns in football history, fumbling a 22-point fourth-quarter lead in a First Region Class A semifinal loss at Bardstown Bethlehem.

“They’re going to be a very good team,” Rocket coach Al Starnes said about Bethlehem. “But they’re coming here, and we have to just make sure we take care of business.”

Friday, Crittenden County has an opportunity to – maybe not erase – but to certainly ease the discomfort of that epic collapse. The Eagles (4-7) are not as good as a year ago, but will still provide a formidable challenge to the Rockets’ hopes for earning a spot in the regional title game for the first time since 2008.

Crittenden, No. 12 in the final Class A AP poll, smoked Caverna 69-0 in the first round of the playoffs last Friday at Rocket Stadium as quarterback Hunter Boone threw three touchdown passes to take sole possession of the school’s all-time passing TD record.

Bethlehem beat Fulton County 48-0 in its playoff opener. In the other semifinal round this week, No. 11 Russellville will be at Campbellsville.

The Rockets (7-4) scored on every offen-



Rocket offensive reserves (top left) quarterback Braxton Winders hands off to running back Xander Tabor. The second team scored on Caverna, too, on a touchdown by Mitchell Joyce (2) pictured at top right.



sive possession of the game and at the half it had posted eight touchdowns on only eight offensive plays – thanks in part to a punt return by Ethan Dossett.

Devon Nesbitt continued with his customary workload on the ground, getting 103 yards and four touchdowns. He scored on every carry but one in the game and eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark for the season.

Crittenden’s 42 first-quarter points were its most ever in the opening period and the final margin was the team’s biggest in school history.

While the offense was shattering records,

the defense was doing its own due diligence. Winless Caverna finished the game with negative net yards passing and rushing. And, the defense had six takeaways – three interceptions and three fumble recoveries. Linebacker Caden McCalister had two picks and Payton Riley had one. Mitchell Joyce, Tyler Boone and Branen Lamey each recovered fumbles.

SCORING BY QUARTERS

Caverna	0	0	0	0
Crittenden County	42	15	6	6

SCORING PLAYS

C-Branen Lamey 15 pass from Hunter Boone (Cody Belt kick) 9:58, 1st
C-Cody Belt 16 pass from Boone (Belt kick) 9:32, 1st
C-Ethan Dossett 38 pass from Boone (Belt kick) 9:21, 1st
C-Devon Nesbitt 18 run (Belt kick) 7:44, 1st
C-Dossett 25 punt return (Belt kick) 5:22, 1st
C-Nesbitt 15 run (Belt kick) 1:57, 1st
C-Nesbitt 37 run (Dossett pass from Belt) 6:05, 2nd
C-Nesbitt 28 run (Belt kick) 1:00, 2nd
C-Mitchell Joyce 21 pass from Braxton Winders (conversion failed) 3:09, 3rd
C-Xander Tabor 4 run (conversion failed) 3:37, 4th

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: Crittenden 5, Caverna 1
Penalties: Crittenden 1-5, Caverna 2-10
Rushing: Crittenden 17-165, Caverna 18-(-16)
Passing: Crittenden 5-8-0, 108 yds., Caverna 2-7-3, (-11) yds.
Total Yards: Crittenden 273, Caverna (-27)
Fumbles/Lost: Crittenden 0-0, Caverna 3-3

INDIVIDUAL TOTALS

Rushing
Crittenden: Nesbitt 5-103, Tabor 11-65, Winders 1-(-3). Caverna: Tony Spears 6-(-2), Colton Riley 1-0, Anthony Linder 7-(-19), Sincere Page 7-(-19), Drew Rhodes 2-0.

Passing
Crittenden: Boone 3-4-0, 69 yds., Winders 2-4-0, 39 yds. Caverna: Page 2-4-0, (-11) yds., Rhodes 0-0-3.

Receiving
Crittenden: Joyce 2-39, Lamey 1-15, Belt 1-16, Dossett 1-38.

Defense
Adam Beavers 5 solos, 5 assists, 3 TFLs; Brady Birk 4 solos, assist, TFL, sack; Mason Hunt solo, assist; Joe Estes 3 assists; Mitchell Joyce 5 solos, assist, caused fumble, fumble recovery; Travis Kinnis assist; Branen Lamey solo, 2 assists, fumble recovery; Sean O’Leary 3 solos, 4 assists, TFL; Payton Riley interception; Jagger Hayes solo; Hunter Jones solo, assist, TFL; Justin Phillips solo, 2 assists; Tyler Boone 4 solos, 2 assists, fumble recovery; Caden McCalister assist, 2 interceptions; Xander Tabor assist; Braxton Winders 2 assists.

