SOCIAL SECURITY TO GET 1.6 PERCENT COLA

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for nearly 2,500 Crittenden Countians and 69 million other Americans will increase 1.6 percent in 2020, the Social Security Administration announced last Thursday.

The 1.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment will begin with benefits payable to more than 63 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2020. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on Dec. 31, 2019. The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statis-

BRIG. GEN. CAMPBELL RETIRING FROM SERVICE

One of the highest-ranking military officers to hail from Crittenden County will be hanging up his star this year.



Brig. Gen. Scott A. Campbell, a 1978 graduate of Crittenden County High School, Frances native and 37year veteran of

Cambpell service in the Kentucky Army National Guard, will be recognized with an official retirement ceremony Nov. 15 in Frankfort. A one-star general, Campbell has served since 2017 as Kentucky's Deputy Adjutant General-Army, second in command of all day-to-day operations.

- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the courthouse for its regular monthly meet-

- Crittenden County Public **Library Board of Trustees** meets at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) at the library. This is considered a special meeting and will replace the regular monthly meeting that would have been held next Thursday. The November meeting has also been moved up a week to

5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21. - Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m. Monday at city hall for its regular monthly meeting. Last week's newspaper listed an incorrect date for the meeting.

Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m. next Thursday in the middle school library.



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Trick or Treat on Main set for Halloween

Costumed children will be roaming downtown Marion in a couple of weeks, gathering goodies before dusk. Not surpris-

ingly, Trick or Treat on Main set for Thursday, Oct. 31. The event has become an antici-

pated Halloween event each year in the community. Marion Main Street Inc. offers this event to children 12 and

"There is a great safety aspect that goes along with this said Marion Main Street Director Susan Alexander. "The kids can trick or treat in the daylight hours and receive those tasty treats from businesses that we all know and trust.

Alexander works with the downtown merchants and other offices to offer candy for the event. This year's event will run from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in at participating locations in downtown Marion. The goodies tour begins at the Marion Welcome Center.

Trick or Treat on Main has continued to grow over the years, and Marion businesses look forward to bringing the children through their doors. One of the key elements of Marion Main Street is to promote downtown business, and this event brings out parents with their children.

"We feel it is a safe way to enjoy Halloween, gather up the candy and have fun," Alexander said. "Our hope is that parents will also think of these businesses that are furnishing treats and return to shop or trade with them in the future.'

A business owner interested in participating as a Trick or Treat on Main host may contact Alexander at (270) 965-5015.

During that same period, The Crittenden Press will again be taking Halloween costume photos to appear in the paper and online. Photos will be taken from 2 to 5 p.m. on Halloween day at the office. The pictures will appear in the next week's issue.

Old Kentucky Hayride return nears



Above, Becky Tyner-Belt portrays the Grand Ole Opry's Grandpa Jones on stage at Fohs Hall at the March revival of the Old Kentucky Hayride as guitarist Richard Maxfield looks on. The show returns Nov. 2.

Tickets for variety show almost gone

Tickets for the Old Kentucky Hayride variety show are almost gone.

The night of entertainment, a celebration of bluegrass and country music, returns to

Fohs Hall in Marion Saturday, Nov. 2 event. "It should be as good of a show as the last one," said Brennan Cruce, one of the

organizers and per-

formers. In March, local musicians revived the oncepopular event from the mid-20th century, drawing a standing room only crowd at the community center. Because of overcrowding, tickets will be limited to 450 for next month's encore performance. At press time, there were around 100 tickets

\$5 each. Cutter Singleton, one of

remaining. The cost is only

the headline performers and an organizer, wants to make clear that no two Old Kentucky Hayrides will be the same.

"We want to stress the new talent," the local youth said. "It will be different than the last show. We want to expand it each time.'

Several local musicians and performers will portray some of the most noted

Cruce

names in bluegrass and country music. A few of those will be David Conyer as Vince Gill, Lacie Duncan as Patsy Cline, Buddy Stallions as Marty Robbins, Cash Singleton as Dickens, Little Jimmy Alonzo Pennington as Hank Williams Jr. and Cruce as Luke the Drifter, a pseudonym once used by Hank Williams Sr.

Many of the characters are new.

"We wanted to keep the

show format the same, but didn't want people to think it's just the same as last time," Cruce added.

Cutter Singleton said the lineup may be a bit different, but the show will stay true to what made it a success seven months ago.

"Not only was it different, but it's what people like, simple porch pickin'

music," he said. The banjo and guitar player said the November production is looking for \$20 sponsors to keep ticket prices low and offset the cost of renting Fohs Hall and sound equipment. Leftover funds, as well as 100 percent of ticket sales, will go to support Crittenden County Food Bank.

You're really supporting your whole community by just coming," he said. The March show lasted

until after 11 p.m., some-

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City curbs, gutters to get rework

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019

A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is scheduled to make improvements to curbs and gutters along Main Street/U.S. 60 East in Marion starting within the next couple of

The construction will likely be a prelude to improving the driving surface on Main Street, but any milling or paving will not be done before winter.

The curb and gutter work will be from Curve Inn on the north end of town to the stoplight at the intersection of U.S. 641 and U.S. 60 West. That section of Main Street was last paved in 2012 following the replacement of a water



CCHS seeks photos of local vets

Crittenden County Schools will be hosting its annual Veterans Day program at Rocket Arena and is seeking names and photos of local veterans to honor during a slideshow.

The program begins at 9 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11 and is intended to pay tribute to all who served in the United States military. Veterans and the public are invited to attend the ceremony.

To honor a veteran, email a current or service-time photo, the name of the veteran, their branch of service and the years served to broadcast journalism@crittenden.kyschools.us. The schools are also asking for the veteran's address in order to mail an

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South Main Street eyed for new Dollar General

Dollar General has yet to

commit to building a second store in Marion, but discussion at a public meeting last week revealed a location where the corporation is considering placing another discount vari-

At last Thursday's Marion Planning Commission meeting, city Planning and Zoning Coordinator Terri Hart told commissioners during a discussion on city developments that Dollar General is considering property along South Main Street that is owned by Pat and Debra James of Crit-

DOLLAR GENERAL

Strong presence

There are three Dollar General stores with 10 miles of the courthouse in Marion and another 13 within 25 miles. Altogether, Dollar General has more than 15.000 outlets in 44 states.

tenden County. The couple owns two lots on the 600 block of the street.

In April 2016, Marion City Council approved the Jameses rezoning request at 672 S. Main St. a 0.85-acre lot, to move the property from residential to light commercial.

Last week's meeting discussion in no way confirms the location of a potential new Dollar General outlet or even that one will be placed in Mar-

"We are currently in a due diligence phase for a new store on South Main Street in Marion, which means we're inter-

ested in adding a store to

Crittenden County, but have

not committed to doing so

quite yet," Crystal Ghassemi, public relations director at Dollar General Corp., told The Crittenden Press on Friday. "Based on our current timeline, we anticipate a final decision to be made in the coming months.'

According to Hart, the Goodlettsville, Tenn.-based corporation is concerned with the amount of parking that would be possible on the Jameses' South Main Street property. Ghassemi noted in her email to the newspaper that customer convenience is a

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LETTERS

Others help woman after recent fall

To the editor:

I want to thank three young ladies and a mailman for stopping to help when I fell on Carlisle Street. I appreciate their offer to help and kindness. May you be blessed for thinking of others.

Bonnie R. Gass Marion, Ky.

Oct. 26 set as 2019 closing for museum

To the editor:

It will soon be time for the Crittenden County Historical Museum to be closing for the season.

Crittenden County Historical Society would like to thank everyone who has shown their interest this year by visiting the museum and also bringing their relatives to see their local history. And thank you for supporting the museum financially by paying your yearly dues and making

donations. We appreciate these efforts by the community and also our loyal members from out of state.

If you haven't made a visit this season to the museum, you still have a few days left. The museum will close for this year on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 3 p.m.

Thanks to everyone for your support this vear, and we look forward to the new season in April 2020.

Brenda Underdown Crittenden County Historical Society Chair

Marion, Ky.

Graves mom thankful for jail's efforts

To the editor:

I don't know if you realize how blessed you are to have such a great jail system in your community. This is coming from a mother who has not had to deal with the system in such a way

After being in one jail where you had to sleep on the floor until a bed

became available and then transferred to another that was a little better, God knew where my son needed to be. That was in the jail in your community, and it was truly a blessing. He has not only been treated like he was still a human who mattered regardless of his bad choices and mistakes. He was also treated with kindness and given a chance to work on himself, which led him to the restricted custody center. This center gave him a purpose again, and that was to work every day, earning rewards for such work and good be-

havior. This facility also has another program that if an inmate is not involved, they should be. It is the church services they have where my sound found his faith again. I'll never forget the phone call where he told me he got saved and got baptized in his shorts in a horse trough. My reply was joy and praise. I was able to attend an actual church service and see my son raising his hand in

praise to God. This was another blessing, so there is no way you can't see that God is in this facility and its employees and programs.

Out of all the phone calls to make appointments or visits, there has never been one rude, inconsiderate or just down right hateful person. I have encountered quite the opposite. All employees have treated us with respect and tried to help or show us how to do things. so I just want to let you know so you can take notice this jail is blessed and does work in the way it is being run.

So please remember, if you pass someone in orange picking up trash or mowing your parks, they are doing this for you as much as for themselves. Don't be afraid to blow your horn and wave or just smile. If the chance presents itself, say Hello or Thank you. In the blink of an eye, this could be your loved one.

Lastly, I will leave you with a thank you to Life in Christ Church, Marion Baptist Church and

Crooked Creek Baptist Church for their fellowship and services. They do change lives.

Also to Miss Darlene, who always knew on our visits we would have Kleenex in our pockets, to Jailer Robbie Kirk for showing compassion on the day we left, and to every employee, even if not mentioned by name. Keep up the good work. God is blessing you and

> **Darlene Turner** Mayfield, Ky.

More alcohol could help **Tolu prosper**

To the editor:

Since the majority voted for the city to go wet, I'm sure all the financial problems of the city will be solved. Surely, we can see that since Sturgis voted wet, the town is flourishing. Pass through and see all the vacant buildings.

We who live outside the Marion city limits surely will be affected with alcohol being sold in the city. I'm sure having access to alcohol close, more people will drink and drive.

So maybe with the abortion-loving, gambling-loving Democrat running for governor, we can vote the entire county wet, put in a gambling boat at Tolu, restore Tolu to its glory days and solve all the county's problems as well. Surely, then, neither the city nor county could ever ask for another tax increase.

I expect that the traffic would be so much increased that the one-lane bridge on Ky. 135 would need replacing to handle the Tolu traffic. Maybe the state could move the very nice wide bridge on what was supposed to have been our four-lane to replace the one-lane bridge going to Tolu; then we could say our tax dollars were well spent instead of having a bridge going to nowhere.

I certainly appreciate all of those who worked so fervently in opposing the alcohol referendum. May the Lord richly bless

> **Gary Hardesty** Marion, Ky.

NEWS BRIEFS

Inmate hurt in courthouse fall

A male inmate who was leaving Crittenden Circuit Court last Thursday morning fell down a flight of stairs and was in-

The incident happened just before 11 a.m., when about five inmates were being escorting from the courtroom back to Crittenden County Detention

The inmate, Richard E. Sutton, 61, of Providence. was bound in shackles and cuffs, a common practice when inmates are taken between the jail and courtroom.

Other inmates who witnessed his fall, said Sutton toppled headfirst down about three or four stairs, coming to rest on the landing area between the upper and main floors of the courthouse.

to have been knocked unconscious for a time and bleeding out back of his head, the inmate was responsive and talking by the time ambulance personnel arrived and took him to Crittenden Community Hospital.

Sutton was treated



Deputy Rick Mills offers assistance to a Crittenden County Detention Center inmate who fell down the stairs at the courthouse last week and was injured.

and released from the hospital later that day.

Soybean yield hurt by drought

There is expected bad Although he appeared news for Kentucky farmers following the late summer drought that affected

> Unseasonably hot and dry conditions during September allowed grain harvest to proceed at a normal pace, but hurt soybean yields. Some later planted corn fields were

also impacted by the drought, but overall the yields remain good, according to last week's October Crop Production report from the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

Soybean production for Kentucky is forecast at 82.8 million bushels, down 8 percent from the September forecast and down 16 percent from 2018. Yield was estimated at 49 bushels per acre,

down 4 bushels from last month and down bushels from a year ago.