Players of the Game
Defense Adam Beavers and Mitchell Joyce; Offense Devon Nesbitt; Lineman Jake Gibson; Special Teams Cody Belt.
Records: Crittenden 7-4, Caverna 0-11

Distance runners rack up PBs at state

CCHS BOYS STATE XCOUNTRY RESULTS			
Plc.	Name	Grade	Time
24	Aaron Lucas	12	17:39.46
193	Jayden Carlson	10	20:43.44
205	Tyson Steele	12	20:59.58
208	Gavin Davidson	10	21:04.34
247	Hunter Holeman	11	23:04.91
251	Pate Robinson	11	23:34.72
260	Maddox Carlson	8	25:36.76
CCHS GIRLS STATE XCOUNTRY RESULTS			
44	Kate Keller	9	22:00.46
157	Kalli Champion	9	24:57.72

STAFF REPORT

Senior Aaron Lucas finished 24th in the state and freshman Kate Keller was 44th as the Crittenden County duo led their respective units in the KHSAA State Cross Country meet last weekend at Lexington Horse Park.

Lucas ran a personal best time of 17:39.46 over the 5K or 3.1-mile course.

Keller also ran a personal

best time at 22:00.46. She finished eighth among all ninth graders in the girls’ race.

“It was the first time any of them had ever been to the state cross country race so I really didn’t know what to expect,” said coach Angela Starnes. “We did very well and finished about



Kate Keller

where I thought we might. Everyone either had a personal best or was really close.”

Crittenden hadn’t had a cross country team in several years before Starnes resurrected it this season, largely because of the interest and strength of local distance runners.



Aaron Lucas

Starnes said participating in the state meet is a great experience and she thinks the squad will be even more successful in the future because it had only two seniors this fall.

“A lot of times kids have nerves when they go up there, but this group went to compete, and it did. I am so proud of them,” she said. “It was a great experience.”

CCMS BASKETBALL SUMMARIES

7TH GRADE GIRLS
Crittenden 29, Trigg 18
CCMS Scoring: Macie Hunt 5, Natalie Boone 2, Taylor Guess 14, Riley Smith 4, Addie Hatfield 4.
Crittenden 30, Livingston 20
CCMS Scoring: Hunt 6, Boone 2, Guess 9, Smith 4, Hatfield 2, Katie Perryman 5, Brylee Conyer 2.
8TH GRADE GIRLS
Trigg 26, Crittenden 18
CCMS Scoring: Grace Driskill 9, Guess 6,

Smith 3.
Crittenden 39, Livingston 17
CCMS Scoring: Driskill 2, Hunt 8, Guess 16, Smith 8, Hatfield 3, Perryman 2.
7TH GRADE BOYS
Crittenden 48, Livingston 24
CCMS Scoring: Morgeson 16, Seth Guess 11, Caden Riley 17, Zack Counts 2, Kaden Langston 2. LCMS: N.Zain 9, J.Duke 7.
8TH GRADE BOYS
Livingston 50, Crittenden 28
CCMS Scoring: M.Carlson 4, B.Baker 12, C.Stone 4, T.Davidson 4, P.Morgeson 4. LCMS: E.Ramage 21, J.Duke 10.

Angela Starnes selected for induction into KHSAA’s Hall

Crittenden County High School Athletic Director Angela Starnes has been notified that she will be a 2018 inductee into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association’s Hall of Fame. The ceremony will be in February. Starnes, who was the Class A track coach of the year in 2017, was selected to the KHSAA Hall of Fame as an athlete. While in high school at Todd Central, Starnes was a sprinter and set the KHSAA Class A 100 meters state record in 1980. That records still stands, 37 years later. She ran the race in 12.20 seconds. Starnes is also an accomplished track and cross country coach, having served at CCHS since 1991.



Angela Starnes

No. 1 in the state

Rocket junior Ethan Dossett finished the regular season as the top receiver in Class A football averaging 114 yards a game. He had 1,235 receiving yards and 12 TDs. Junior quarterback Hunter Boone was No. 2 in passing, with a 223-yards-page game average. Junior running back Devon Nesbitt was 16th in the state, averaging 91 yards per game rushing.



Ethan Dossett



Championship Game
Crittenden 13, Caldwell Gold 12

Semifinal Round
Crittenden 33, Trigg 0



The Junior Pro champion Rockets are (front from left) Davis Perryman, Tate Stump, Cash Singleton, Anthony Hunt, Brennan Clifford, Tucker Boudro, Charlie Ledford, (middle row) Mason Trammel, Carson Bradham, Breylen Clifford, Trent Todd, Billy Hazel, Trey Taylor, Michael Counts, Logan Nolan, Isaac James, Brady Dayberry, Bobby Hazel, (back) Jake Rich, Braden Poindexter, Morgan Stewart, Braydin Brandsasse, coach Tanner Tabor, Levi Quermous, Ethan Thomas, Avery Thompson, Quinn Summers, Keegan Pierson, Garner Stallins, Gunner Topp, coach Aaron Summers, Dakota Sosh, Logan Martin, Jaxton Duncan, coach Joey Rich and Brody Samuel.

League Champs! Rockets win jamboree

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's third- and fourth-grade Rockets won the West Kentucky Junior Pro Football jamboree championship Sunday at Dixon.

The Rockets were also the regular-season champs.

Crittenden had some interesting games in the jamboree, leading by 7-0 in the semifinal at halftime Saturday against Trigg before winning big.

The Rockets were ahead of Caldwell County Gold 13-0 at the half, but the Caldwell boys made it re-

ally close down the stretch, scoring with one minute to go to pull within one. The Rockets blitzed to defend the conversion and stopped Gold in the backfield to preserve the victory.

Crittenden's fifth and sixth graders won their opening round

game 24-12 over Webster County before falling the semifinal round 31-0 to top-seed Union County Black. Pictured above is the third- and fourth-grade team after the championship and at right is the post-game celebration Sunday.

The third- and fourth-grade

team's championship was the county's first league title since 2012 when the current freshmen in high school won the third- and fourth-grade championship, which was also at Webster County just like last weekend.

Lyons reflects on lessons learned under coach Rich Brooks

Midway of the 2006 football season LSU not only beat Kentucky, it embarrassed Kentucky 49-0. The winners rolled up 546 yards while holding UK to 227.

Some thought the loss might cost coach Rich Brooks his job – but his players told UK athletics director Mitch Barnhart they wanted him to stay.



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist
Vaught's Views

Kentucky had an open date before it played Mississippi State. That's when sophomore receiver Dicky Lyons Jr. guaranteed that Kentucky was going to win the game – a boast that infuriated Brooks.

But 11 years later, Lyons – a Louisiana native and son of former UK star Dicky Lyons – has no regrets about what he said.

"I was just embarrassed. I grew up, came here and was fascinated with my dad and Kentucky football," Lyons Jr. said. "It was everything I loved and grew up wanting. It was a big dream of mine going to LSU and winning. My junior year (of high school) I watched the Bluegrass Miracle (when LSU beat Kentucky on a Hail Mary pass on the game's final play). But I had dreamed I would be an all-SEC receiver and we would beat LSU. Losing to LSU like that crushed me."

Teammate Keenan Burton remembers Lyons' guarantee – and that Kentucky won 34-31 at Mississippi State. Lyons had a spectacular, one-handed touchdown catch in the end zone but also had a career-high eight total receptions for 117 yards in the win that might have been his best overall game at Kentucky.

"Nobody other than Dicky would have guaranteed a win. Having somebody like him do that put the season in perspective. It was a high risk, high reward deal for him," Burton said. "Dicky al-



Dicky Lyons Jr. with his wife Mindy at the recent reunion of coach Rich Brooks' players at UK. (Larry Vaught Photo)

ways had the tools to be a great receiver. But when he got to Kentucky he was used to doing what he wanted to do. It was different being part of a team."

Brooks made Lyons run – and then run some more for what he said before the Mississippi State game. At times after practice Brooks would even run around the field with Lyons.

"I think me running around the field with him after we'd already had conditioning, and kept running and kept running and kept running and all the players sitting there watching it and they kept saying 'Don't let him break you! Don't let him break you, Dicky!' ... I think it brought our team together," Brooks said. "I thought it gave our team a purpose. And I thought it was part of the major turnaround that happened with this football team."