Sovbeans are No. 2 in Crittenden County and Kentucky in terms of production.

Meantime, corn production is forecast at 258 million bushels for the commonwealth, down 3 percent from the September forecast but up 20 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 178 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last month and up 3 bushels from the 2018 level.

Ruminant profit school slated

Small Runinant Profit School will be held the next three Mondays at Crittenden County Extension Service Annex on U.S. 60 East. The classes will be held at 6 p.m. on Oct. 21 and 28 and Nov.

Next week's class will be on reproduction and Oct. 28 class will be on genetics and selection criteria and birthing difficulties. The Nov. 4 class will

be on production systems for sheep and goats.

Call the Extension service at (270) 965-5236 to register as soon as pos-

Commercial zoning granted

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The same zoning designation was approved for 3 acres off South Main Street between West Cruce Lane and the forby Denny Woodall. Terri Hart, planning and zoning coordinator for the city. said there are no particuof the property that belongs to Newcom Properties. However, the wooded area will be cleared.

lar plans for development

III. mine closing to affect 225

About 225 workers at the Wildcat Mills Mine and a nearby coal processing facility in Equality, Ill., will be affected by Monday's announced closure of Peabody Energy's Arclar Complex in Saline County. Production is expected to end in mid-December, according to several news sources. The company is citing "unecomining condinomic tions.'

"Our workers at the Arclar Complex have been hard working, and we recognize the hardship clomay employees and families,' said Kemal Williamson, president U.S. operations, said in a news release. "I genuinely appreciate their years we've operated in the region."

The loss of jobs is expected to be permanent.

VETERANS

Continued from Page 1

invitation to the event. Crittenden

County Public Library is offering a digital scanning service at no charge for families who do not have electronic images of their veteran honoree. They will scan the photo and return it at the time. They will also forward the information to the schools at no cost.

AUCTIONAUCTION**AUCTION** **FARM EQUIPMENT** CONSIGNMENT AUCTION Sat., October 26 - 9 a.m.

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Ex-substitute teacher gets diversion

STAFF DEDODT

The former substitute teacher who investigators say brandished a knife and threatened students earlier this year while working at Crittenden County Elementary School entered an Alford plea last week in Crittenden Circuit Court.

Jaken S. Orten, 23, of Dawson Springs received a three-year prison sentence which will be diverted for three years. If he successfully completes the pretrial diversion, the charges will be dropped at the end of his threeyear diversion.

An Alford plea means that the defendant admits that there is enough evidence for a conviction if the case were to go to trial, but it is not an admission of guilt. The court, however, views it the same as a guilty plea for purposes of settling a

CIRCUIT COURT

case.

So Orten is effectively convicted of one count of second-degree terroristic threatening, a Class D

He was a substitute teacher on Jan. 15 when he brandished a knife in front of two elementary school students and said, "Sit down or I will kill you."

The school district terminated him as a substitute the following day after learning of the incident, completing an internal investigation then turning the matter over to authorities.

Following are dispositions in other cases before Circuit Judge Rene Williams last week:

- Corey Vincent 34, of Dawson Springs had his probation revoked after admitting to violating terms of his early release from a 2016 drug and careless driving conviction. He was ordered to complete his original three-year sentence. According to court testimony, Vincent was recently charged with DUI and possession of marijuana.

- Ricky Curnel, 30, of Marion had his probation revoked. Curnel admitted to violating his probation after getting a misdemeanor traffic charge. He was originally sentenced to five years in prison for a 2015 burglary conviction. Curnel was ordered to serve the remainder of his sentence.

- Kinsley D. Bell, 33, of Marion pleaded guilty to a charge of second-degree assault (domestic violence), a Class C felony, for stabbing another female with a broken walking stick during an altercation on March 18.

Bell was sentenced to five years in prison, but all of the time was probated except for 90 days, which he's already served in the county jail.

Carroll Wayne Lovan, 56, of Marion pleaded guilty to a number of misdemeanor charges and felony possession of a controlled substance. He received a three-year sentence for the felony drug charge, 90 days and a \$500 fine for DUI, 12 months for possession of drug paraphernalia, 90 days for having no automobile insurance and fined \$50 for reckless driving. Lovan was arrested in June 14 after he was stopped by a deputy on Ky. 70. The arrest citation said that the deputy met Lovan on the highway and Lovan's vehicle was on the wrong side of the road, almost hitting the deputy's cruiser. The deputy found two meth pipes in the vehicle.

- Bobby Hunt Singleton Jr., 63, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), first offense, and two misdemeanor charges of public intoxication of a controlled substance excludalcohol possession of drug paraphernalia. Singleton was sentenced to three years on the felony charge and a total of 13 months on the misdemeanors. All

time will run concurrent.

Court records indicate that police found Singleton in August at Hometown Foods in Marion carrying a large knife in his back pocket and talking about shootings, knives, guns and robbery

among other things. Investigators found a used syringe in the defendant's pocket which contained traces of methamphetamine.

mine.

The commonwealth did not oppose probation in this case as long as the defendant enrolls in an in-patient substance abuse treatment program. Singleton's proba-

tion will be for five years. - William Sherer, 46, of Marion pleaded guilty in a Rocket Docket case to felony possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Sherer was sentenced to three years in prison, but received a diverted sentence for three years. That means that he will not have to go to prison and if he stays out of trouble for three years, the charges will be dropped.

Ky. 135 shut west of Tolu for repairs

■ STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet plans to close a section of Ky. 135 in Crittenden County during daylight hours today (Thursday).

Ky. 135 between Tolu and Carrsville will be closed at mile point 4.8 west of the Tolu community to allow repairs to a large base failure. This daytime closure is along about halfway between Ky. 297 and Ky. 723.

Ky. 135 will be closed starting at approximately 8 a.m., immediately after the morning school bus run. The roadway at this site is expected to reopen to traffic around 2:30 p.m. today.

There will be no marked detour. However, motorists may self-detour via Ky. 297 and Ky. 723.



Marching band places third

Crittenden County Marching Band's Paris Anderson, Trevor Eifler and Tate LaRue perform their 2019 show "Happiness" at Friday's home football game. The band placed third in their class Saturday at the West Kentucky Tournament of Champions. This weekend they complete in Hopkinsville for the regional band competition. They will advance to state semifinals Oct. 26 in Bowling Green if they finish eighth or higher among the 11 bands competing.

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AREA DEATHS

Newcom

Svlvia S. Newcom, 81. Calvert City died Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019, at her home.

She is survived by five children, Connie (Jerry) Parker of Benton, Cynthia (Mike) Adams of Sturgis, David (Tracy) Newcom of Uniontown, Edwin (Ashley) Newcom Jr. of Decatur, Ala., and Corbitt of Chastity Calvert City; a brother, Charles Burkeen of Sebastian, Fla.; three sisters, Carolyn Griggs of Ohio, Charlottia Wilson of French Lick, Ind., and Helen Tiller of Kuttawa; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

Newcom was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin Newcom Sr.; her parents, Clint and Dorothy Burkeen; and a sister, Frances Butler.

Funeral services were Sunday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be at Mapleview Cemetery.

Lanham

Harold Brad Lanham. 85, of Marion died Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019, at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabil-

He was a U.S. Army veteran, former owner of

itation Cen-



Lanham



survived by his wife, Alice Lanham of Marion; a son, Dirk Lanham of Marion; a grandson, Cody Triplett; and two sisters, Hilda Quellette and Rhonda Steward, both of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Coleman and Mildred Clark Lanham: brothers. Wendell Lanham and Jack

Graveside funeral services were Wednesday at Mapleview Cemetery.

Myers Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Commercial zoning OK'd for properties

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Boyd's adds

monuments

to services

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem has added

STAFF REPORT

monument design to its list of serv-

Families

standard or customized monuments they

order

making

arrangements for loved ones. Andy Fox said Boyd

Monument Co. will also

homes for their services.

monument front and back and show the fami-

lies while they are here,'

be a good thing.'

Fox said. "I think it will

began this month. Fox

said a display of granite

samples might come in

the future, but for now it

is being handled in-

The new company

We can design the

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The same zoning designation was approved for 3 acres off South Main Street between West Cruce Lane and the former used car lot operated by Denny Woodall. Terri Hart, planning and zoning coordinator for the city, said there are no particular plans for development of the property that belongs to Newcom Properties. However, the wooded area will be

The planning commission is comprised Chairman Joe Hunt, Bill Frazer, Ray Agent, Gary Baulos, Paul Belt and Randy Dunn. Dunn was not at last week's meet-

Greer

Robert Morgan Greer, 70, of Burna died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019, at his home

He was a retired welder and a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of North Livingston Baptist

Church. Greer is survived by his wife of 45 years, Paulette Greer: two sons, Paul Ray Greer and James Robert Greer; grandchildren, Robert Paul Greer, Ashton Leigh Greer and John Mitchell Greer; and great-grandchild,

Michael Vernon Greer. He was proceeded in death by his parents, John and Lil Greer.

Graveside services were Tuesday at White Church Cemetery with burial to follow.

Boyd Funeral Direcand Cremation Services in Salem was in charge of arrangements.

Brantley

Leonard Henry Brantley Jr., 66, of Marion died Friday, Oct. 11, 2019, at his home.

He had worked in the telecom industry and was of the Baptist faith.

Brantley is survived by a brother, Jerry Brantley of Marion; three sisters, Carolyn Salvati of Shelby Township, Mich.; Sandra (Tom) Hawthorne of Marion; and Dottie Brantley of Roseville, Mich.; and many nieces nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard Henry and Christine Land Brantley Sr.; a brother, Michael Brantley; and a sister, Patsy Rotondo.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Repton Baptist Church in Crittenden County.

Myers Funeral Home in Marion is in charge arrangements. There will be no visitation at the funeral home.



3 hurt in crash

A Salem man was seriously injured Sunday in a head-on crash on Ky. 723. According to Sheriff's Deputy George Foster, Chris Hunter of Salem suffered a possible broken leg and internal injuries when the northbound truck in which he was riding collided around 5:30 p.m. with an oncoming truck driven by Robert Jackson. Hunter was a passenger in a truck driven by Cody Russell. All three men were transported to local hospitals. Hunter was flown from Livingston Hospital in Salem to a larger facility for treatment of his injuries.



McCracken

Robert A. "Bob" Mc-Cracken, 79, of Ledbetter died Friday, Oct. 11, 2019, at Mercy Health at Lourdes

Hospital in Paducah. He retired

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with vears McCracken comthe pany, much of that time spent delivering to homes and business in Crittenden County. He was a member of Broadway Church of Christ in Paducah and a Kentucky Colonel. He loved the outdoors, especially, hunting, fishing, hiking and auto racing.

McCracken is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jo Smith McCracken: two daughters, Debra (Mark) Hall of Ledbetter and Lori Stanphill of LaVergne, Tenn; son, David (Janna) McCracken of Benton; two sisters, Betty Fausnacht of Vincennes, Ind., and Kathy Pickens of Bedford, Ind.; three brothers, Larry McCracken of Vincennes, Mike McCracken of Indianapolis and Gene Mc-Cracken of Bedford; four grandchildren; a greatgranddaughter,; two stepand grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray McCracken, and Hollis Scarlett McCracken; and a brother, Richard "Dick" McCracken.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. on Saturday at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Andy Clausen and J.V. Kerley officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery in Ledbetter.

Visitation will be from noon to funeral hour at the funeral home.









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Questioning minds build stronger people

After evading English Law by going to the continent, William Tyndale was arrested in Belgium after being betrayed by a friend. He was held in the castle

at Vilvoorde for months before being killed and burned at the stake on Oct. 6. 1536. The charges were heresy and treason. His fa-



mous last words were, "Lord, open the king of England's eyes." His translation was made legal four years after his death. The Tyndale Bible had a profound influence on the translation of the King James Bible of 1611. His translation coined words and phrases that are still in use today.