Teammates started running with Lyons during the 5 a.m., sessions he had to have with then offensive coordinator Joker Phillips.

"It got to the point that he did not want to put all us though this at 5 a.m., for him. He got to where he was caring more about the team than himself," Burton said. "Obviously he did what he did but maybe seeing how it impacted innocent people changed him. We thought if we ran with him maybe he would change his mindset, and he did. He's one of the greatest receivers ever to play here."

"We all knew he loves us and wanted to be a great teammate. He did not want to see us keeping going

through all that. Once he got his mindset right, he was great. And he did play a great, great game."

Lyons finger-tip catch of the 18-yard touchdown pass from Andre Woodson still ranks as one of the best all-time catches in UK football history. Considering that the catch and win started a streak of five consecutive bowl games for UK just makes the play even more remarkable.

Kentucky beat Georgia the week after it knocked off Mississippi State. Kentucky fans stormed the field and tight end Jacob Tamme was so overwhelmed he cried during the postgame celebration.

"I knew I was going to say something that people didn't like when I guaranteed the win," Lyons said. "A lot of the guys were beginning to think that we'd win three or four games and call it a season like 'old Kentucky.'"

"I wanted to do something to light a fire so I just said that we would beat Mississippi State just like LSU beat us. I meant every word and I also believed we would win."

Lyons had another memorable play in 2007 when UK beat eventual national champion LSU when he pancaked LSU safety Craig Stelz – a high school friend. He flattened the LSU defensive back on national TV.

The two had run track against each other in high school. He made his bone-jarring block on a reception by Stevie Johnson.

"I squared up, and made a nice, clean hit that really got him," Lyons said. "If Stevie would've followed me, he

would've scored a touchdown. But that's a play I obviously will never forget, either."

Kentucky volleyball had its 14-match win streak ended last week when Florida swept the Wildcats in Memorial Coliseum to avenge an earlier loss to UK when the Gators were ranked No. 1.

"They did better overall. We should have made plays but we didn't and we have to learn from it," Kentucky sophomore Leah Edmond said. "There are some things we do well that we did not do as well as we should. I will give them credit. They played very well."

A record 5,329 fans came to support the UK volleyball team.

Can Kentucky bounce back from last week's heart-breaking loss to Mississippi? The Cats lost in the final five seconds when they gave up a touchdown pass with a 34-30 lead. It wasted another stellar running game from Benny Snell – who now leads the Southeastern Conference with 897 yards.

Snell ran for 176 yards and three scores and became the first player in school history with at least five 100-yard rushing games in consecutive seasons. He also became the first UK player with three rushing touchdowns in back to back games since Moe Williams in 1995. He's on track to become the first UK running back to have two straight 1,000-yard rushing seasons.

Snell was seen crying as he met with his parents after the game. By the time he met with the media, he had regained his composure and said the loss was "not that crushing" but then said "losses are hard on us and on me especially." He also vowed to do "even better" at Vanderbilt this Saturday.

"Benny did incredible. I'm so proud of him. I talked to him afterwards and told him to keep his head up because he puts his heart and soul into it. You can tell that this loss hit him the hardest even though he did so well," Kentucky quarterback Stephen

Johnson said.

Kentucky's biggest issue again was a pass defense that ranks last in the SEC and continues to get torched for big plays. Even worse, coach Mark Stoops said after the game that he tried every scheme possible and nothing worked with the secondary. He even refused to take a penalty that would have taken Ole Miss out of field goal range early in the second half because he didn't trust his defense not to give up a big play.

Now the question is whether UK can get a seventh win – which would trigger a one-year contract extension for Stoops through 2022 with a salary of \$5 million that season for the coach – at Vanderbilt with no lingering doubts due to the Ole Miss loss.

"We can't let it be. We have to get back to work. We have three big games left, and we've got to invest. It should hurt a lot if you invest a lot. It hurts," Stoops said.

Boyle County eighth-grader Jackson Smith is ranked as the No. 1 combo kicker in the 2022 recruiting class.

"If he hits the ball well, he can punt it 50 yards easily," his father, former UK punter Andy Smith, said. "He probably averaged 40 yards per punt this season. His kick-offs are really good. He had a lot of touchbacks."