He ran into trouble because he had accused the clergy of not teaching the gospel and his remedy was to make the Bible accessible in the language that people spoke. He was in sympathy with Martin Luther, who did the same thing in the German language. It was also illegal for any Bible that was not approved by the king of England to be sold, distributed, or read in Eng-

Prologue to William Tyndale Bible, 1525. Imagine being alive in England in the 1520s and reading this: "I have here translated (brethren and sisters most dear and tenderly beloved in Christ) the new Testament for your spiritual edifying, consolation and solace: Exhorting instantly and beseeching those that are better seen in the tongues than I, and that have higher gifts of grace to interpret the sense of the Scripture, and meaning of the Spirit, than I, to consider and ponder my labor, and that with the spirit of meekness. And if they perceive in any places that I have not attained the very sense of the tongue, or meaning of the Scripture, or have not given the right English word, that they put to their hands to amend it, remembering that so is their duty to do. For we have not received the gifts of God for ourselves only, or for to hide them; but for to bestow them unto the honoring of God and Christ, and edifying of the congregation,

Christ." The powerful intellect and humility of Tyndale are equally present. He concludes the prologue with these words. "Whatsoever good thing is in us, that is given us freely without our deserving or merits for Christ's blood's sake. That we desire to follow the will of God, it is the gift of Christ's blood. That we now hate the devil's will . . . is also the

which is the body of

whom belongeth the praise and honour of our good deeds, and not unto

I believe that it is worth reminding us that people have (and some still do) take great risks and make great sacrifices for the benefit of everyone. I would be curious to see how Tyndale would react to the number and variations of Bibles available to us today. He gave us the gift of making the source available. What is remarkable to me is how little we take advantage of that source today. We willingly accept whatever "the pastor" says (of which I am one) without checking it ourselves. This is true of those who are believers and of those who make it their business to oppose

In religion as well as many other aspects of life we first choose a side (or uncritically accept the side we are born into) then seek confirmation of our bias. This is a poor use of the discernment and intelligence we have been given.

But getting to the source is not only an issue that concerns our religion. I am shocked at the lack of understanding of how our government works. I am astounded that most people under a certain age have never read the Constitution or the Bill of

gift of Christ's blood, unto Rights. I see and hear things that are stated and misquoted grotesquely out of context.

We cannot blame only younger people for this. It is important to gently (or not so gently) challenge things that are said to have been said. Encourage the reading of our founding documents (which are not that long or onerous). Encourage reading of past leaders (good ones and not so good ones). It may be the same as encouraging some people to eat vegetables, but it is good for them.

Parts of the "the media" have always been after ratings and of dubious reliability – at least since the days of the printing press, and likely before that. But much of what is produced is done with honest hard work and risk today. Every year, journalists are arrested or killed. Every year, people are doing their best to help us understand things from the source. It behooves us to respect those courageous people by not consuming or propagating the predigested pablum that keeps us from meaningful discussion.

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

Church Events and News

■ Main Street Baptist Church in Marion will host a benefit singing at 6 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 2. Proceeds will benefit Owen Matthews who is battling cancer. He is the son of Chase and Jennifer Matthews. The Stone Family will be featured.

■ Creekside Baptist Church will host a fish fry at 5 p.m., Saturday. Everyone invited.

■ Salem Baptist Church will have Trunk or Treat 5:30-8 p.m., in the church parking lot Thursday, Oct. 31. Bring a pre-carved pumpkin to be judged. There will be prizes for best carved pumpkin.

■ St. Williams Church will host a soup supper 4:30-6:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 8. Cost will adults \$5, children 4-10 years of age \$3.

Church Notes are Posted Here Free of Charge Let us know what's happing in your church!



Born again is total transformation

If there is not a total transformation, we are not born again.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creation, old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new, and all things are of God" 2nd Cor.

5:17,18. The new birth is as traumatic as

the old or first The new birth is as to-

tally delivered from a life we were living before we were

born again, as when we were living in a bag of water before, and came out to breathe air, grow teeth and live in a totally different world.

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Then we can obey God's demand, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." 1st Peter 1:16.

Yet, there are many who say no one can live a holy life. "Beware of false prophets, you shall know them by their fruits. Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.' Matt. 7:15,19.

"With out holiness, no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12:14.

"For the Kingdom of Heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called His own servants, and delivered unto them His goods." When one of His servants was unprofitable, Jesus said: "Cast the unprofitable servant into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matt. 25:14,30.

"Know you not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor effem-

Prayer lockers not good idea says attorney

An attorney for a Kentucky public school board says complaints have prompted him to recommend the district remove "prayer lockers" from inside its schools, reports

the Associated Press. Pike County Schools received a complaint on the practice from a national organization advocating

for separation of church. Students can request prayers for themselves or others by slipping a piece of paper into a repurposed locker. It's unclear who

started them. Attorney Neal Smith says he's asking principals to stop allowing the initiative in their schools.

inate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilnow extortioners, ers. shall inherit the Kingdom of God." 1st Cor. 6:9,10.

The same warnings are also in Galatians 6:18-21.

"This is how we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He that says I know Him and keeps not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in Him." 1st John 2:3,4.

"Whosoever abideth (eth.remains in Him) sinneth not; whosoever sinneth (eth.continues to sin) hath not seen Him, neither known Him. No murderer has eternal life abiding in him." 1st John

"We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not, but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." 1st

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in

St. William

Catholic Church

Sunday Mass 11 a.m. 860 S. Main St.

Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m. Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m. Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

Mexico Baptist Church

Minister of Youth Robert Kirby | Minister of Music Mike Crabtree Pastor: Tim Burdon

Father John Okoro

not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he has both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed; for he that biddeth him God speed in partaker of his evil deeds." 2nd John 9-11.

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." Rev.

"For I testify unto every man that hears the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book; and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this

prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written book." this Rev.

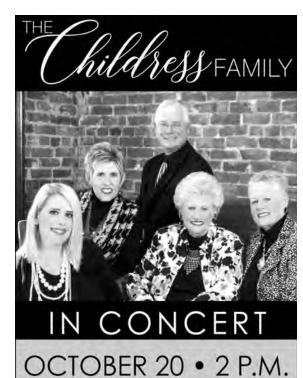
So please don't ever let anyone tell you that once our names are in the book of life, sin will not take us out. "Let God be true but every man a liar." Rom.

Sorry, space demands the brevity of the scriptures.

Please do as Jesus said, and do so for your self: "Search the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life, and they are they which testify of Me." John 5:39.

Truth, which is He, God's Word, matters. It is life or death!

Sister Lucy Tedrick is a longtime local minister who has written a column for this newspaper for more than 20 years. Her opinions are her own do not necessarly reflect those of the newspaper.



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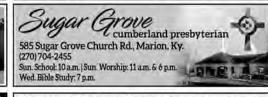




Emmanuel Baptist Church 108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Children and Captured by a vision... Youth Activities: 6 p.m

Crooked Creek Baptist Church 261 Crooked Creek Church Rd., Marion, Ky. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Pastor: Bro. Mark Girten







Tyners Chapel Church Located on Ky. 855 North Sunday: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday: 6 p.m. Pastor: Charles Tabor

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Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m. South College St.

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Lions Club plans vendor fair

Home- and onlinebased businesses are invited to participate in a vendor fair Nov. 9 at the Lions Club Building at the Crittenden County Fairgrounds. Call Natalie Parish at (270) 871-1383 to reserve booth space.

Burna Legion hosts car show

American Legion Post 217 in Burna will host its 3rd annual charity car show Oct. 19 at the Legion's Memorial Gardens.

From 9 a.m.-2 p.m., the 2019 car show will be held in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the American Legion's establishment

A costume contest for women dressing as Rosie the Riveter will also be held. Cash prizes will be awarded for the first-, second- and third-place win-

School seeks veteran photos

Crittenden County Schools will be hosting its annual Veterans Day program at 9 a.m., Nov. 11 in Rocket Arena. The program is intended to honor and thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces. Veterans and the public are invited to join students at our ceremony.

Community members are encouraged to provide photos of their loved ones that have served in the military. These photos will be compiled into a slideshow shown on Veterans Day.

Please email the following information to broadcastjournalism@crittenden.kyschools.us.

- 1. Photo (either during service or current)
 - 2. Name of Veteran
- 3. Branch of Service 4. Years of Service
- 5. Veteran's Mailing Ad-

Calendar

Crittenden County Middle School Lady Rockets basketball team will be selling pork chop sandwiches Oct. 19 at Farmers Market on Main Street in Marion.

 Livingston Hospital Auxiliary will sponsor a We Care for Healthcare 5K walk and run Oct. 19. Race time is 8 a.m. at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. Register UtraSignup.com.

4-H events

Aerospace Club meets at 3:15 p.m., Oct. 22 and Oct. 29 at the Extension Park.

- Trap Team for children 9-18 meets at 6 p.m., each Tuesday at the Extension Park.

Robotics Club meets at 3:15 p.m., Thursday (today) at the Critten-

den County Public Library. - B meets at 3:30 p.m.,

Oct. 23 at the Extension Dog Club meets at 3:15 p.m., Oct. 28 at the

Extension Annex.



Homemaker members stand by while Judge-Executive Perry Newcom signs a proclamation declaring Oct. 13-19 Kentucky Extension Homemakers Week. From left are Roberta Shewmaker, Janet Stevens, Linda Morris, Nancy Hunt, Jerrell James, Darl Henley, Micki Crider, Sarah Ford, Norma Hunt, Debbie Padgett and Extension agent

Homemakers celebrate KHEA

October 13-19 is Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association (KEHA) Week across the state.

KEHA is a volunteer organization that works to improve the quality of life for families and communities through leadership development, volunteer service and education. The organization operates in partnership with the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. County Extension Agents for Family and Consumer Sciences work closely with KEHA members and clubs to provide educational programming and coordinate community activities.

Established in 1932. the state organization remains strong with a membership of 13,900. Educational programs are offered in the areas of cultural arts & heritage; environment, housing & energy; family & individual development; food, nutrition & health; leadership development; management & safety; international and 4-H & youth development. This year the homemaker's lessons are communication Essentials for Good Impressions; German Heritage and Foods; Mindfulness; Hosting a Smart Potluck; LED lighting; Traveling on the Cheap; Simple Succulents and Meal kits: Are they worth it? The lesson classes are open to the public.

Library offers digital skills training

Crittenden County Public Library has been selected to participate in Libraries Lead with Digital Skills, an initiative of American Library Association (ALA) and the Public Library Association (PLA), sponsored by Grow with Google, the tech company's economic opportunity initiative.

The library will use the funding to host a series of computer workshops for beginning computer users, job seekers and small business owners to build their digital skills.

"This is a great opportunity for those wishing to learn new digital skills. The first workshop is a lunch and learn partnership with the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce for small businesses at 11 a.m., Oct. 29. The second workshop will be held at 2 p.m., Nov. 6 for those needing basic skills training using resources from Digitallearn.org. Both will be held at the Crittenden County Ed-Tech Center on Industrial Drive.

"We will also highlight other valuable resources including those available from the Kentucky Vir-Library,"

Brandie Ledford, library director.

Lunch & Learn Oct. 29

Learn about Canva to flyers brochures as well as Google tools like Primer for bite-sized business classes on the go. Learn about preparing a business plan and other digital skills. Bring your own device (phone, tablet or laptop) for this hands-on workshop

Digital Skills Nov. 6

Learn more about digital skills using resources available from www.digitallearn.org and the public library. Bring your own device (phone, tablet or laptop) for this handson workshop.

Registration is required for these workshops because meals and learning kits from Google will be available to participants. There is no charge to register. Sign up for the Oct. 29 Small Business Lunch & Learn by calling the Chamber of Commerce at (270) 965-2266. For the Nov. 6 Beginning Computer User Workshop, register in person at the library or call (270) 965-3354 or email info@crittendenlibrary.org.



Class of 1964

Crittenden County Class of 1964 had its 45th class reunion Sept. 14 at Anna Mae's on Main. Seated front from left are Rozella Gough Singleton, Marilyn Truitt Hunt, Minnie Lou Lilly Brown, Alma Nelson Dalton, Sandra McDonald Belt, Linda Woodall Gilland, (second row) Bob Bellar, Raymond Crowell, Harold King, Richard Binkley, Barbara Campbell Hodge, Linda Stinnett Hastings, Phyllis Belt Deatherage, Ruth Ann Wright Belt, Elizabeth Hunt Mullen, Patty Wilke White, (third row) Lonnie Tabor, Fred Brown, Dwight Little, Cletis Hunt, Donald Merideth, John Howard, Mary Andrews Emge, Vernon Gilland, Larry Brantley and Raymond Love.