Andy Smith's longest field goal in high school was 39 yards. He only attempted one longer than that. His freshman year at Western Kentucky he did not try a field goal and after he transferred to UK he was only a punter.

His son recently kicked a 51-yard field goal in the state middle school championship game where Boyle lost to Corbin.

Jackson Smith also plays linebacker and receiver. He will play for former UK linebacker Chuck Smith, who was on both Rich Brooks and Joker Phillips coaching staffs at UK, at Boyle.



Crittenden County High School's volleyball team held its annual awards ceremony Sunday at the school. Among those honored were (front from left) Raven Valadez, JV defense; Madison Champion, Varsity Offense; Kaitlyn Hicks, Varsity Defense; Jada Hayes, Freshman Defense; (back) Ellie McGowan, JV Offense; Ellie Smith, JV Serving; Kenlee Perryman, Varsity MVP; Paige Gilbert, Varsity Serving; Harley Wesley, Most Improved; Jayce Driver, JV MVP; and Southern Pate, Freshman MVP. Not pictured were Lily Gardner, Freshman Offense and Cameron Howard, Freshman Serving.

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Three of Crittenden County's Blue Knight's chess teams took home first place Saturday from the Murray Scholastic Tournament. Above left, the K12 team of Dominic Rorer, James Crider, Cole Swinford, Chase Stevens, Coach Don Winters,

Lauren Gilchrist, Clay Stevens and Skyler James earned 16 of a possible 20 points for first place. Above right, the K8 team of Winters and players Gage Russell, Isaac Sarles, Dennon Wilson, Tyler Swaggirt, Evan McDowell, Trey Swaggirt and

Marley Phelps also took the top spot in their division. Below, the K3 team pictured with Winters consisted of (from left) Eli Lovell, Wyatt Russell, Donte Bell, Zak Smith, Alex Hewitt and Zeke Smith.

Blue Knights dominate Murray chess tourney

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County High School is setting itself as the team to beat among high schools in western Kentucky chess, winning its second K-12 division title in as many tournaments and claiming the team title at the Murray Scholastic Tournament on Saturday. In fact, three Blue Knights teams from Crittenden County won their divisions, bringing home the K-12, K-8 and K-3 titles.

"I am extremely proud of how everyone played and represented the team," said coach Don Winters. "We are once again proving that the Blue Knights are not a team to take lightly."

The Murray Scholastic Tournament was played at Murray Elementary School for the first time, a departure from hosting the tourney at Murray State University's Curris Center. The 20-team tournament was the second of the 2017-18 schedule in Quad A chess, the western-most scholastic chess region in Kentucky, stretching from the Mississippi River to Bowling Green.

"The turnout was really great, for the first time for it to be held at Murray Elementary," said Murray Elementary School coach Chuck Blanchard. "We had 126 players participate, plus we had several new schools."

Schools had to have at least two players to earn team

points. The top four players' points from each school went toward the school's team points. The K-12 and K-8 divisions played four rounds each, while the K-5 and K-3 divisions each played five rounds. The top four teams in each division earned trophies, while the top 10 players won medallions. Ties were broken using U.S. Chess Federation standards

In the high school division, or K-12, Crittenden County took first place outright with 14 points out of a possible 16. Their closest competitor was Pennyrile Area Christian Homeschool Educators of Kentucky with 10 points.

"(They) proved they will be the team to beat this year," said Winters.

Individually, Crittenden County High School freshman Chase Stevens won the individual title with a perfect 4-point performance, winning in each round. Of a possible 4 points, local students scored as follows:

1. Chase Stevens, 4.0.
2. Cole Swinford, 4.0.
5. Clay Stevens, 3.0.
8. Skyler James, 3.0.
17. James Crider, 2.0.
18. Lauren Gilchrist, 2.0.
21. Dominic Rorer, 2.0.

Crittenden County Middle School took an early lead over top contender Lone Oak Intermediate in Round 1 and managed to hold onto it to claim the top spot by a half-point with 12 points total. In-



dividual scores for local students were:

1. Dennon Wilson, 4.0.
3. Gage Russell, 3.0.
4. Trey Swaggirt, 3.0.
10. Evan McDowell, C2.0.
13. Tyler Swaggirt, 2.0.
17. Abbey Swinford, 2.0.
20. Marley Phelps, 1.0.
24. Isaac Sarles, 0.5 in his first tournament.