Extension

Crittenden **County Interagency Coun**cil will meet at 9:30 a.m., thursday (today) at the Extension Office.

- Small Runinant Profit School will be held at 6 p.m., Oct. 21, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 at the Crittenden County Extension Annex. The Oct. 21 class will be on reproduction and care for newborns. The Oct. 28 class will be on genetics selection criteria, birthing difficulties; and the

Nov. 4 class will be on production systems for sheep and goats. Call the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236 to register.

- The **ČEC** will meet at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 29 at the Ed-Tech Center.

- There will be a class on indoor plants at 5:30 p.m., Oct. 24 at the Extension Annex. Learn what plants are best for indoors and tips and tricks to caring for houseplants. Call the Extension Office to register at (270) 965-5236. class is free.

- The Quilt Club will meet at 9:30 a.m., Oct. 28 at at the Extension Office. Everyone is invited to at-

- The **Leader Lesson** "Mindfulness" will be presented at 1:30 p.m., Oct. 29 at the Extension Office. Mary Beth Riley, Muhlenberg County FCS Agent, will be presenting this lesson. Mindfulness helps reduce stress and return focus to what is important, help recenter, reduce external distractions and evaluate reactions to stressors.

Senior Center

The Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day, and is \$3 for those 60 and older and \$5 for those under 60. Reservations are encouraged two days in advance but are taken up to a week in advance.

Upcoming menu and activities include: Thursday - Menu is

breaded pollock, pinto beans, cole slaw, cornbread and vanilla pudding.

Friday - Menu is chicken parmesan, baked potato with margarine and sour cream, broccoli casserole and pineapple delight. Bingo will begin at 10:30

Monday - Menu is baked Italian chicken, mashed potatoes with white gravy, peas and carrots, banana pudding. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio will begin at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday - Menu is chimichanga with toppings, corn salad, refried beans and fruit cocktail.

Oct. 23 - Menu is sloppy ioe on bun, hashbrown casserole, baked pork 'n beans and baked apples with raisins. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

PACS provides milk, coffee, tea and water each day. Aging coordinator Jenny Sosh serves as director of the center.



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Scorecard Sam Greenwell, Crittenden County



PREP SPORTS

Upcoming games

X-Country at St. Mary All Comers Volleyball hosts Murray **FRIDAY**

Football at Fulton County

SATURDAY Jr Pro Jamboree at Marion

SUNDAY Jr Pro Jamboree at Marion

MONDAY

JV football at Trigg County

VOLLEYBALL District at Rocket Arena

Crittenden County hosts next week's Fifth District Volleyball Tournament. Below are pairings for the one-night event. It is expected to be played Monday or Tuesday at Rocket Arena. **5th District Tournament** Livingston vs Trigg County Crittenden vs winner

GOLF Heritage 4-Person

Marion Golf and Pool will host a four-person scramble on Saturday, Oct. 26. There will be an 11 a.m., shotgun start. Cost is \$160 per team, which includes mulligans and a meal. Call 270-704-1225 or 270-871-4101 to register. Limit is 18 teams.

Glow golf benefit

Crittenden County High School golf team will host its annual Glow Golf fundraising tournament on Saturday at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. Cost is \$70 per team. For more information or to register call the course at 270-988-4653 or Zac or Marcie Greenwell at (270) 965-1585.

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

Bullfrog	May 17 - Oct. 31
Squirrel	Aug. 17 - Nov. 8
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Bow Deer	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Bow Turkey	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Canada Goose	Sept. 16-30
Crossbow Deer	Sept. 10-30 Sept. 21 - Jan. 20
Raccoon	Oct. 1 - Feb. 29
Crossbow Turkey	
Youth Deer	Oct. 12 - Oct. 13
	r Oct. 19 - Oct. 20
Shotgun Turkey	Oct. 26 - Nov. 1
Gun Deer	Nov. 9 - Nov. 24
Crossbow Turkey	
	g) Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Squirrel	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Quail	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Rabbit	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Red/Gray Fox	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Beaver	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Dove	Nov. 28 - Dec. 8
Canada Goose	Nov. 28 - Feb. 15
Duck	Nov. 28 - Dec. 1
Shotgun Turkey	Dec. 7-13
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Dove	Dec. 21 - Jan. 12
Muzzleloader Dee	r Dec. 14 - Dec. 22
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 1-2
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round

RPI RANKING

KHSAA Ratings Power Index Use to determine playoff seeds

CLASS A FOOTBALL						
KY Country Day	7 -0	0.864				
Pikeville	7 -0	0.843				
Paintsville	5 -2	0.732				
Holy Cross	5 -2	0.686				
Newport Catholic	5 -2	0.673				
Bethlehem	5 -1	0.66				
Williamsburg	5 -2	0.66				
Hazard	5 -2	0.655				
Raceland	4 -3	0.643				
Eminence	6 -1	0.629				
Berea	6 -1	0.613				
Crittenden Co.	5 -2	0.604				
Pineville	6 -1	0.603				
Campbellsville	5 - 2	0.577				
Fulton County	5 -2	0.527				
Ludlow	4 -3	0.525				
Phelps	3 -4	0.517				
Nicholas County	5 -3	0.509				
Dayton	4 -3	0.468				
Fairview	2 -4	0.461				
Lynn Camp	2 -4	0.46				
Bishop Brossart	3 -4	0.447				
Frankfort	2 -5	0.413				
Harlan	1 -6	0.412				
Russellville	1 -6	0.407				
Bellevue	2 -5	0.405				
Paris	2 -5	0.397				
Fort Knox	2 -5	0.397				
Betsy Layne	2 -5	0.39				
Caverna	1 -6	0.332				
Jenkins	0 -7	0.318				



Playing in his first high school state golf tournament, Sam Greenwell made a first-round run at the championship with an even par round. However, he faded back into the field early in the final round on Saturday at Bowling Green Country Club.

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47th Place Sam Greenwell 72-87-159

Scorecard Lauren Gilch								st,	Crittenden County							
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KHSAA Girls' State **Tournament 32nd Place**

Lauren Gilchrist 83-82-165



STATE QUALIFIERS

Males from Crittenden County 2019 Sam Greenwell 1995 Ryan Perry

1992 Russell Nelson 1983 Ric Hughes

1991 Darrick Myers 1981 Mark Stone 1972 Mike Stone

1982 Ric Hughes

Great run for local golfers

Local golfers Sam Greenwell and Lauren Gilchrist turned in commendable performances last week at their re-

spective state champi-

Gilchrist, a senior playing in her final KHSAA Girls' State Tournaments, finished 32nd with a 14-over-par finish. Gilchrist had a 38th-place finish in

2018. She was a fourtime state tournament qualifier.

Greenwell, a junior playing in his first state tournament, was tied for third place overall after shooting an even-

par round on Friday. However, early bogeys took a toll and he faded back into the field, finishing the tournament tied for 47th place with 15-over-par final



Crunch Time

The Rocket defense continues to improve and defensive coordinator Gaige Courtney says the unit has a chance to be one of the best ever at Crittenden County High School. Above Xander Tabor pins a Caverna runner and right Tabor and Lathan Easley team up for a big stop. The Rocket defense has posted two straight shutouts, something Crittenden has done back-to-back just three times in the history of the school.



Second straight shutout prelude to showdown at Fulton

The Rockets play on the road this week at Fulton County in what many are billing as an integral matchup in First District play. The Pilots are 0-1 in the league after a narrow loss to Russellville a couple of weeks ago but have won five games this season.

Rocket football coach Sean Thompson says Fulton County is a formidable foe with a really good running back, perhaps one of the best in western Kentucky.

"We will see a whole lot of No. 3, Caleb Kimble," Thompson said. "Defensively we will have to swarm to the football and make sure we keep him bottled up."

The Rocket defense is coming off back-to-back shutouts for just the third time in school history.

The defense was incredible once again last Friday as Crittenden opened its Class A First District action with a 54-0 victory over Caverna at Rocket Stadium. The Rockets had shutout

Trigg County the previous week. The only other back-toback blankings were in 1975 and 1999. Crittenden's defense held

Caverna to minus-6 yards on the ground over four quarters, and the Colonels managed just When your football team

13 yards passing in the first half against the Rocket firstteamers.

clearly over-matches the com-

Class A Rankings

KY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

ASSOCIATED PRESS	
1. Pikeville	7-0
Ky. Country Day	7-0
3. Hazard	5-2
4. Campbellsville	5-2
Paintsville	5-2
Newport Catholic	5-2
7. Williamsburg	5-2
8. Raceland	4-3
9. Pineville	6-1

Others receiving votes: Crittenden County, Berea, Eminence, Holy Cross, Ludlow, Nicholas Co., Fulton Co.

10. Bethlehem

petition, it's time to sharpen the tools.

Crittenden County cleaned out the bag last week with eight touchdowns, and it filed some rough edges off a passing game that hadn't been too effective or used much in the previous couple of weeks.

Senior quarterback Hunter Jones threw with confidence for 201 yards, completing 10 downs. He tracked down four

of 13 passes and two touchreceivers in the first half to rack up all of those numbers. The Rockets improved to 5-2 on the season and 1-0 in league play, but more importantly they got some things

honed down to hard-edge

sharpness, particularly the

passing game. Jones came out

slinging it around in the first period as the Rockets built a . 19-0 lead.

Although Crittenden rushed for five first-half touchdowns, its passing game set up a good portion of those.

Junior running back Xander Tabor rushed for 117 yards on just five carries and scored three times, twice on rushes and once on a 20-yard pass from Jones.

Crittenden, which had been plagued by double-digit penalties the last few games, got that monkey off its back, too, drawing just three whistles for 25 yards.

Crittenden got a rare zerovards punt return when sophomore Maddox Carlson recovered a Caverna punt in the end zone for a secondquarter touchdown. That has happened only once before in Rocket football history. The Caverna punt ricocheted off a Colonel up-back and Carlson snagged it for six points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS Caverna 0 0 0 0

Crittenden 19 28 7 0

SCORING PLAYS C-Hunter Jones 5 run (Noah Perkins

kick) 7:56, 1st C-Tyler Boone 22 pass from Jones (run

failed) 5:36, 1st C-Xander Tabor 20 pass from Jones (pass failed) 1:23, 1st

C-Tabor 5 run (Perkins kick) 9:53, 2nd C-Maddox Carlson 0 punt return recovered in end zone (Perkins kick) 8:20, C-Tabor 27 run (Perkins kick) 7:31, 2nd C-Jones 11 run (Perkins kick) 1:14, 2nd C-Logan Bailey 14 pass from Luke Crider (Perkins kick) 0:00, 3rd

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: Crittenden 9, Caverna 4 Penalties: Crittenden 3-25, Caverna 5-35 Rushing: Crittenden 11-140, Caverna 16-

Passing: Crittenden 12-15-0, 246 yds., Caverna 7-23-1, 67 yds.

Total Yards: Crittenden 386, Caverna 61 Fumbles/Lost: Crittenden 2-1, Caverna 1-

INDIVDIUAL STATISTICS Rushing

Crittenden: Tabor 5-117, Preston Morgeson 1-4, Keifer Marshall 2-2, Jones 3-17. Caverna: Drew Rhodes 11-3, Zyler Yates 1-0, Mark Webb 4-(-9).

Passing

Crittenden: Jones 10-13-0, 201 yds., Crider 2-2-0, 45 yds. Caverna: Rhodes 7-23-1, 67 yds. Receiving

Crittenden: Caden McCalister 2-51,

Boone 2-49, Preston Turley 2-41, Tabor

3-34, Morgeson 1-26, Bailey 1-14, Trace Derrington 1-31. Caverna: Yates 4-43, #88 1-1, Caleb Edwards 2-23. **Defense** Phillips assist; Boone solo, TFL; Easley 3 solos, assist, TFL, sack; Moss assist; Tabor solo, 2 assists; Turley 2 solos, as-

sist, TFL; Winders 2 solos, assist, TFL, sack; Carlson solo; Derrington solo, assist; Mundy 3 solos, sack; Sigler assists; Wood solo, interception; Yates 2 solos, blocked kick, TFL; Counts solo, TFL; Guess 2 solos, TFL; Morgeson solo; Nesbitt solo, assist; R.Perkins 2 solos.

Players of the Game

Offense Hunter Jones. Defense Lathen Easley. Lineman Riley Gobin. Special Teams Dylan Yates.

Records: Crittenden 5-2, Caverna 1-6

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Post-Season Play

Big crowds expected for Jr Pro games

STAFF REPORT

County's Crittenden Rocket Stadium will host the post-season Junior Pro Jamboree this weekend and there's certain to be a vary large crowd on hand for the two-day event, which includes a cheer competition.

County, Crittenden which went undefeated this season, will have the No. 1 seed in the fifthand sixth-grade bracket. The Rockets will play the winner of an openinground game between Union County and Caldwell County Gold.

The third- and fourthgrade Rockets, with a 3-3 record and No. 4 seed for post-season play, will face the No. 5 Caldwell White squad on Saturday.

Championship games are on Sunday afternoon. Cheer competition

The Junior Pro Cheerleading Competition will be at 3:15 p.m., on Sun-



Crittenden County had three girls selected to the All Fifth District Soccer Team. They were (from left) Allie Geary, Taylor Guess and Jaelyn Duncan.



County last weekend. The two-day youth hunt was a bit more successful than the last couple of years. partly because weather cooperated. This coming weekend will be the twoday muzzleloader

season.

Jeremiah Foster (at

tom) were among 85

successful

hunters in Crittenden

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top) and Case

Gobin (at bot-



CRITTENDEN COUNTY FALL SPORTS ROUNDUP

VOLLEYBALL

CCHS No. 1 in post-season

The Lady Rockets volleyball team has not lost a set against a Fifth District opponent this season and will have the No. 1 seed going into the post-season tournament early next week.

The girls are 4-0 in matches against league foes Livingston Central and Trigg County. They have won 12 straight sets along the way, with only a handful of those being closely contested. Livingston has put the greatest fight against CCHS this season, twice taking sets to deuce before falling 27-25, 25-14, 26-24 to the Lady Rockets last week in a match at Marion.

Livingston has the No. 2 seed for the district tournament and will face third-seed Trigg County in the opening match. The winner will play Crittenden for the championship.

Livingston beat Trigg in both of their meetings this season.

The tournament is tentatively set to begin on Tuesday, but Lady Rocket coach Bayley McDonald said a final decision wasn't to be made until Wednesday evening. There is a possibility the tournament could begin on Monday, she said. The event will be played at Rocket Arena and will be competed in one night.

The Lady Rockets beat Todd Central 25-20, 20-25, 15-8 Saturday in the Toyota of Hopkinsville West Kentucky Smack Down Tournament at Hoptown. They lost their opening match in the Smack Down event in two sets to Owensboro Apollo.

Crittenden also lost a match on Monday at Marshall County in straight sets. The girls were at Hopkinsville on Tuesday (results from that match were not available at press time). Crittenden will close out the regular season on Thursday at home against Murray. It will also be senior recognition night.

X-COUNTRY

Kirk, Conger break 20 mark

Crittenden County seniors Doug Conger

and Michael Kirk each broke the 20-minute plateau at last weekend's Fast Cats Classic in Owensboro. Kirk placed 108th with a time of 19:12 in the 5K race, and Conger was 118th for the Rockets cross country team in 19:33. Two teammates were less than minute behind as Jamie Burt was 147th in 20:11 and Rowen Perkins placed 164th with a time of 20:39. Zac Weathers placed 217th with a time of 23:55, Jordan Hardesty was 221nd at 24:11, and Parker Kayse was 230th at 26:09.

Junior Kate Keller paced the Lady Rocket cross country squad in Owensboro with a time of 21:06 and a 33rd-place finfish. Kara Fulkerson was 92nd in 23:52 and Courtney Fulkerson 126th in 25:39.

Bowden's work paying off for Kentucky

My guess is that no one who watched Lynn Bowden play high school football in Youngstown, Ohio, was the least bit surprised by what he did to lead Ken-

tucky to a 24-20 win over Arkansas last week.

He was Kentucky's emer- Larry gency starter at Vaught quarterback Vaught's

and all he did Views was run 24 times for 196 yards and two scores and complete seven of 11 passes for 78 vards and another score. It was the most rushing yardage by any UK player against a SEC opponent since running back Rafael Little ran for 198 yards in 2005 and second most rushing yards by a quarterback in school history behind the 208 yards Mike Fanuzzi had in 1974 - and was exactly the kind of thing he did in high school when he was a four-star

recruit. Bowden primarily plays receiver and came into the Arkansas game with 114 catches for 1,303 yards and six touchdowns in his three years at UK.

"I was not surprised because that is what he does," Kentucky offensive coordinator Eddie Gran said. "Everything is just natural for him.'

It is, but don't think he didn't work a lot the previous two weeks when UK coaches were convinced Sawyer Smith, who took over at quarterback when starter Terry Wilson went down with an injury in week two, would not physically be able to play.

"The last two weeks when we talked to Lynn about playing quarterback he totally bought in," UK quarterbacks coach Darin Hinshaw said. "He was early to every meeting, constantly watching film, taking notes. He was taking it serious and not just wanting to be a Wildcat quarterback but showing he wanted to play quar-

terback." He was a superb quarterback at Warren Harding High School in Youngstown where he threw for 1,366 yards, ran for 2,277 yards and accounted for 57 touchdowns his senior season. He drew comparisons to former UK star Randall Cobb and was considered one of the most dynamic playmakers in the country by many. Yet just as home-state Tennessee paid little attention to Cobb, Ohio State never really made a serious effort to recruit Bowden a top 60 player in his recruiting class. Never mind that he was Ohio's sixth all-time leading rusher with 7,387 yards and 10th in rushing touchdowns with 91. Ohio State worried about his academics and offfield demeanor.

Vince Marrow, Youngstown native, recruited Bowden for years. He called him "maybe the most talented dude" ever come out

Youngstown, a town that has had a ton of great players, and thought UK would be the perfect place for him to succeed and was right.

Arkansas coach Chad Morris called Bowden an "unbelievable football player." He said the Razorbacks expected Bowden to be at quarterback — and they still couldn't stop him. Arkansas linebacker De'Jon Harris said he was a "hell of a player" because makes "right plays at the right moment."

SEC Network analyst Jordan Rodgers, a former Vanderbilt and NFL quarterback, has no problems with Bowden staying at quarterback for UK even if Smith is physically ready to go at Georgia.

"He has shown he can do enough in the pass game to keep defenses honest and keep them balanced," Rodgers said.

"You want the ball in the hands of your best player and this way they can do that."

Former UK running back Anthony White is not sure. He wonders now that SEC defenses have seen what Bowden can do if they won't keep a linebacker in the middle of the field as a "spy" on Bowden and contain the lanes outside to cut him off there.

"It's harder to gain yards when teams can see film and scheme against you," White said. "You want the ball in Lynn's hands as much as possible but I am not sure he is the answer at quarterback. I do have faith in Eddie Gran that if he keeps Lynn back there, he could be effective. I think he can throw the ball if you need him to, but I prefer he use his legs and I just worry teams will game plan to contain him.

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Hinshaw said hopefully Smith gets back to where he can practice this week and show he could be ready to play at Georgia Saturday night. However, Bowden certainly indicated after the Arkansas win that he would be comfortable staying at quarterback, something teammates seemed to fully embrace, too.

If that happens, Hinshaw says there is more Bowden can still do because he's smart and understands the offense just like Cobb did when he was at UK.

"It was so enjoyable to have him in the (quarterback) room and engaged and being a sponge and learning the position of quarterback," Hinshaw said. "He put in the time and you could tell he was ready and now obviously there is a lot more we can with him passing and some more running if that's the way we go.

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It's a rewarding program for Jennifer Guilchild life liams, coordinator at Kentucky Children's Hospital. However, she does have to try and figure out who the UK football players see on their visits.

"We try to get them to see as many patients as they can keeping in mind their school and practice schedules," Guilliams said."We look each week at what our patient population looks like and which families and patients can get the biggest boost from the visits.

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HAYRIDE

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thing organizers plan to avoid next month. Overcrowding and parking were also issues.

"We should have all of that taken care of," Singleton said. "We didn't even know if this was going to go over back then."

Doors for the 7 **Cu. Singleton** said. p.m. show open at Ke 6 p.m. Singleton said the show will wrap up sometime between 9 and 10 Old Ker p.m. Can be for

Because of Fohs Hall's capacity, ticket sales are strictly limited. Tickets not sold by the date of the show will be sold at the door, but once No.

450 is sold, people wanting inside will be turned

away.
Crittenden County
High School Band will be
selling concessions to

benefit their organization. DVDs of the show, professionally recorded with three cameras, will also be sold.

"We should have better video this time," Singleton

Kent Wilcox will once again be providing the sound system.

Old Kentucky Hayride can be found on Facebook for updates and news. Tickets can be purchased at Journey Massage Therapy on South Main Street in Marion or directly from Cruce.

STORE

Continued from Page 1

large part the chain's consideration for new stores.
"...(M)eeting customers' needs is Dollar General's top priority

General's top priority when choosing store locations," she wrote. "The company looks for places where we can offer customers an easy and convenient shopping choice as we generally serve customers within a 3- to 5-mile radius or 10-minute drive. We also take competitive factors, traffic patterns and community concerns into consideration.

It appears the current Dollar General store in Marion on Sturgis Road, which opened in late 2008 after moving from a location downtown, would remain open should another outlet be built.



October means the start of a three-month period of deer activity in Crittenden County and across Kentucky. Last year, there were 3,086 deer-related vehicle collisions reported in the commonwealth, a fraction of the actual number of crashes involving the animal.

Oh, deer! Seasonal driving dangers rise

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) has issued a motorist alert for the start of fall deer-vehicle collision season. In a recent ranking, Kentucky was 15th in the nation for collisions involving deer.

The movement of deer along Kentucky highways takes a noticeable upturn starting in early-October. Shorter days and cooler evenings serve to kick off the fall deer mating season. Increased field activity by farmers as they harvest crops may also contribute to

putting deer on the move and make them more likely to come into the path of passing vehicles.

"Driving during twilight hours can be especially hazardous this time of year," said KyTC District 1 Chief Engineer Kyle Poat said. "Deer are more likely to be on the move around sunrise and sunset, the time of day when they can easily be missed moving among the shadows."

In 2018, 3,086 deer-vehicle collisions were reported across the Commonwealth, a slight drop from the more than

3,200 reported to police agencies in 2017. But statistics do not accurately portray the hazards, as many crashes go unreported. In fact, only one deer-related collision was reported in Crittenden County all of last year.

"October, November, and December account for about half of the deer-car collisions," said Poat. "We're urging drivers to use extra caution on the roadway through the end of the year."

Crashes involving deer are more than an annoyance. In addition to causing damage to vehicles, deer contribute to more than 100 injury crashes and are blamed for about three highway fatalities in Kentucky each year. Annually, deer are blamed for about 200 traffic fatalities nation-

The chances of hitting a deer while driving decreased slightly last year. However, the cost of claims for deer collisions increased by \$162. The average car insurance claim involving deer is \$4,341, according to figures supplied by State Farm Insurance.



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HOME IMPROVEMENT



The Bayou Bluff Bale Trail was created by the McGrew and Williams families in Livingston County to spread the joy of fall, just as the decorative hay bales have entertained their families for years.

Bale trail

Hay turned autumn artwork across Livingston County

METRO SERVICES

Creativity and nature are colliding this fall to benefit two organizations and expand a Livingston County tradition.

The Bayou Bluff Bale Trail was created by the McGrew and Williams families in Livingston County to spread the joy of fall to community members, just as the decorative hay bales have entertained their families for years.

The bale trail idea was picked up by Livingston County 4-H Animal Science Club and developed into a

With some heavy lifting from her husband Jeff, Patty McGrew began converting round hay bales into entertaining scenery since her kids were born. Originally, she did it for the kids. Now it's for the adults - and the broader community.

Neighbors Sonya and Michael Williams joined in the fun on Bayou Bluff and together the Bayou Bluff Bale Trail was developed this year and has eight displays including a Tootsie Roll, giant spider and the Tin Man, among others.