Murray Middle School won the K-5 division with 16.5 out of a possible 20 points, while Crittenden County Elementary was fifth at 4.5 points. Klondike Academy of Livingston County also competed. Individual Crittenden County scores were:

22. Carmeron Hernandez, 2.5.

23. Hayden Hildebrand, 2.0.

"The K5 team is still looking for more players to help fill out the team, and then they will be a strong contender for the top spots," Winters said.

In the K-3 division, Crittenden County Elementary School took home the team

title with 15.5 of a possible 20 points, 2 full points above Murray Elementary School.

"(We) took the early lead on rival Murray Elementary and never looked back," said Winters. "In the first two rounds, (we) would score the maximum 4 points to count towards the team."

Zak Smith of Crittenden County Elementary won his second individual title of the year, garnering a perfect 5-point score on Saturday. All scores from Crittenden County included:

1. Zak Smith, 5.0.
3. Donte Bell, 4.0.
6. Wyatt Russell, 3.5.
12. Alex Hewitt, 3.0.
17. Zeke Smith, 2.5.
33. Eli Lovell, 1.0 in his first tournament.

Zoe Foster of Klondike Academy in Livingston County placed 32nd with 1 point.

"We have wonderful support in Quad A chess," Blanchard said of the league. "The kids had a great day, and the parents, too. It was a win-win for chess."

The next scheduled scholastic chess tournament will be the McCracken Scholastic Tournament Saturday, Nov. 18 at the West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah.

For more about area scholastic chess, visit WestKyChess.com or the Quad A chess Facebook page at Facebook.com/quadachess.

After 30 years, Merrick retires from education

By ALEXA BLACK
STAFF WRITER

Former Crittenden County School teacher and administrator Todd Merrick has said his goodbyes to staff and students. He retired last week.

After being in education for nearly 30 years, he said it was difficult for him to leave it behind. However, he is looking forward to retirement and pursuing his interests.

Crittenden County Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark said filling Merrick's shoes will be difficult.

"He's served our students, district and community well," Clark said. "He'll be missed."

Merrick grew up on a farm in Symsonia and earned a teaching degree at Murray State University. Throughout his career, he taught English, history and various aspects of social studies, including geography and psychology. Merrick joined the local school district in 1990, and has taught both middle and high school students.

His career led him into administration as a principal at Crittenden County High and Caldwell County Elementary schools and as assistant principal at Crittenden County Elementary School. He also served as a writing consultant for five years. Merrick enjoyed the consulting position because he got to travel throughout western Kentucky to help teachers with their writing instruction.

Though retired, he will stay active and plans on some traveling and writing, as his reputation suggests. Merrick and his wife, Crittenden County Public Library Director Regina Merrick, both write and will soon have the flexibility to pursue those interests. Regina already has one book published and is leaving her post at the library at the end of the year to pursue writing full time.

After teaching history and English, Todd Merrick maintained a fascination with the

two subjects and plans to put his knowledge of both to use. He believes they are equally important, but emphasized to students that history is a tool for understanding the present and a guide for the future.

"As a writing instructor, I always liked to find out what students were interested in so I could help them figure out what to write and what books to pick out based on that," he said. "But with teaching history, I was able to show them how that subject helps (them) to understand the world and that everything connects. It's a matter of showing them how what happened 3,000 years ago has brought us to where we are today."

Merrick is involved with the Christian Educators Association International (CEAI). That organization's mission is to encourage and equip educators according to biblical principles and promote education as another form of Christian commitment. His retirement will now lend him more time to focus on CEAI pursuits, which is something he is very passionate about.

Merrick has high hopes for his former students, saying that throughout his career he felt it was crucial for kids to get as invested in their own education as the teachers. Expanding on individual student interests and having patience with them is the key, he believes. Being an educator most of his life, Merrick explained that the profession taught him just as much as he taught others.

"If I have learned anything from teaching students of all ages, it is to keep an open mind about them and try not to judge," he explained. "Give people chances when they are willing to do better and just be patient with them. With the right educational tools, you will quickly learn how dramatically different they can be tomorrow, and usually for the better."



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After almost 27 years in Crittenden County Schools, Todd Merrick (left) has retired from education. Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark (right) said Merrick will be missed.



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