McGrew said the idea to accept donations of canned goods to be delivered to Helping Hands of Livingston County was her neighbor's, and they have been amazed at the amount of canned goods being dropped off at the Williams' residence on McMurray Road. Cash donations are also accepted.

Livingston County 4-H Animal Science Club has accepted entries for the county-wide trail and has produced a map and a contest for the best display. Winners will be announced





Nov. 1.

The McGrews Williamses welcome people to check out the Bayou Bluff Bale Trail through Nov. 4 during the daylight hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Salem Garden Club's truly got into character at their meeting last week, taking their garden talk to their Salem Witch's Camp at the intersection of U.S. 60 and Ky. 133 (Lola Rd.). Garden club members dressed as

witches and held their annual meeting around the hay bale they decorated like a camper in downtown Salem.

"We think about it all summer long, and by fall we have all these different pictures on our phones and I'll say, 'we need to figure out how to do this," Patty says.

To learn more about the Bayou Bluff Trail and the Livingston County Bale Trail, search either on Facebook.

Bayou Bluff Bale Trail

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- 741 McMurray Road - 127 Adair St. - 1081 luka Road

Marion leaf collection not likely this fall

Unless a solution is presented in the coming weeks, it appears there will be no city leaf pick-

up in Marion this fall. City Administrator

Adam Led-

Page 2B ford said a new state permit and licensing requirement for mulching leaves has made the city

service cost-prohibitive. Last year, leaves were collected by Crittenden **County Detention Center** trusties and burned on county property. But that prompted complaints to the Environmental Protection Agency, which

says burning at the county's brush dump was inappropriate and is no longer an option.

Given those road-

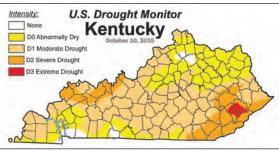
Easy leaf cleanup ideas

blocks, Ledford said the city has no means if disposing of leaves. "The

issue isn't the pick-up, it's what to do when we have them," Ledford said.

The issue will be taken up at Monday's Marion City Council meeting.

City and county residents can still take privately-collected leaves to the county's brush dump on Bridwell Loop



U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR

Last week's drought map for Kentucky, the latest available from the U.S Drought Monitor, shows **Crittenden County still under drought conditions.**

Local burn ban could be lifted

STAFF REPORT

Rains expected Tuesday night could be enough to lift the countywide burn ban in effect the last few weeks for Crittenden County.

But as leaf-burning season nears, residents should not assume any amount of rain is enough to reduce dangerous wildfire risks. And if Judge-Executive Perry Newcom does lift the local ban, Kentucky's fall forest fire hazard season restricts legal burning.

The Commonwealth's 6 a.m.-to-6 p.m. Burning Law prohibits daytime burning if the fire is within 150 feet of woodland, brushland or fields containing dry grass or other flammable materials. The restrictions continue through Dec. 15.

"These restrictions are in effect every Fall and

Spring Wildfire Hazard seasons to help prevent wildfires under normal conditions," said James Wright, Director of the Kentucky Division of Forestry. "By adhering to the law and burning after 6 p.m., fires are less likely to escape. Over the last several weeks, some areas of the state have received some precipitation while others have received little if any."

While last week's rains have seen a majority of Kentucky counties have burn bans lifted, at press time Tuesday, 42 continued to prohibit all outdoor burning after weeks of unseasonably warm and dry conditions. Last Monday, 111 counties banned outdoor burning.

When the local burn ban is lifted locally, it will be announced on The Press Online.

Curled shingles problem many homeowners encounter

No homeowner wants to look at the exterior of his or her home and see roof damage. Such damage may lead homeowners to think they need a new roof, a potentially costly expense that can quickly throw household budgets into a state of disarray.

According to the HomeAdvisor, the average homeowner spends a little more than \$7,600 installing a new roof. Various factors, including the size of a home and the type of roof homeowners prefer, will affect the cost of a roof replacement. In addition, homeowners who see roof damage can rest assured that

not all roof problems will necessarily require a replacement roof to be installed.

Curled shingles are a problem many homeowners have encountered. This particular problem is not always indicative that a roof is on its way out. In fact, the home improvement resource This Old House notes that, as asphalt shingles age, their corners often begin to curl downward or upward. Homeowners who notice this early enough can glue down the curled section of each shingle that's beginning to curl.

Some shingles may be curling because they're defective. Fortified

Roofing, a New Jersey-based roofing company that specializes in the repairing and replacing of various roofing configurations, advises homeowners to contact a local roofing professional to diagnose the cause of the curling. Doing so quickly can prevent curled shingles from contributing to more widespread damage.

Moisture and poor ventilation may be contributing to curled shingles as well. Homeowners with attics in their home may see curled shingles on their roofs because moisture is building up in their poorly ventilated attics. In addition to causing damage such as



Curled shingles are a problem homeowners often encounter.

curled shingles, a poorly ventilated attic allows moisture to build up, potentially contributing to mold growth. Mold presents a host of additional problems, including some that can adversely affect the

health of a home's inhabitants.

Improper roof installation also may be the culprit behind curled shingles. When a roof is not installed correctly, shingles may not be aligned or nailed down in the right way. This might be what's causing shingles to curl on recently installed roofs.

Curled shingles are unsightly and can pose a significant threat to a home if not addressed promptly. Homeowners can protect themselves and their roofs by working with skilled roofing professionals, who can diagnose issues like curled shingles and offer the right solutions.

House powerwashing tips

Powerwashing, known as pressure-washing, utilizes a high-velocity water spray to remove dirt and residue from the exterior surfaces of a home. It is frequently used on vinyl siding, concrete and sometimes wood decks to treat mildew and other growth that accumulates over time.

Powerwashing can be a great way to remove grime without having to scrub by hand. But it requires a delicate touch to get it right. Sometimes it is best to leave the job to professionals. But homeowners willing to give it a go can try powerwashing themselves, as various stores rent power washers.

The home improvement website ImproveNet says that, until very recently, pressure washers were almost exclusively commercial machines sold to professionals or rented to do-ityourselfers. Lately manufacturers have targeted homeowners looking to buy with lightweight options. For those who see powerwashing as a routine venture, purchasing a unit

may be worth the invest-

It is important to exercise caution when operating a powerwashing machine. The high-velocity spray can tear through skin. It is key to get a feel for the washer, and try less pressure first to get a handle on the magnitude of

Don safety gear prior to using a pressure washer. Gloves, eye protection and ear protection can be handy. Most units will connect to a standard garden hose. Choose old clothing and expect to get wet. Never point a powerwasher hose at anvone and do not attempt to rinse feet or hands in the spray.

The renovation resource The Family Handyman suggests starting with a widedegree nozzle to test out the spray on the surface that needs to be cleaned. A 15- or 25-degree nozzle is usually the wand for general cleaning and paint stripping without damaging the surface of the home. Experiment with an optimal distance of the washer wand to get the desired cleaning effects without causing any damage. Work using a horizontal and slightly downward angle to avoid driving water up under the siding of a home.

Avoid spraying any electric wires or components on the home. Also, try not to spray upward, and angle the spray away from doors, windows and vents.

Some washers have reservoirs that will hold a detergent solution. Choose the right detergent for the job. Keep in mind that cleansers containing bleach can damage surrounding plants, so they may need to be covered while the washing takes place.

Avoid the use of ladders when operating a powerwasher. The push-back from the wand can cause falls. Instead, opt for an extension wand to address the upper reaches of a home.

Powerwashing a home is an effective way to remove stubborn grime and refresh the look of a home's exterior.



Easy ways to clean up leaves

Autumn is marked by colorful foliage and plummeting temperatures. Once those leaves reach peak color, they fall from the branches and collect on lawns, necessitating cleanup projects. For homeowners with big vards, such a project can be tiring and time-consuming. However, there are ways to make leaf cleanup easier.

One of the easiest ways to clean up leaves is to reach for a lawn mower rather than a rake. The mower will cut leaves down to smaller sizes, creating an effective mulch that can add nutrients back into the lawn. Davey, a lawn and landscape solutions service, savs that mowed leaves also can be collected in a mower bag and added to garden beds or compost piles.

For those who prefer manual raking, select a rake with tines that will not skewer the leaves in the process. Big rakes also can make faster work of gathering leaves into piles.

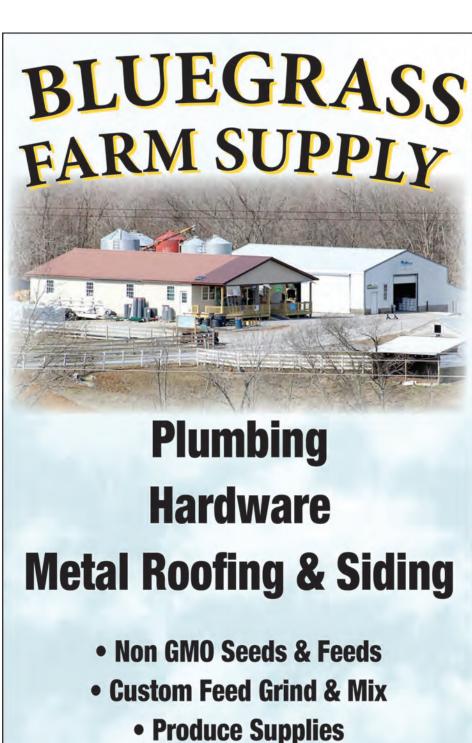
The home improvement The resource Family Handyman advocates for the use of a lawn sweeper. This is a manual device that has a rotating sweeping brush that gathers up lawn debris and leaves into an attached hopper bag. Like mowed leaves, the bag can be emptied into a compost pile or distributed where needed.

Raking leaves onto a large tarp is another option. Once it's full, the tarp can be taken to the curb where many towns will collect the leaves seasonally. Otherwise, the tarp can be used as a funnel to put leaves into a gardening bag or another appropriate receptacle.

Leaf blowers remain a fast option for cleaning up yards, but they require electricity or gas and can be noisy. Still, they are a popular choice for large landscapes or when quick work needs to be made of leaf clean-up.

Leaves will fall in autumn, but luckily homeowners have various methods at their disposal to tame the mess.





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6 options for funding next renovation project

Before starting a home improvement project, either on one's own or with the assistance of a professional contractor, homeowners must first consider the costs involved. According to the home improvement resource HomeAdvisor, more than one-third of homeowners do not understand what hiring a professional will cost, and then cannot successfully budget and secure financing once they have set their sights on a renovation project.

HomeAdvisor says that some of the more popular projects, such as remodeling a kitchen or bathroom or building a deck, can cost, on average, \$19,920, \$9,274 and \$6,919, respectively.

Homeowners may find that the more expensive renovations require them to secure some type of financing. Those who have never before sought such financing may want to consider these options.

1. Cash-out refinancing: With cash-out refinancing, a person will begin the mortgage process anew with the intention of paying off the current mortgage balance, and then taking out additional funds for other purposes. Cash-out refinancing is a way to tap into a home's existing equity for use on improvements or other expenses, such as college tuition.

2. Home equity line of credit: The financial experts at Bankrate indicate that a HELOC works like a credit



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card, with the house as collateral. There is a credit limit, and borrowers can spend up to that limit. The interest rate may or may not be fixed. However, the interest may be tax-deductible if the financing is used to improve, buy or build a home.

3. Home equity loan: Individuals also can borrow against equity in their homes with a fixed interest rate through a home equity loan. Most lenders will calculate 80 percent of the home value and subtract a homeowner's mortgage balance to figure out how much can be borrowed, according to the financial advisory site The Simple Dollar.

4. Personal loan: Homeowners can shop around at various financial institutions for competitive personal loans to be used for home improvement purposes. Funds may be approved within one business day, which can be ideal for those who want to begin their improvements soon.

5. Personal line of credit:

A personal line of credit allows borrowers to borrow only the money needed at the time, and offers a variable interest rate that is generally lower than fixed loan rates. Again, like a credit card, PLOC gives a person a borrowing maximum amount and is ideal for ongoing purchases.

6. Credit cards: In a pinch, credit cards can be used to finance improvements, but they do come with the cost of very high interest rates if the balance is not paid in full by the time the bill comes due. However, for funding smaller projects and maximizing rewards points through home improvement retailers or specific credit card company promotions, credit cards can be a way to earn various perks in addition to the benefit of improving a home.

Homeowners looking to finance their next improvements should speak to a financial advisor and shop around for the best types of funding for them.

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Renovation requires time, patience

Alnvesting in a home renovation project not only requires money, but also time and patience. While contractors, architects and designers can estimate how long a project may take, it is impossible to anticipate all of the scenarios that can affect that estimated timeline. Information from the

real estate firm Keller Williams indicates an average kitchen remodel involving installation of new countertops, cabinets, appliances, and floors can take three to six months. But if ductwork, plumbing or wiring must be addressed, the job may take longer. A midline bathroom remodel may take two to three months. Adding a room to a house can take a month or two. The home improvement resource Renovation Junkies offers similar estimates, with the average home renovation taking between four and eight months. Homeowners need to consider time when planning their home projects.



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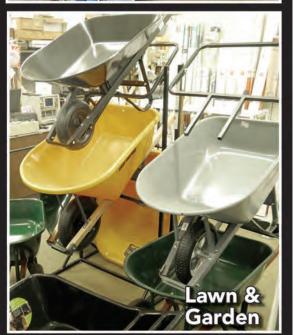














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First fire of winter requires some prep

A warm fire can make even the coldest winter day more enjoyable. Fireplaces may not get much use in spring or summer, but come late fall and throughout the winter, the fireplace can be a great place for families to gather.

Before fireplace season hits full swing, homeowners might want to brush up on a few fireplace facts so they can safely enjoy nights spent sitting by the crackling flames.

The Chimney Safety Institute of America advises homeowners with fireplaces to hire a CSIA-certified chimney sweep to clean their fireplaces. After a lengthly period of non-use, various issues could be affecting the chimney, many of which might not be noticeable to an untrained eye. Professional, certified chimney sweeps have extensive knowledge of fireplaces, making them valuable resources who can let homeowners know if any safety issues developed since fireplaces were last used. The National Protection Agency recommends that chimneys be swept at least once per year.

A full inspection of the chimney might be in order as well. Chimney service technicians will conduct thorough examinations of readily accessible portions of the chimney exterior and interior and accessible portions of the appliance and the chimney connection.

The CSIA recommends that homeowners who plan to use their chimneys as



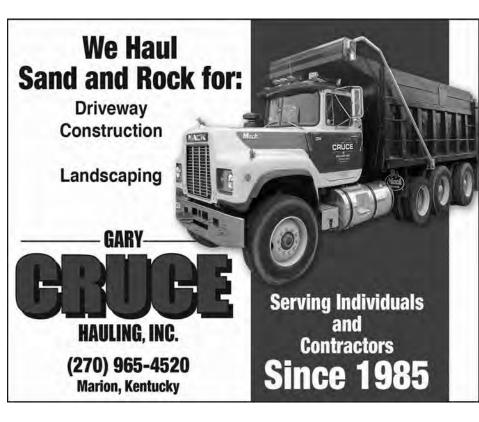
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they have in the past request a Level 1 inspection, which will examine the soundness of the chimney structure and flue as well as the basic appliance installation and connections. Technicians also will verify if the chimney is free of obstruction and combustible deposits.

Homeowners also should inspect their chimney dampers before lighting their first fires of the season. Dampers should open and close smoothly. If not, a service technician can help fix or replace the damper.

Firewood is another thing homeowners must consider before lighting their first fires of the season. The CSIA says that well-seasoned firewood works best, noting that wood that is not wellseasoned will produce more smoke than heat. In addition, the home improvement resource This Old House recommends using dense wood that's been split and stored in a high and dry place for at least six months. Oak is an example of dense wood that, when stored properly, can make for an enjoyable fireplace experience. Avoid softwoods like pine. Pine can produce a lot of creosote, which is a byproduct of wood combustion. Creosote is highly flammable, and as it builds up in a chimney, the risk for a chimney fire increases. Choosing the right wood, making sure it's well-seasoned and having a chimney professionally cleaned can reduce the risk of a creosoterelated chimney fire. A Level 1 inspection should determine if there are potentially dangerous levels of creosote deposits in the chimney.

Before nestling up to a fireplace this winter, homeowners should consider a host of factors and safety measures to ensure their fireplaces are safe and ready for the season ahead.





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Winter hard on wood floors

Wood floors are a worthwhile investment that can improve the beauty and function of just about any room in a home. Even though wood floors are durable, and new protective treatments help seal out many of the things that may have damaged floors in the past, homeowners still need to prioritize protecting their hardwood floors.

Certain seasons of the year can be more harsh on wood floors than others. For example, seasons characterized by moisture and precipitation, particularly the early spring, winter and fall, can be hard on wood floors. The experts at ServiceMaster Clean say that cold, snowy days can damage wood floors, and Lumber Liquidators agrees

that winter weather can be harsh on flooring.

Homeowners need not give up on hardwood if they live in an area that sees all four seasons. They just need to take a few steps to keep floors looking beautiful.

- Clean up the salt. Salt that keeps sidewalks and streets clear of snow and ice inadvertently gets tracked inside a home. Hard chunks of salt can scratch wood floors, and, if left to sit, that salt can eventually cause white marks and other stains. Routinely vacuuming and sweeping up salt is necessary to protect wood floors.

- Invest in shoe storage. Wet or snowy boots can create puddles around the house. Have a special mat or tray by the front door where wet shoes can be kept. A nice bench in the entryway makes it easy for residents and guests to remove their shoes until it's time to go back outside.

- Use water-wicking mats. Homeowners will probably need a few extra mats around to tame errant drips and wipe shoes. Any entrance that might be used by people or pets should be protected. Try to avoid petroleum-based, rubber-backed mats, as they could discolor the wood floor.

- Control humidity indoors. Cold, dry air in a home can be problematic because the moisture in the wood can eventually evaporate into the air. The heat will suck that moisture from the flooring, causing it to shrink, creak and splinter and become more brittle. Think about investing in an in-line humidifier for the home's HVAC system that can keep a moderate amount of humidity in the home. Hardwood floorboards are installed to accommodate minor temperature and humidity fluctuations. This is typically a range of between 60 and 80 degrees F with a relative humidity range of 35 to 55 percent, advises ServiceMaster.

- Use the right cleaning products. Avoid excessive water to clean wood floors, and select soaps that are specially designed for wood flooring. Consult with the flooring manufacturer for a list of detergents that are safe to use.

With proper care, hardwood flooring can survive rain, snow and cold weather.



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Locate cause before leveling an uneven yard METRO SERVICES moved), spread the top

Many things can cause a yard to be uneven. Drainage problems, leaky pipes beneath the grass and pests can wreak havoc on a yard, resulting in uneven turf that can be both unsightly and unsafe.

Addressing an uneven yard might be homeowners' ultimate goal, but the home experts BobVila.com note that homeowners should first figure out what's causing the problem and make fixing that their first task. Fixing uneven ground above leaky pipes will only be a temporary fix if the leaks themselves are not addressed. Professional contractors might be necessary depending on what's causing the problem. However, once the underlying issue has been addressed, many homeowners can handle the task of leveling an uneven yard on their own.

- Get the right tools and materials. Leveling an uneven yard may require various tools. Thatch will likely need to be removed from the lawn before it can be leveled out, so homeowners will need a thatch rake or dethatching machine to get this task started. Dethatching machines are generally necessary for especially large lawns, and these can typically be rented from home improvement retailers. A shovel, bow rake and push broom are other tools homeowners will likely need. Materials such as topsoil, compost and sand will be necessary as well, and these are typically sold at local garden centers.

- Fill in areas beneath the grass. Areas beneath the grass can be filled in with a mixture of sand, topsoil and compost. The experts at BobVila.com advise using two parts sand, two parts topsoil and one part compost. Each of these components plays its own role in restoring the yard to full health. Sand helps the ground stay level, while the topsoil and compost provide the grass with valuable nutrients. If the low spots are not especially deep, this mixture can be applied without removing the grass. However, before filling in holes when addressing spots that are deeper than two or three inches, remove the grass then place it back in place once the hole has been filled. To dig up the grass, put the blade of the shovel at the outside of the low spot before sliding it under about two or three inches so you do not

upset the grass roots. Spread the top dressing. Once the holes have been filled and the grass has been placed back on

the ground (if it was re-

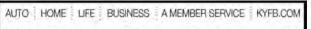
dressing mix with a shovel. The mix should be spread evenly with the back of the bow rake at a depth of no more than half an inch. Make sure the mix is worked into the low spots and that it's not completely covering the grass, as that will suffocate the lawn. If necessary, use the push broom to work the mix into the soil.

- Water the lawn. Finally, water the lawn to help the top dressing settle into the grass. If necessary, repeat the process of applying top dressing and watering until the lawn is even and has returned to full strength.

An uneven lawn is an eyesore and potentially harmful. But fixing an uneven lawn is simple once homeowners discover and address what's behind the issue.







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Home inspections 101

buyers have ever had. After finding a home they like and coming to an agreement on a sale price with the seller, buyers can expect to add many items to their to-do list. One of the first things to jot down on that list is scheduling a home inspection.

Home inspections are a vital part of the home buying process. Such inspections can protect buyers as they're on the cusp of making what will likely be the most significant investment of their lives. Underthe home standing inspection process can help buyers during an exciting yet potentially nervewracking time in their lives.

What is a home inspection?

The American Society of Home Inspectors defines a home inspection as an objective visual examination of the physical structure and systems of a house. Inspectors will conduct visual examinations from the roof to the foundation of the home. Additional structures on the property, such as sheds or detached outdoor living areas, are not typically included in the examination.

What does a inspector examine?

The ASHI notes that inspectors will examine the condition of various parts



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of the home. The heating system, central air conditioning unit, interior plumbing and electrical systems, roof (though inspectors will not climb onto the roof), attic and insulation will be examined. Inspectors also will examine walls, ceilings, floors, windows, doors, the foundation of the home, basement (or crawl space), and structural components.

Can a home fail inspection?

Homes cannot fail home inspections, which are just assessments of a home's existing condition. Municipal inspections are separate inspections conducted by government agencies to verify that a property is in compliance with local codes. Home inspectors will provide detailed reports describing the condition of a home and indicate if any repairs are in order.

Do I really need a home inspection?

A home inspection is a vital component that can help buyers make the most informed decision possible. Forgoing an inspection can leave buyers vulnerable to potentially costly repairs and issues with a home that might have been detected with a proper home inspection. In addition, some lenders insist that buyers have home inspections conducted before they will allow them to borrow money.

Home inspections can protect home buyers as they prepare to make the most significant financial investment of their lives. More information about inspections can be found online at HomeInspector.org.

Whether to stay put or move on depends on several factors

Many home improvement television series showcase people deciding whether to improve upon their current homes to make them into the houses of their dreams or to put "for sale" signs in their lawns and move on to something new.

The question of whether to move or stay put depends on various factors. Such factors may include emotional attachment to a home, the current economic climate and the cost of real estate. Current data points to a greater propensity for people to invest and improve upon their current properties rather than trad-

According to information collected by John Burns Real Estate Consulting, the percentage of homeowners moving up to their next home is the lowest in 25 years. Many are opting to make starter homes permanent by expanding them and repairing homes for the long haul.

The National Association of Realtors said that, between 1987 and 2008, home buyers stayed in their homes an average of six years before selling. Since 2010, however, NAR says the average expected length of time people will stay in their homes before selling is now 15 years.

Part of what's fueling shortly after the 2008 recession. As a result, they're not inclined to walk away from those rates, even if doing so means getting more house. Also, a low inventory of available houses has stymied repeat buying for many people.

Those factors and others have led many homeowners to invest in renovations instead. The experts at Bankrate say realistic budgeting and comparing renovation project costs against mortgages and interests rates can further help individuals decide whether to remain in their current homes or move out. Very often a smarter layout and more efficient floor plan can make meaningful differences in spaces. Renovations and redesigns can make sense and often are less expensive and disruptive than moving.

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Prepare for visiting elder guests

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Homeowners may find themselves hosting senior guests several times throughout a typical year. These occasions can be wonderful opportunities for making memories, but homeowners may need to take certain precautions to ensure that guests are safe and comfortable. This may involve making some modifications minor around the home.

Mobility and comfort needs for seniors may differ those necessary to accommodate other guests. Meeting the needs of senior guests may involve any of the following.

- Make sure pathways leading to and from the home are level, cleared and easy to see.
- If possible, add a ramp over stairs that lead to the front door. Ensure handrails are sturdy.
- Remove clutter and excess furniture if a guest visiting will be using a walker or a manual/motorized wheelchair.
- Remove accent rugs from a home, and be sure that any mats are secured with nonslip material.
- Increase lighting in entryways, staircases and hallways, especially areas leading to kitchens or bath-
- rooms. - If guests will be staying overnight, arrange sleeping

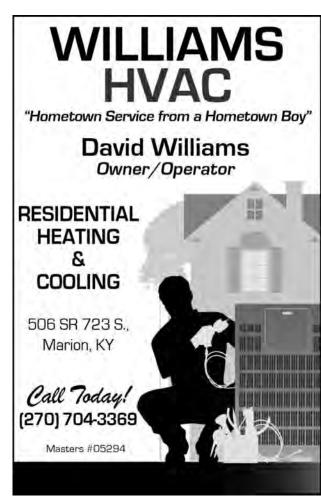
accommodations on the first floor and/or in a room closest to the bathroom.

- Well-placed grab bars in the bathroom can be an asset. See if you can borrow a portable shower seat to make bathing or showering easier for overnight senior guests.

- For long-term guests, consider replacing round doorknobs and other pulls with lever-action ones that are easy to grab.

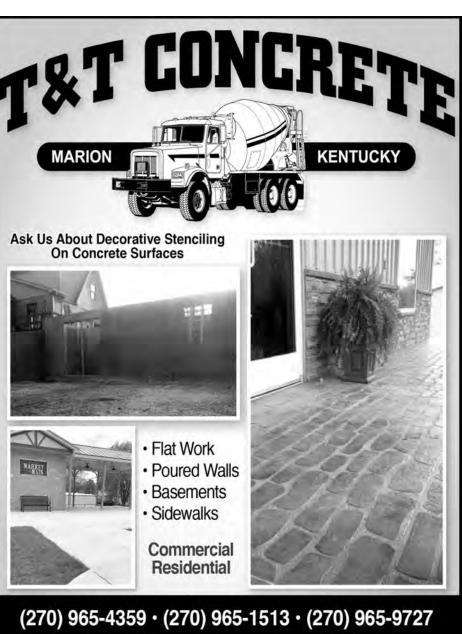
- Concessions may need to be made concerning interior temperature, noise levels and television view-

Several easy modifications can be made to make senior guests feel comfortable when visiting others.









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Small kitchen upgrades maximize functionality

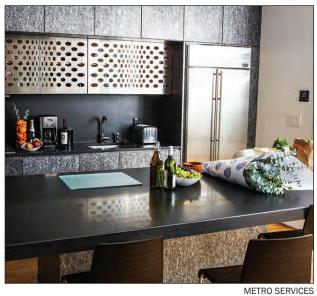
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Many homeowners wish for expansive kitchens. Modernized kitchens that include sought after features and showcase the latest trends go a long way to improving the overall value of a home.

As desirable as such kitchens may be, some homes simply don't have enough space for a centerfold-worthy kitchen featuring an island, wine refrigerator and walk-in pantry. However, homeowners with small kitchens can still improve the form and function of their existing spaces.

- Reconfigure and revamp cabinetry. Homeowners whose kitchens are small often lament their lack of storage. Redesigning the layout of cabinets, and possibly adding some more cabinetry, may take care of certain storage issues. The experts at Merit Kitchens suggest utilizing corner space with LeMans units, lazy susans and other gadgets to make access to these areas easier. Going vertical with wall cabinets that extend to the ceiling also can add more storage, as can roll-in work carts.

- Work with the walls. Small kitchens require clever usage of vertical space. Vertical storage units, hooks, shelving, and more can move items out of drawers and off of counters. Consider



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an under-the-cabinet toaster oven and microwave to create more counter space.

- Use scaled-down appliances. Shop with size in mind when looking at new appliances if you have a small kitchen. Compact versions won't take up as much space as larger alternatives. Homeowners should consider the ultimate function of the kitchen and then think about which appliances will serve them well. Homeowners with small kitchens may not need a large stand mixer or an oversized commercial stove.

- Add some glass. The DIY Network recommends incorporating glass to improve the perception of space in small kitchens. Glass lets you see through the objects, thereby enhancing the feeling of spaciousness or what designers call "negative space." Glass also can be reflective, visually expanding the space.

- Embrace high-end materials. It costs less to renovate small spaces than bigger areas, so homeowners may be able to afford high-end materials that really add personality to a kitchen. Flooring, counter materials and quality fixtures can really set small kitchens apart.

Small kitchens can be culinary havens with the right improvements to maximize the space.

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Ice dams can often cause damage to walls, ceilings

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Cold, snowy weather can present various issues for homeowners to contend with. One such problem, ice dams, can cause damage to walls, ceilings and other areas.

The University of Minnesota Extension says that an ice dam is a ridge of ice that forms at the edge of the roof and prevents melting snow from draining properly. A complex combination of heat loss from a home, snow cover and outside temperatures can lead the formation of ice dams. An ice dam will be fed by melting

snow above it and cause a backup at the edge of the roof.

Dams can cause gutters to tear off and loosen shingles and may lead to water backing up and pouring into the home, advises This Old House. Ice dams also can contribute to soggy insulation, making the insulation lose its protective R-value and becoming a magnet for mold and mildew.

Homeowners can do a number of things to temporarily prevent the formation of ice dams. Heated cables clipped to the roof's edge in a zigzag pattern can help prevent dams that lift shingles. Pushing snow off the roof can help. Laying an ice melt product in gutters to help melt the ice that forms also can prevent ice dams.

More permanent solutions involve keeping the enthe tire roof same temperature as the eaves by increasing ventilation. adding insulation and properly sealing air leaks that can warm the underside of the roof. This may involve calling in a professional contractor. Such an investment is well worth it, as it can prevent much more costly damage down the line.

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Holiday hosting in small spaces

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Gatherings of family and friends are a big part of the holiday season. Hosting such gatherings can be a great way to show loved ones how much you appreciate them, and hosting also saves hosts the trouble of traveling during one of the most hectic travel seasons of the year.

When hosting a large crowd at home, space can be a difficult hurdle to clear. However, a few helpful strategies can help space-starved hosts pull off a holiday soiree where everyone is comfortable.

- Pare down the menu. Holiday feasts don't have to resemble medieval banwith excessive amounts of food and drink. Hosts with small kitchens and tiny dining quarters can pare down the menu, limiting offerings to just a single entree and a few simple side dishes, so everyone feels comfortable at the table and has ample room to eat. A small menu also gives hosts more time to spend with their loved ones during the festivities.

Don't overdo it on drinks, either. When planning the drinks menu, avoid offering cocktails, which take time to prepare and often require guests to visit the kitchen for refrigerated ingredients. Limit drinks to wine, beer, water, and soft drinks, storing cold beverages in a cooler kept outside on a front or back porch or in an area outside the kitchen so cooks can work without interruption.

- Move some furniture. If your main living space is small, consider moving



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fun, even in small spaces.

A few simple tricks can

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some bulky furniture into a bedroom or office where guests won't be spending time. Then make better use of the open living space by placing folding chairs or other accommodations to ensure there's ample seating for everyone. A single recliner can only be enjoyed by one person, but removing it from a room may create enough space for as many as three folding chairs.

- Go small on decorations. If you know you'll be hosting in advance of the holiday season, decorate with guests in mind. That might mean skipping a six-foot Christmas tree in favor of one that takes up less space. Avoid leaving any fragile decorations out, as adults or overexcited kids may knock them over as they try to navigate a cramped space.

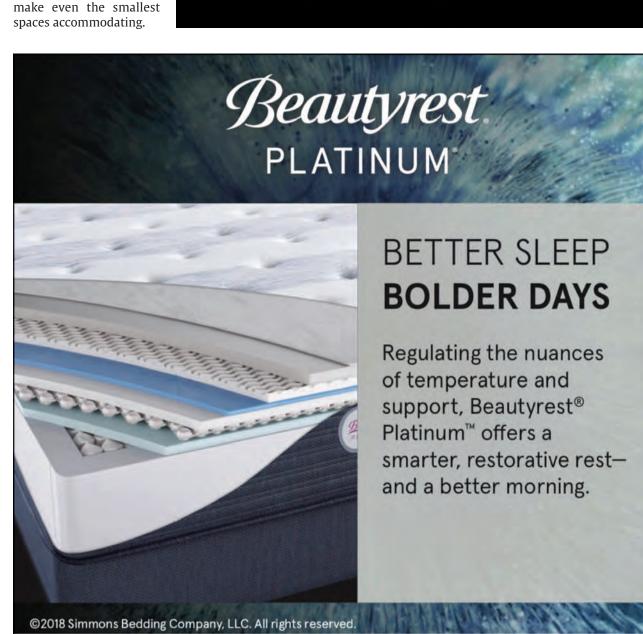
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Add color to your garden

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Winter weather comes on the heels of a vibrant, colorful autumn season. Shortly after fall foliage falls to the ground, nature tends to greet us with a considerably less colorful palette. What's more, much of the wildlife and plants that make spring, summer and fall so awe-inspiring tend to hibernate in winter, making it more difficult to find bright spots on drab days.

If you think that winter means the end of beautiful garden colors, think again. There are plenty of coolseason flowers and other plants that can add a pop of color to brighten your day. These flowers provide color right when most people need it most.

In areas where winter is not marked by a deep freeze, homeowners can plant pansies, snapdragons,



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English daisies, calendula, and other blooms from early fall through late winter. These plants will survive the cold, keeping containers, borders and

gardens full of color.

Camellias are a type of flower that bloom in fall and winter in hues of red, pink, coral, white, and more. The plants are ever-

green and will grow from shrubs or small trees when fully established.

Homeowners who live in climates marked by cold winters can opt for plants that offer color but without flowers. According to HGTV, these include cabbages and kales, which can survive most cold winters and lend an interesting texture to a winter landscape bed.

Of course, no list of winter's colorful plants would be complete without holly, which offers an eve-catching display of evergreen leaves and bright red berries, though sometimes the berries are golden. Either way, they can be a sight for sore eyes on gray winter days.

For more ideas, visit a local garden center to learn about plants that can add vibrant color to a landscape, even as autumn transitions to winter.





Renovations that improve curb appeal

Neglecting a home's exterior can be a disservice to homeowners, particularly those looking to increase the value of their homes. Curb appeal is important, as a home's appearance can greatly affect prospective buyers' perceptions.

Knowing which projects can offer the most bang for their remodeling buck can help homeowners make the right choices when improving the exterior of their homes. The following are some areas where homeowners can direct their focus if their end goal is a greatlooking home with added value, as determined by the 2019 "Cost vs. Value Report" from Remodeling magazine. This report compares the average cost of 22 remodeling projects with the value those

across 136 markets.

- Garage door replacement: Homeowners can recoup 97.5 percent of their investment on a new garage door. This remodel tops the list for good looks and value. The average cost of \$3.611 is for replacing an existing two-car garage.

- Manufactured stone veneer: Replacing a portion of vinyl siding with stone veneer can greatly improve curb appeal, adding style that can set a home apart. Homeowners can expect to recoup a 94.9 percent return on their investment.

- Wood deck addition: A wooden deck on the rear or side of a home enhances homeowners' ability to enjoy the outdoors year-round. A wood deck addition recoups 75.6 of the cost of homeowners' initial investment.

only does old or weathered siding look unsightly, it can impact the energy efficiency of a home. Even though a siding replacement project is costly – at roughly \$16,000 — it offers a 75 percent return and peace of mind that the home is being well-protected from the elements.

- New entry door: Replacing an existing door with a 20-gauge steel door complete with clear dualpane half-glass panel, jambs and an aluminum threshold with composite stop gets homeowners 75 percent of their initial investment back at resale. Improving the door isn't all about good looks, either. A door that isn't wellinsulated or secure can be problematic.

In addition to these improvements, homeowners would be wise to focus on some upgraded landscaping, an upgraded roof, new windows, and improved exterior lighting as surefire ways to add curb appeal and potential value to their homes.





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